

# WINTHROP

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Mrs. Noel E. Glidden received three belated letters from her nephew, Pfc. Wade Reynolds, Thursday. He has been transferred from Belgium to Czechoslovakia. He and his "buddy Dick," are living congenially and comfortably with an elderly woman. Apple and pear trees are abundant. Mrs. Glidden also received a nice letter from a former neighbor boy, Lieut. Maurice McCarthy, who says he is living a life of ease in a large German mansion, with the aid of four servants. He is a member of the 69th Division of General Hodges 1st Army.

Petty Officer Frederick, Y3-C, who is attached to Admiral Sharp's Staff at Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Va., came Sunday for a ten day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Folsom. He was last home in July, 1944.

Miss Lucia Yale of Norwood came Wednesday and is visiting Mrs. Lillian Riggs, Winthrop and Dr. and Mrs. George A. Baker, Brasher Falls.

During the severe wind, rain and electric storm which struck this vicinity about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, May 22, lightning struck a pine tree on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Jenkins about two miles out of the village on the Fort Jackson road and killed five full-blooded Holstein cows, out of a herd of 30, which were standing under the tree. The tree was split for its entire length. They are insured in the Grange, but their loss is a considerable amount, nevertheless. During the same storm, the wind felled a tree in Brasher Falls, opposite St. Joseph's Academy and it fell across and broke electric wires, rendering lights, refrigerators, electric stoves and flat irons perfectly useless for three hours, until the tree was removed from the road and repairs were made to the wires.

Rev. James D. Herrick, pastor of the Towanda, Pa., Universalist church for over 31 years, passed away in that city, May 1. He resigned the pastorate last Oct. 1, on account of ill health. He was a graduate of Canton Theological School. He is succeeded by Rev. Lyman Achenbach, both of whom were student preachers in the local Universalist church.

The officers of Brasher and Stockholm High School Alumni Association convened for a business meeting at the home of Miss Mildred Wood, secretary-treasurer. It was voted that no banquet should be served this year. Each member of the association is requested to send their dues at once to Miss Wood, as the Alumni will present the usual yearly prizes. A banquet is planned for next year, at which time all members of the graduating classes since the war began will be admitted to the Association.

Miss Pauline Carmichael and brother, Floyd, children of Delbert and Hattie Ladue Carmichael, Mansion Avenue, Ogdensburg, visited Mrs. Maude S. Ellison, Sunday. Mrs. Carmichael formerly lived in Winthrop.

Cpl. Henry Jackson, who landed in California, Friday, May 11, and went to Camp Dix, N. J., before coming home, arrived in Winthrop, Sunday evening, May 20, after being stationed in Hawaii since April 17, 1942.

King Reed, who has been living on the Daniel O'Brian farm at Brasher Settlement, has purchased the Kingston farm near Wagstaff Corners, and will move June 1, his family, household goods, farming tools, horses and about 50 head of cattle.

Miss Sarah Crane, a teacher of Occupational Therapy in Northampton, Mass., is home with her sister, Miss Edna Crane for a month.

Rev. B. J. Davidson, who has been serving the past five years, the church at Northwestern, was appointed to the church at Stillville near Rome during the recent Methodist Conference, and moved to his new home last week. Rev. and Mrs. Davidson, formerly of Watertown and Napanee, Ont., served the Brasher Falls and Buckton churches from 1931 to 1936.

Their son Arthur was graduated from Brasher-Stockholm High school in 1934 and attended Clarkson School of Technology at Potsdam. He was married in Henneville to Miss Verda M. Bickford of that village, October 1, 1939. He was one of three local young men who was given authority to construct and operate amateur stations from the federal radio commission.

Donald Locke, serving in the Navy for the past 13 months and now somewhere in the Pacific Area, has been raised in rank to Seaman First Class.

Winthrop was very much alive Friday forenoon, with mother's, babies and little folks, when more than 200 children were inoculated at the diphtheria prevention clinic at Winthrop Grange Hall, from 10 to 11:30.

Mrs. Lilla Greene returned to her home Friday, after the week in Hopkinton with her son, Lyle Greene and family.

Mrs. Donald C. (Lillian Scott) Gilmore and son, Donald S. (6 mo.) arrived in Winthrop, Friday evening, from Sacramento, Cal., to visit her father, Major Horace N. Scott and other relatives and friends for some time. Her husband, Lieutenant Gilmore is still in Italy.

Cpl. James H. Waldruft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waldruft, Winthrop, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium according to a citation received by his mother, Cpl. Waldruft, gunner of company "B," 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion with L. Col. Lovelady's Task Force in the vicinity of Chorn. His commander gave the greatest credit to Cpl. Waldruft. He entered service February 12, 1942 and trained at Fort Niagara, Camp Polk, La., Camp Hood, Texas, Camp Rice, Calif., and Camp Pickett, Va., before going overseas in Sept. 1943. He has served in England, France, Belgium and Germany and holds the Purple Heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Patterson, and children Patricia, Barbara and Betty, who have been living in the N. G. Back tenant house since last October, have moved to the Leslie Baxter house in Brasher Falls.

A successful and well attended meeting of the Spring Pilgrim Fellowship Conference of the Black River and St. Lawrence Association was conducted at the Winthrop Congregational Church, Sunday afternoon and evening, May 20.

One hundred and fifty out of town people attended. Churches represented were, Burrville, Rodman, Watertown, Cardrose, Ogdensburg, Rensselaer Falls, Lisbon, Madrid, Norwood, Parishville and Massena. Kenneth McKenzie of Watertown was elected president of the Association. The devotional period in the afternoon was conducted by young people of the Ogdensburg Church. The address on "Freedom" by Rev. Dr. Scottford of New York City, editor of "The Advance" was outstanding. There were two sectional meetings, conducted by Mrs. Daniel Evans of Watertown for the Juniors and by Rev. James Moore for the High School grades.

The recreational period was in charge of Rev. John Wetzel of Burrville. Supper was served in the church dining room by the local Aid Society, which was concluded with a community sing, led by Rev. Gerald E. Boyce of Ogdensburg. Election of officers of the Association was held at the evening session, there was also discussion on the summer conference to be held at Wells College. The Fall week end conference will convene at Watertown. The meetings closed with an address by Rev. James Converse presided at the piano and was in charge of the music.

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## Potsdam High Honor Students Are Announced

Honors for the class of 1945 of Potsdam High School were announced by Principal E. Harold Cole in a special assembly on Tuesday. Mr. Cole explained the method by which the honors were determined and stressed the value of a satisfactory record especially since many colleges required to know the quarter in which a student is classed before admission can be determined. There are 62 members in this year's class, a number which, Mr. Cole explained, is only about half the size of some classes which have been graduated.

Valedictorian of the class of 1945 is Laurella Arnold with an average of 94.07. Miss Arnold is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Arnold of 2 Clinton street. Miss Arnold moved to Potsdam with her family from Piercefild in September of 1943 at which time she entered Potsdam High School as a sophomore. Her first two years in high school had been spent in Tupper Lake to which she had commuted by bus from Piercefild.

Salutatorian of the class is Theresa Paquin with an average for the four years of high school of 91.14. Miss Paquin is the daughter of Mrs. Aurora Paquin and the late Henry Paquin. She attended the School of Practice during her grammar school years and entered P. H. S. in September of 1941. Miss Paquin has not only been very active in many school affairs including associate editor of the school paper, treasurer of the class of 1945 and as member of the Art Club, but has also been this year's recipient of the D. A. R. Good Citizenship award. In addition to her scholastic activities she has found time to take a part time job as clerk-operator with the local branch of Western Union.

Six other students with averages above 85 were named on Tuesday morning. Hazel Eilow earned third place on the scholastic honor roll with an average of 89.03. Donald Gilbert with an average of 88.45 stood in fourth place, Mary Francis Smith with 88.28 in fifth; Lois Perkins, 86.25, sixth; Barbara Simpson, 86.16, seventh; Una Collins, 85.25, eighth and Barbara Dulea with an even 85 in ninth place.

Twenty-five students earned averages between 80-85 and twenty-three had averages ranging between 76 and 79.

## WINTHROP GRANGE

The 8th regular meeting of Winthrop Grange was held Saturday night, May 19th.

Asa Moulton, chairman, legislative committee, reported. Also Brother Glidden, insurance agent. The charter was draped for Sister Eva Lamb and Brother Wayne Cyrus.

Mrs. Orma Page was named to act as delegate to Pomona Grange in Fort Jackson. Our Grange has just purchased two more \$100 war bonds.

The following program was presented for Memorial Day: Song, "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me"; the Lecturer read fitting tributes to our six members who have died during the past year and flags were placed on the altar for our Sailor and Soldier; Bro. Robert Hewitt and Wayne Cyrus and flowers for Bro. Fred Holland and Sisters Myra Davis, Elizabeth Kingsley and Eva Lamb; honorable mention was made of our members now in the service; song, "God Be With You"; true or false questions on the flag; article on "Rats" read by Eugene Thompson; reading, "When Is a Man an American?" Edna Chatell; reading, "Definition of a Real Person," Calla Riggs; Mathematical quiz, Fred Crane; discussion on the control of "Yellow Rocket" weed; Happy Birthday was sung to three of our officers who have birthdays in May.

The next regular meeting will be June 2nd.

## 3 Valedictorians Chosen in Tie At B & S High

Principal Robert H. Heister has announced the co-valedictorians of the 1945 graduating class of Brasher-Stockholm high school. Three students have been named for the honor. This unusual situation is the result of a virtual tie in respect to their academic averages. There is a difference of only sixteen one-hundredths between the lowest and the highest average.

The students honored are Doris Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cummings, Winthrop; Patricia Munson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton V. Munson, Winthrop and Frances LaFave, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis LaFave, Brasher Falls.

All three students have been very active in their high school careers. They have been prominent in the musical organizations, and class activities, as well as attaining distinction in their required academic subjects.

Other members of the class are: Eileen D-Aoust, class president; Gloria LaTrace, Ursula Smith, Donald Pike, and Robert Jackson of Brasher; Barbara Devitt, Frances Davis, Carol DuBois, Wyona Wells and Bernard Chapman, Stockholm.

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

4211 Ingomar Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
May 23, 1945

Mr. Hollis P. Rice  
Managing Editor  
Courier-Freeman

Dear Mr. Rice:  
The May 2, 1945 issue of the Courier contained a sketch concerning the founding and history of Childwood in Piercefild Township, St. Lawrence County, condensed from "Through the Adirondacks in Eighteen Days" by Mark V. Ives. The sketch was particularly interesting to me as I taught school in Childwood back in the early twenties and I have very pleasant recollections of Lake Massawepie, Jack Pond, Catamount Pond, and the surrounding country. I also knew Emery Gale who owned the Pond View House and I agree with Mr. Ives that anything that Mr. Gale didn't know about the woods wasn't worth knowing.

I am particularly anxious to get hold of Mr. Ives' book but haven't been able to do so up to this point, at least in the New York City libraries, and I am wondering if by any chance there would be any for sale in the Courier offices or in the bookstores in your City. If there are any for sale and you will advise me concerning the price, I will be most happy to send a remittance.

Very truly yours,  
John J. Brauner

May 18, 1945  
The Courier and Freeman,  
Potsdam, N. Y.

Dear Editor:  
"A short time ago I made contact, thru your paper, with Nathan G. Buck who I found to be a school mate of mine at Lawrenceville Academy a way back in the 1880's. "Your paper that came to hand this morning, again took my mind back to those very interesting days at Lawrenceville. This time it was the obituary of Mrs. Mary Reeve McEwen, a reminder that soon life's work will be finished for all of us of those days. Rose and Mary Reeve were two of the very attractive girls at the Academy back in those days. And Guy C. McEwen was one of the real boys.

"And by the way, another reminder of those days occurred last Monday when the Hon. Dennis Driscoll called me on the phone. He was in the City attending a Court Matter, and among other things informed me that his attention had been called to the Buck letter. Driscoll was a particular friend of my brother Dr. Frank B. Sanford, late of Canton, while they were both students at Lawrenceville."

Yours very truly,  
Edwin W. Sanford  
Albany, N. Y.



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I only hope to be able to stay here for awhile but probably will move up sooner than I hope to. Wish I were in Potsdam tonight. Yours very truly.

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## Three-Area Men In India Get Merit Citations

Calcutta, India—Three Potsdam soldiers are members of a pure battalion which recently has been awarded the meritorious service unit plaque by Maj. Gen. W. E. R. Covell, commanding general. Services of Supply, in the India-Burma theater.

They are Pfc. Leslie R. Hanson, Pfc. Douglas H. Cheney and Cpl. Kenneth R. Gillette. Section No. 2, commanded by Brig. Gen. R. R. Neyland, have made the base the foremost military port installation operating in a theater of war. Last month the port battalions were responsible in a large measure for the breaking of nine records at this base.

The port battalions have cut down the unloading of ships in the docks at an average of 3 1/2 days, the fastest record in the world, and recently unloaded a Liberty Ship in 44 1/2 hours. The port of Calcutta, due to the efforts of the port battalions, has consistently led military ports throughout the world in the unloading of vitally needed material.

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