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Peak Seen In '44 Tax Collections

97% Of Current Levy Expected To Be Paid For New All-Time Mark

WOODBRIDGE—Total tax collections from January 1 to December 23 were a little less this year than in 1943, but a substantial increase was realized in the collection of current taxes.

Mr. J. Traimer, tax collector, said this week that so far the total cash collected amounts to \$1,587,868.69 as compared with \$1,599,186.17 in the same period.

The taxes collected so far, however, amount to \$1,587,868.69 as compared with \$1,599,186.17 collected in 1943, a decrease of \$11,317.48 for the year 1944 to and including December 23 amounted to 97 per cent.

In 1944 there was cancellation of the Township taxes for the current year in the amount of \$14,476.03. Due to the fact the Township owned several parcels of land which were being foreclosed, thereby causing the cancellation of taxes against them. Also, in the same period other cancellations of 1944 taxes were ordered as successful appeals made to the County Board of Taxation.

The amount of collections to date is \$1,587,868.69. There remains to be collected to the end of the year amounting to \$81,317.48, making 5.82 per cent uncollected to date, ending December 23. This amount should be fully collected by December 31, which time Mr. Traimer expects that only 3 per cent of the 1944 taxes will remain unpaid.

Remaining 3 per cent, Mr. Traimer said, is caused primarily by non-resident taxpayers who do not pay their taxes on vacant land throughout the Township and who are not notified of the sale of the property, who hold this land in anticipation of making a profit thereon. However, if these taxpayers do not make an effort to pay their 1944 taxes by July 1, the properties will be sold and they will be penalized 7 per cent instead of the usual 7 per cent as well as additional costs for selling.

It may be interesting to note that in the ten-year period 1934-1944 there has passed through the Tax Department a total of \$14,821,979.53 and in the year 1934 current collections amounted to but 22 per cent.

Engagement Announced



WOODBRIDGE—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Sedlak, Green Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ethel Marie, to H. John Buehler, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Buehler, 165 Second Street, South Amboy.

Miss Sedlak is a graduate of Woodbridge High School, class of 1942. Her fiance, employed by the Phillip Carey Corp., is a graduate of Hoffman High School, South Amboy. No date has been set for the wedding.

Status Of Men Over 26 Same

WOODBRIDGE—No change has been made in the January selective service quota in the Township and as yet no official directive has been received regarding the drafting of men over 26.

Eugene Bird, secretary of the local Draft Board, said today:

Men inducted into the service this month were:

Army: Thomas A. Bethea, 32 Crampton Avenue, Woodbridge; Roger F. Clayton, 163 Third Avenue, Port Reading; John Curtis, 13 Holsman Street, Paterson; William Devorak, 100 Poplar Street, Fords; Hans C. Wissing, 208 Ford Avenue, Fords.

Navy: Frederick Ahiering, 1 Fifth Street, Port Reading; Joseph Choma, 200 Woodland Avenue, Fords; Joseph R. Dunn, 21 Florida Grove Road, Keasbey.

BETROTHAL TOLD

FORDS—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Amos, 89 Woodland Avenue, announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Jane Amos, to PFC Martin Den Bleyker, son of Mrs. Martha Den Bleyker, Chain O'Hills Road, Colonia. No date has been set for the wedding. Private Den Bleyker is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. Miss Amos is a graduate of Woodbridge High School, class of 1944.

PARENTS OF DAUGHTER

WOODBRIDGE—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thurguson, 11 Lillian Terrace, are the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Thurguson formerly was Miss Helen Deak. Mr. Thurguson is serving with the Coast Guard.

81 = Gold Stars = 81

The names which follow are those of gallant heroes. They are the names of brave men who went away, their hearts filled with noble purpose and who now lie in the folds of an invisible shroud which we call glory. May we, in deed, thought and action, ever strive to be worthy with them.

- Frank Ablonczy, Avenel
- John Rivers Adams, Wdgo
- Alfred Anderson, Woodbridge
- John Bartos, Keasbey
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- Alfred Bereski, Keasbey
- John Bertram, Keasbey
- John J. Bird, Iselin
- Michael Buccook, Port Reading
- Edward Campion, Woodbridge
- John Cilo, Avenel
- Joseph E. Cook, Iselin
- John R. Crumb Jr., Woodbridge
- Joseph J. Czepcar
- John P. Danko, Woodbridge
- John Demko, Hopelawn
- Joseph J. Caick, Woodbridge
- John Cick, Woodbridge
- John DeSisto, Colonia
- Michael Di Leo, Avenel
- William Dudash, Keasbey
- Edward J. Dunigan Jr., Wdgo
- John B. Dunn, Jr., Woodbridge
- Frank D. Ebenhof, Woodbridge
- John Eck, Colonia
- John P. Erickson, Fords
- William J. Finn, Woodbridge
- John J. Fierch, Woodbridge
- John R. Gensinger, Avenel
- Joseph M. Grady, Woodbridge
- John F. Grezner, Hopelawn
- John Philip Haupt, Sewaren
- William H. Irvine, Iselin
- John J. Jensen, Woodbridge
- John Johnson, Hopelawn
- John A. Jorgenson, Woodbridge
- William H. Kenna, Woodbridge
- Joseph H. Krawinkel, Wdgo
- John Kiraly, Keasbey
- John J. Kish, Fords
- Thomas F. Kolba, Port Reading
- Michael Kopel, Fords
- Stephen S. Kozma, Hopelawn
- Walter J. Kuzniak, Sewaren
- James Lee, Woodbridge
- Albert J. Leffler, Woodbridge
- Wilbert Lucka, Fords
- Robert W. MacSkimming, Wdgo
- Lawrence McLaughlin, Wdgo
- Robert J. Madden, Woodbridge
- Warren Maul, Iselin
- William E. Nagengast, Fords
- Joseph Nagy, Fords
- Thomas C. Nevad, Fords
- George W. Parker, Avenel
- Frank T. Pastuszak, Sewaren
- Nathan H. Patton, Woodbridge
- Louis Pelican, Woodbridge
- Raymond T. Peterson, Wdgo
- Nicholas A. Petro, Avenel
- John Pocklembo, Sewaren
- William H. Roemer, Keasbey
- Robert M. Rogers, Fords
- Jerry Rotella, Avenel
- Stephen Sabo, Fords
- Harold J. Schneider, Iselin
- Albert S. Seach, Hopelawn
- Joseph Sharkey, Keasbey
- George T. Short, Iselin
- Martin Snee, Sewaren
- Bernard J. Sullivan, Sewaren
- Frank J. Swetts, Avenel
- Francis Sakurka, Sewaren
- Louis F. Thomas, Hopelawn
- Chester E. Thompson, Fords
- Michael Tutin, Port Reading
- Robert S. Varga, Woodbridge
- Anthony Vizenfelder, Woodbridge
- John Wagenhoffer, Keasbey
- Robert S. Waldman, Fords
- W. Guy Weaver, Woodbridge
- Donald E. Woods, Iselin
- John J. Zwolinski, Hopelawn
- Edward Zullo, Port Reading

Stancliff, Mates Foil Nazis; Pup Only Casualty

Caught In German Counter-Offensive In Belgium, Husband Of Local Resident And 7 Other Signalmen Find Selves In Friendly Hands After Narrow Escape

WOODBRIDGE—Falling into a creek somewhere in Belgium proved to be a lucky break for Sgt. Robert E. Stancliff of Woodbridge, husband of the former Alice Wand.

He and seven other American signalmen who were caught in the German counter-offensive had been hiding all day in a cellar. They even had the heart-breaking task of strangling their pet puppy because he kept barking and they were afraid he might give them away.

Finally, when night came, the men decided to make a break for it and they split into two groups. Stancliff's group came to the creek and were trying to cross it on a slippery log when—splash! In he went!

Stancliff hauled himself out in a hurry and they all waited in terror for fear they were heard by the Nazis.

Instead, a voice called out in English: "Are you Americans?"

"No, we are Yanks," one of the GI's cracked in reply.

That wasn't so good either. For the fellow who called out from the American patrol which welcomed them and brought them to safety was, they learned to their dismay, a Southerner.

Mrs. Stancliff received the news Saturday and called it the "best Christmas present received. Just to know my husband was alive and safe, was wonderful."

'E' Bond Deficiency Is \$48,797

Only 2 Days Left To Wipe Out Deficit; Women's Groups Lauded

WOODBRIDGE—With just two days left for the sale of Series E bonds to count in the Sixth War Loan, Township residents will have to purchase additional bonds amounting to \$48,797.50 if the E bond quota of \$260,000 is to be met.

To date, E Bond sales amount to \$211,212.50, which were sold by the various divisions, Post Office, \$48,400; Fords National Bank, \$45,384.50; Woodbridge National Bank, and Woman's Division, \$117,428.

The total sales of all classes of bonds to date amount to \$1,394,437.50. Fred P. Buntensch, general chairman, announced.

The Woman's Division, under Mrs. H. D. Clark, of Sewaren, has "done a good job," Mr. Buntensch said. To date they have sold \$89,427.95 worth of bonds. This week the organizations sold \$1,657.95 in bonds, he stated.

Mrs. Clark, who is being assisted by Mrs. Irving Hutt and Mrs. Justin Marsh, co-chairmen, submitted her report showing all sales to date as follows: Mother's Club of Woodbridge, Mrs. C. P. Grant, chairman, \$1,042.70; Ladies' Auxiliary Congregation Adath Israel, Mrs. Joseph Klein, chairman, \$1,574.70; Women of Trinity Church, Mrs. T. H. Jones, chairman, \$1,645.25; Women of St. James' Church, Mrs. Leon E. McElroy, chairman, \$13,440.50; Order of Eastern Star, Mrs. Fred G. Baldwin, chairman, \$2,346.75; Daughters of American Revolution, Mrs. G. G. Robinson, \$750; Study Club of Woodbridge, Mrs. Hampton Cutter, chairman, \$2,332; Civic Club, Mrs. Frank C. Buchold, \$1,604.95; Women of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. J. M. Kreeger, chairman, \$3,262.50; Woman's Club of Woodbridge, Miss Dorothy Hunt, chairman, \$853.45; Methodist Church, Mrs. Albert Bergen, chairman, \$17,522.25; Congregational Church, Mrs. Percy O. Dixon, chairman, \$2,400.

Naval Officer's Fiancee



WOODBRIDGE—Mr. and Mrs. James S. Wight, Linden Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancie, to Lieut. Thomas Lawrence Tallon, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Tallon, of Linden.

Miss Wight is a student at Southern Seminary and Junior College, Buena Vista, Va., where she is president of the Senior Class, president of the French Club and a member of the Student Council.

Lieut. Tallon is a graduate of Linden High School and the University of Iowa. He is stationed at Cherry Point, N. C. No date has been set for the wedding.

Car Thefts Laid To 5 Minor Boys

Quintet Nabbed Yesterday; All Said To Have Admitted Guilt

WOODBRIDGE—Five boys from Fords, Keasbey and Raritan Township, 14 and 15 years old, were arrested yesterday by Capt. John R. Egan and Lieut. George Balint in the "joy ride" car thefts which have been harassing the police of this Township, Raritan Township, South Amboy and Newark.

The boys have been released in the custody of their parents to await hearing in Juvenile Court.

According to Capt. Egan, the robberies were occurring in great frequency in the Fords section. He drew an imaginary circle around the section and then began to check up on suspects in the area. Within a short time the boys were picked up and readily admitted their guilt.

The boys, he said, would steal a car, always one in which the owners carelessly had left their keys, drive it to where they wanted to go, desert it and pick up another car with keys in it and return home, deserting the second vehicle near their homes. A valuable camera left in one of the cars was recovered yesterday and returned to the owner.

Girl 7, Brother 4, Die In Tragic Sled Mishap; Funeral Tomorrow

COLONIA—Double funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon for Diane Deshler, seven years old and James Deshler, four years old, only children of Mr. and Mrs. James Deshler, New Dover Road, victims of a tragic sleigh-riding accident Saturday afternoon.

The services, according to Alex W. Quackenbush, funeral director, New Brunswick, and grandfather of the children, will be held at 2:30 o'clock at the Deshler home with Rev. Walter H. Stowe, pastor of Christ Church, New Brunswick, officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery, New Brunswick.

The two children, whose father is a member of the law firm of Hicks, Kuhlau, Thompson and Deshler in New Brunswick, and assistant secretary of Johnson & Johnson, were speeding down a hill a short distance from their home with John Kovach, 14, 50 Nassau Street, North Brunswick Township, when they were struck by a truck owned by the estate of J. R. Baumann, 300 St. George Avenue, Rahway, negro, 615 Elizabeth Avenue, Rahway.

James died instantly from a fractured skull and internal injuries. Diane was removed to the Rahway Hospital in the Woodbridge Emergency Squad ambulance and died Tuesday afternoon from internal injuries. Kovach, dazed and frightened after the accident, ran away but was found a short time later and taken to St. Peter's Hospital where he was treated for contusions of the right leg and lacerations on the chin and discharged.

Grezner Dies; 84th Casualty

WOODBRIDGE—There are now 84 Gold Stars on the Township service flag with the announcement of the death of Private Steven F. Grezner, 230 Emmett Avenue, Hopelawn, who was killed in action November 17 in France. The notice of his death was sent to his widow, Mrs. Margie Grezner, by the War Department. It is believed that Private Grezner was in action only two months when he was killed.

Reported as seriously wounded in action on November 23 in Germany is S/Sgt. Anton Karpowick, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorothy Karpowick, 34 Maplewood Avenue, Keasbey. He was inducted into the service on May 6, 1942 and prior to entering the service he was employed by the Raritan Copper Works.

Mrs. Caroline Sedivy, 54 Second Street, Fords, received word that her son, Private Andrew J. Sedivy, 24, has since missing in action in Germany since November 25. He was inducted into the service on March 12, 1941 with the fourth draft call. He attended Township grade schools and the Middlesex County Vocational School.

Deshler Children Victims Of Accident In Colonia Saturday

WOODBRIDGE—Just a reminder to Township housewives. The next tin collection will take place Saturday morning. All cans, properly prepared, should be left at the curb the previous night or early in the morning as the collection will begin promptly at 7 A. M. In case of stormy weather the collection will be postponed until the following week.

Housewives! Don't Forget Tin Collection Saturday

WOODBRIDGE—Two hundred and ninety-three real estate sales were made by the Township during the past year for \$156,473.65. William Allgaier, Real Estate Director, announced today. There were 52 brokers who were paid commissions amounting to \$2,608.78 and the property sold had an assessed valuation of \$126,944.

Cash receipts recorded by the Real Estate Department from January 1 to December 20 inclusive amounted to \$209,276.19 and included rents, deposits, cash sale payments, contract sale payments, interest on contract sales, taxes as additional rents and miscellaneous sales.

Mr. Allgaier also submitted total figures from March 1937, when the Real Estate Department was organized, to the present time as follows:

Total sales, 1,812; number of brokers, 472; amount of commissions paid, \$29,119.60; number of parcels sold, 7,210; approximate assessed valuation of property sold, \$945,044; amount of property sold, cash and contract sales, \$1,505,218.36.

Total number of parcels foreclosed, deeded and recorded as Township property, 29,956; total assessed valuation of foreclosed and deeded properties to date, \$2,691,367.

Cash receipts since 1937 were as follows: 1937, March to December, \$11,139.67; 1938, \$13,335.48; 1939, \$72,969.23; 1940, \$151,834.34; 1941, \$219,106.60; 1942, \$199,228.94; 1943, \$187,783.78; 1944, January to December 20, inclusive, \$209,276.19. Total, \$1,097,874.29.

Land Sales Bring Town \$156,473 During 1944, Allgaier Reports

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Commissioners Laud Efficiency Of Firemen

AVENEL—Avenel Fire Company No. 1 was lauded by the Avenel Board of Fire Commissioners for its recent work at a house fire. The letter, addressed to Chief William Russell, reads as follows:

"The Board of Fire Commissioners wish to take this means of thanking you and your men for the splendid work you did at the recent house fire on George Street, Avenel. Also for the wholehearted cooperation of the men in joining the recent manhunt at Carteret.

"We hope you will continue your efficient service to District No. 5, Avenel and Colonia."

Battle Honors Accorded To 2

WOODBRIDGE—More honors were paid Township men in the service according to word received here this week.

From somewhere in the Pacific comes the news that for two wounds received in the battle of Saipan, Marianas Islands, Marine Sergeant Victor R. Therkelsen, 199 Green Street, Woodbridge, has been awarded the Purple Heart and the Gold Star.

Sergeant Therkelsen received his first wound on June 22 when he was struck in the right leg by shell fragments. On July 2, he again suffered shell fragment wounds, this time in the arm and head. He returned to duty on July 28.

Tail gunner on a B-25 Mitchell Bomber and holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart, Staff Sgt. Joseph W. Loso, 25, is now spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Loso, Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn. He served nine months in the China-Burma-India war theatre and participated in 50 missions over enemy-held territory. He was wounded on one of the missions.

Sgt. Loso was inducted into the Army on April 23, 1941 and before going on foreign duty was with the 12th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Jackson, S. C. He was then transferred to the Air Corps at the Columbia, S. C. Army Base and later received his gunnery training at the Greenville Army Base, S. C.

Before entering the service, Loso was employed at the Nixon Nitration Works, Nixon. His brother, George, is with the infantry at Camp Croft, S. C.

Cars Recovered

All the cars were recovered in good condition except one which the boys smashed up against a tree in Roosevelt Park near Roosevelt Hospital.

Among the cases cleared up were the following:

Car owned by Harry Petropopsky, 490 Amboy Avenue, Perth Amboy, stolen from the Fords movies parking lot on December 9; car owned by Andrew Kenas, stolen from near his home, 550 Crows Mill Road, Fords, on December 12. December 16, car stolen from Raritan Township recovered in Woodbridge; December 17, sedan stolen from South Amboy, owned by Edwin J. O'Connor, found on Crows Mill Road. December 19, car stolen from Newark found in Fords Park. December 21, car stolen from South Amboy, owned by Samuel Weiss, found at the intersection of Corey and Liberty Street, Fords. On the same date another car stolen from South Amboy and owned by Adam Szumanski was found on Florida Grove Road and May Street, Hopelawn.

December 24, car owned by John Wosh, Warner Street, Fords, found by Raritan Township police smashed up in Roosevelt Park. On the same day the boys admitted taking a car owned by Victor Panton, Fords and deserting it on Cutter's Lane and Russell Street, Woodbridge and then taking a car owned by Carl Ludwison on Cutter's Lane, driving it to Fords and deserting it on New Brunswick Avenue.

Captain Egan, who is serving in the absence of Chief George E. Keating who is on vacation, said that motorists who leave their keys in their car are "inviting car thefts" and are "making it easy" for boys who are inclined to be wayward.

Driver Is Held

Hazzard was arraigned before Recorder Arthur Brown and released under bond to await the action of the Grand Jury on a complaint.

50 Children Given Party At Barron Public Library

WOODBRIDGE—A Christmas party and carol sing took place at the Barron Free Public Library. Miss Gloria Potter, student at Wheaton College, who is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Potter, told stories to the children before a lighted Christmas tree.

Mrs. Carolyn Bromann, librarian listed new books as follows: "Book on Horsemanship," Anderson; "Life With Mother," Day; "Bernard Baruch," Field; Brook Willow," White. Juvenile, "Seabee," "Dot and Dash in Happy Hollow," "Dot and Dash in Pumpkin Patch," "Motor Boy," "Motor Boy On the Wing."

Kovacs-Ragucci Wedding In Port Reading Church

WOODBRIDGE—Miss Priscilla Kovacs, daughter of Mrs. Mary Kovacs, will become the bride of Anthony Ragucci, son of Mrs. Grace Ragucci, of Port Reading, Saturday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Rev. Vincent Leny will officiate.

More than 70 guests attended a surprise shower given the bride-to-be at her home on William Street.

Special Services Planned At Local Church Sunday

WOODBRIDGE—Special New Year services have been planned by Rev. Homer W. Henderson at the Methodist Church Sunday. The sermon topic at the 11 A. M. service will be "Face The Future Unafraid."

Watch Night services will be held from 8:30 P. M. until midnight and will include the following: Congregational singing, technical silent motion pictures, "Glories of the Old Dominion States" and "Home of the Lees"; play, "Peace I Give Unto You"; motion picture, "The Bible in the Warring World"; play, "Candle in the Window"; the unveiling of a permanent honor roll, gift of Mr. and Mrs. James Hilbert which will be followed by a period of fellowship and refreshments. The worship service will be held at 11:30 P. M., ending in a circle of light.

Social On New Year's Eve Is Arranged By K. Of C.

WOODBRIDGE—Middlesex Council, Knights of Columbus, will sponsor a New Year's Eve social Sunday at the Columbian Club. Jerry Jarot and his orchestra will play.

William Grausman has announced that the council will sponsor a play, "Suds In Your Eyes," given by the Tierney Theatre Guild of Perth Amboy, January 12, in St. James' Auditorium. The cast includes Ruth White, Frank Lambert, Mae Burke. Reserved seat tickets may be obtained from Mr. Grausman.

NEW BABY

WOODBRIDGE—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kavlauskas, Strawberry Hill Avenue, at the Perth Amboy General Hospital.

War's Tragic Toll Casts Pall Over Township's Year Just Ending

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January

Lieut. Donald J. Murchie, a prisoner of the Germans, radioed Christmas greetings to his family. Junior League of Woodbridge presented field ambulance to the army for service at the front.

Coal situation proved acute and Mayor Greiner appointed John Omenhiser as Township Coal Coordinator.

Maurice Dunigan, Joseph McAndrews and Seymour Deber, incumbents, filed for Board of Education election with no contest in sight.

Gerald West, 21, committed suicide in Avenel home.

February

One hundred and ninety gave blood at Red Cross Blood Bank.

Tax Rate was announced as \$7.14.

Dr. John P. Lozo named principal at Woodbridge High School.

March

Clarence Martin, negro, arrested as slayer of Charles Tyler, negro, owner of Chicken Club.

Sgt. Bernard Joseph Dunigan killed in action.

Heyden Chemical plant gets "E" pennant.

William Homer Stone dies in Edison Bridge leap.

Civilian Defense Forces Mobilized to obtain data needed to send ballots to men and women in service.

April

Mayor August F. Greiner files as Republican candidate for County Clerk post.

Rev. Charles A. Dundee, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, dies.

Salvage drive aids Red Cross.

May

Woodbridge Township over-subscribes Red Cross quota of \$21,500 to keep faith with 3,500 in armed forces.

Woodbridge Honor Roll dedicated in Woodbridge Park on Mother's Day.

Sewaren Boat Basin discussed at Public Hearing.

Traditional ceremonies held on Memorial Day.

Clarence Martin gets life sentence for slaying of Charles Tyler.

June

Edward Kinsey gives blood for eighth time at Red Cross Blood Bank. 184 persons were donors.

PFC John Bertram and Joseph Grady killed in action.

Garden party held at Rothfuss home to aid Kilmer Council and Servicemen's fund.

Rotarians provide funds to re-open Woodbridge playground.

Dr. I. T. Spencer honored by County Medical group.

Private Michael Kozel killed in action.

July

Township Goes Over the Top in Fifth War Loan.

\$100,000 lire at Port Reading Railroad trestle.

Six youths arrested for robbery and for setting fire to Klein's warehouse.

August

Private Wilbert Lucka and Pvt. Bert S. Varga killed in action.

Mrs. Whitney C. Leeson resigns as Red Cross chairman due to illness, after 25 years of service.

Distinguished Flying Cross awarded to Lt. Emmanuel PFC. Sgt. Hans P. Erickson, PFC Alderton Jensen and PFC Thomas Short killed in action.

Private Alex Bereski dies of wounds.

September

Lt. John Dunn listed as dead.

PFC Albert Seach reported killed in action.

Township feels full wrath of hurricane; damage was tremendous.

William J. Phillips, ex-Matawan School head, dies in Edison Bridge leap.

Red Cross Chapter adopts citizens' Committee plan, open permanent headquarters and employs secretary, Mrs. L. L. Loveland.

Edward Campion, William Dudash, Frank Swatts, Frank Pastuszak and Nicholas Petro killed in action.

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Rev. William Schmaus instituted as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church.

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Garden party held at Rothfuss home to aid Kilmer Council and Servicemen's fund.

Rotarians provide funds to re-open Woodbridge playground.

Dr. I. T. Spencer honored by County Medical group.

Private Michael Kozel killed in action.

July

Township Goes Over the Top in Fifth War Loan.

\$100,000 lire at Port Reading Railroad trestle.

Six youths arrested for robbery and for setting fire to Klein's warehouse.

August

Private Wilbert Lucka and Pvt. Bert S. Varga killed in action.

Mrs. Whitney C. Leeson resigns as Red Cross chairman due to illness, after 25 years of service.

Distinguished Flying Cross awarded to Lt. Emmanuel PFC. Sgt. Hans P. Erickson, PFC Alderton Jensen and PFC Thomas Short killed in action.

Private Alex Bereski dies of wounds.

September

Lt. John Dunn listed as dead.

PFC Albert Seach reported killed in action.

Township feels full wrath of hurricane; damage was tremendous.

William J. Phillips, ex-Matawan School head, dies in Edison Bridge leap.

Red Cross Chapter adopts citizens' Committee plan, open permanent headquarters and employs secretary, Mrs. L. L. Loveland.

Edward Campion, William Dudash, Frank Swatts, Frank Pastuszak and Nicholas Petro killed in action.

October

Rev. William Schmaus instituted as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church.

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War's Tragic Toll Casts Pall Over Township's Year Just Ending

WOODBRIDGE—Politics, sudden death, stories of heroic deeds, both on the battle and home fronts, births and marriages all had their place in the Township news events during 1944. Let's turn back the pages of the files of this newspaper and recall the stories of the year:

January

Lieut. Donald J. Murchie, a prisoner of the Germans, radioed Christmas greetings to his family. Junior League of Woodbridge presented field ambulance to the army for service at the front.

Coal situation proved acute and Mayor Greiner appointed John Omenhiser as Township Coal Coordinator.

Maurice Dunigan, Joseph McAndrews and Seymour Deber, incumbents, filed for Board of Education election with no contest in sight.

Gerald West, 21, committed suicide in Avenel home.

February

One hundred and ninety gave blood at Red Cross Blood Bank.

Tax Rate was announced as \$7.14.

Dr. John P. Lozo named principal at Woodbridge High School.

March

Clarence Martin, negro, arrested as slayer of Charles Tyler, negro, owner of Chicken Club.

Sgt. Bernard Joseph Dunigan killed in action.

Heyden Chemical plant gets "E" pennant.

William Homer Stone dies in Edison Bridge leap.

Civilian Defense Forces Mobilized to obtain data needed to send ballots to men and women in service.

April

Mayor August F. Greiner files as Republican candidate for County Clerk post.

Rev. Charles A. Dundee, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, dies.

Salvage drive aids Red Cross.

May

Woodbridge Township over-subscribes Red Cross quota of \$21