Mrs. Lutz now is once again home and is happy to be back and to resume her life. Andy Drysdale has returned from Australia and is looking forward to his reunion with the old post office at 5:15 and noticed it in darkness. "Yes, I thought, "they must close early!"

And here's Barney Apgar:

I'm a dope, the other night I walked on the steps of the old post office at 5:15 and noticed it in darkness. "Yes, I thought, "they must close early!"

The New Post Office

The Newlawn boys are both away at school so that Marie and I can do our bit toward the war effort. Lock's is known to many of the younger set as the "hot spot" of Chester. To prove it is the "hot spot", Art Thompson has been selling the young gals on the top of the stove, Devil's, isn't he?

School elections were held with a bit of competition for a change. Four people ran to fill three vacancies. The results were very close, giving the three open positions to Les Ager, Les Smalley and Bill Crammer. Janet Ables was defeated. It was voted to turn over a sum of money to the building fund so that work might be begun on a prospective lunch room for the kids.

The Scout cabin is being used extensively by the young people's groups for parties and recreation. There aren't many young folks left around town, but those who are around are making entertainment for themselves.

Bill Tredway has been made a Sergeant.

And here's Barney Apgar:

Chink Sturzenegger enjoyed his usual winter's vacation at Lake Placid. Skiing was fine with plenty of soft landings with kids pointing to the sky. By staying home with the babies and enjoyed being relieved of the responsibility of a heavy job like cooking and listening to the lug aeroplane at night. He no doubt does look like a noisy boy but his snore ain't so croony!

George Allen who played the guitar at the Scout cabin last winter for dances was an occupant of North Manhull Hall at the University of Maine where that dreadful fire occurred burning two boys to death. George jumped from his window saving his glasses and radio. All else was burned.

Doc Van Sickle writes from India:

"India proves to be a very interesting country. I've been able to travel from one end to the other and see a great deal of it, including the Taj Mahal and other interesting sights. Have not been to China yet but have been in Burma. The base here at present is in a large city and a large Air Base of the Air Transport Command. Flight surgeon's work, my job, - care of fliers, meeting and sending off ambulance planes, etc. However, all wishing to give India a back to the Indians. We're all looking forward to our return to the States, but for some of our neophytes will be quite a while yet.

Sincerely,

Dr. Van"

Fred B. White, Jr.

U.S.M.C.

Bn. 9/9 Comp. H-19

Sheephead Bay, N. Y.

Ricky Bryan has passed all his tests, physical and mental for the Aviation Cadets. He will enter in June.

Andy Cramer was home on leave at Cincinnati with a new wife for ten days.

Phil Cramer joined the Navy and expects to work with the ship repair units.

The Morton's had a slight fire when Mrs. Morton was throwing out a frozen pipe with a lighted candle. All was well by the time the fire department arrived.

John L. Pace as

Co. 612-93E

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Newport, R. I.

He was inducted into the Navy Dec 6, 1943.
Rad Barkman and his mother. He is now in New Guinea. Cpl. Radford Barkman.

369 B 74q (L) 615 Bomb Group APO 715 5 2 Postmaster San Francisco, Calif.

This poem touched his heart as he was about to leave when she received it. It's really new when Rad Barkman thought so.

I'm not so good at poetry, really, she received it. It's really new when Rad Barkman thought so.

In a country far away, My country, I should say, lives a sweet, and lovely lady who truly loves me. Yes, friends, my mother.

She has raised me, and guided me, throughout many a strenuous year, so steady her hand has been, and guided me, my dear mother.

I know her heart is lonely for a home, and a family, because her son has left her hoping for his safe return some day.

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The ambulance is no longer something we talk about. It is now the real thing. It is still the responsibility of the Citizen Defense but moves are being made to transfer it to the Fire Department. It is kept in the hire of the town in charge of a crew as follows: Frank Arln, Capt., Charles Rose, Engineer, Raymond Radesmacher, John Steinberg, and George Schaefer, "Bua" Cram. It is hoped to increase the size of the crew to ten members. Mrs. Van Sickle may be called at any time in case the crew is in need of a nurse. The ambulance is free for transportation purposes of any township or city resident, but donations gratefully received. Of course, there is a constant cost of operation, such as gas, laundry of equipment, replacement of equipment, etc., and money will be needed to operate. Anyone needing the ambulance for transportation purposes, must have the call come through a doctor. In case of emergency, townsmen are to call the operator who in turn, calls the members of the crew and they, grapevine fashion, call one another.

The P G A had their Christmas dance at Valentine time due to the epidemic of illness at Xmas. At the party, there was a amateur contest and gave out the box boned by. was crowned. Don Dawit won first prize in the contest with her dancing. Mary Lacy was second by a song and Helen Koszow was third with a dance.


The Red Cross Mothers getting their bit snapped by Paul Benson.

Somewhere in Iran, where the sun is like a curse, and each day is followed by another bloody curse, where the brick-red dust blows thicker and thicker, the winds are stronger, the shifting desert sands, where a Yank man dreams and wishes for greener, fairer lands.

Somewhere in Iran, where the meil is always late, where a Yanks card is in, where I started to wind up to date, where we never have a pay day, and we never have a cent, but we never miss the money, 'cause we never get it spent.

Lyt Cheholle's Sister, Mrs. George Wickerham and her two youngsters have made a living with the Marston's until another sister and her family will join them sometime in the spring. They are a welcome addition to the village.

The Chester A 47's have been playing more basketball. They played Trina and lost 20-21; and Mendham 9 Chester 69.

AC Edward Fleming and 4742 TFD 640 Carlstrom Field Arcadia, Florida.

Another good letter from Bob Marzor. He would like to get a letter from Trina's address, which I don't have, but I'll send it to him. News on Bud Rosch is as follows: Silver City, N. M. 1939 in June he married Miss Dorothy Lee. They have a boy Charles Allen, aged 2 and are living in Kenlworth, N. M. Mrs. Bob Marzor is working at the Western Electric in Eveson. He graduated from Brother's College in 1939.
Here's a picture of Warren Delhart.

Here's a poem from one of the Digital Corps and the answer by Bexy gymckoff.

"TO BEA"

This is the gift, from me to you
With all my heart's delight.
As you and I may pass
And yet may be true
A gift from Jimmy White.

Although I am a stranger
And you know me not at all,
I think you're the brightest star
Of all the girls I know.

I wonder what your thoughts may be
Of all the things I do.
And what the others think
Of me.

For writing to you," To Jimmy

Here's the thing I think
When I am alone and lonely
And the Irish eyes are blue.

Emile the way the songs all sing
When you are near and friendly.

Wonder why, upon the street
All the soldiers I see.
This Jimmy White of 23
Should be the one that I see?

I see him yet, so clean and neat
Do get up that dim, dark street
When suddenly behind there comes
But, 2, 3, 4 -- am I to blame?

For had no fliriting 'ers been
This Jimmy White, I'd never known.

Jimmy means so much to me
Much, much more than I should tell
Wrote letters long, long as can be
I get them in the morning mail.

Jimmy's Irish eyes are blue
But him at the shore
This is my fondest wish
It's true
That I might see him
Just once more.

May our friendship always be
Clean and sweet and true
Hope you think as much of me
As think of you.

Here's another thought I had
Wonder where we two will be
When our enemy flies the flag
That makes our country, 'v.

Hope Jimmy than recalls
Foss written for one 'Bea' well, my little Irish lad
Just let me wait and see."