

Election Returns - G. O. P. Primary

	Sheriff	Freeholder	Committeeman	Committeewoman
	O'Connor-Fetterly	Veghte-Pasche	Heath-Schley	Van Wemple-Arsdale
Branchburg	109	59	141	32
Bridgewater	370	256	497	144
Hillsborough	203	86	258	39
County Totals	4636	4036	4724	4052
			4283	4002
			2976	4658

O'Connor Gets Sheriff Spot; Veghte, Heath Win Nominations

W. Eddy Heath of Bridgewater Township topped Reeve Schley of Far Hills in the Republican primary for state committee member a surprise development at the election last Tuesday. Heath's plurality was 281.

Undersheriff Edward J. O'Connor of Pluckemin defeated Mayor Charles H. Fetterly of Bound Brook in the nomination for sheriff by a plurality of 600.

Sheriff John H. Veghte of New Center was nominated for freeholder with a 672 majority over Robert H. Pasche, North Plainfield.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Van Arsdale of Somerville retained first seat in the State Committee, defeating Miss Margaret L. Wemple of Bridgewater Township by a plurality of 1682.

The total vote in the county was approximately 25 per cent of the registration.

The Democratic Party had no county contests. Frank Ryan of Somerville, chairman of the executive committee, was elected state committeeman and Mrs. Jane von Jess of Liberty Corner, state committeewoman.

Bridgewater gave Sheriff Veghte a plurality of 651, Branchburg, 109 and Hillsborough Township, 219. Mr. O'Connor took Branchburg with a plurality of 50, Bridgewater, 114 and Hillsborough by 53 votes.

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Sidelights

Little Rose Ann Sanchini, 5 years old, was the first one to buy a War Bond at the sale at Duke's Park Sunday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Attilio Sanchini. Mr. and Mrs. Basilone were also beaming parents at the celebration. Mrs. Basilone wore a beautiful corsage of orchids and was too overcome with pride to speak into the mike.

The Life photog had difficulty at the dedication at St. Ann's Church...He managed to fall off the ladder, while attempting to get a trick shot...Incidentally, Life is (Continued on Page Four)

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3 New Teachers Given Contracts

Contracts for three new teachers were approved Friday night by the Bridgewater Township Board of Education, which also ordered the purchase of \$15,000 in bonds to aid the Third War Loan.

Resignations were accepted from Miss Elizabeth Casey, second grade teacher, and Miss Marie Umstead, kindergarten teacher, both in the Raritan Primary School. Miss Matilda C. Abate of the Bronx, was engaged to replace Miss Casey. Other new teachers to whom contracts were given are Miss Grady Connoway of Providence, Ky., who will teach in the Martinsville kindergarten mornings and in grades 5 and 6 in the afternoon, and Miss Marie Heviland of Port Chester, N. Y., who will teach Grade 1 in the Finderne School.

A delegation of parents from the Finderne section asked restoration (Continued on Page Four)

Branchburg To Dedicate Honor Roll

Branchburg will pay tribute to service men and women from all sections of the township next Sunday at 2:30 p. m., when an Honor Roll, sponsored and financed by the Neshanic Volunteer Fire Company, is dedicated.

The unveiling on the firehouse lawn at Neshanic Station is in charge of Harold Amerman, chairman. The theme of the program is the importance of supporting fighting men by supplying necessary funds to give them a surplus of modern equipment on the fighting front.

Army and Navy representatives

are going to speak for the occasion. A 30 piece band will play.

Committees in charge are: Building of the Honor Roll, John W. Dietz and John Gaddis; dedication, Mr. Amerman, George Covert and Varian Quick; listing of names, Lyndon Manners, Abner Danberry and Laurence Lane. President O'Brien and Fire Chief George Covert are serving as co-chairman of the committees.

The Cort Theatre will run Basilone newsreel pictures Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23, 24, and 25.

Record Crowd, Celebrities Hail Basilone at War Bond Rally

Modest in his time or greatest honor, Platoon Sgt. John Basilone, hard-fighting Marine, wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's most coveted award for extraordinary heroism and conspicuous bravery, came home Sunday in a blaze of glory, as 50,000 people lined the streets for the two-mile parade and the ceremonies that followed at Duke's Park.

Here's the Duke's Park Crowd



A small section of the people who turned out to welcome home Sgt. Basilone. Photo by Miller.

\$1,402,882 Pledged For War Bonds; Local Basilone Sales Exceed \$450,000

"John Basilone Day" brought \$1,402,882 to the coffers of the Third War Loan Drive in Somerset County. Walter L. Darrell, chairman of the board and the Town of Raritan Third War Loan Drive.

Out of town corporations and banks joined local business men in pledges which far surpassed expectations for the day. Raritan pledges alone amounting to \$450,000.

Larger bond purchasers included: Johns-Mansville, \$500,000; Somerville Trust Co., \$200,000; Raritan State Bank, \$175,000; Raritan Savings Bank, \$175,000; Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey, \$175,000; Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, \$30,000; Bridgewater Board of Education \$15,000; Bridgewater Township Committee, \$10,000 Raritan Building and Loan Ass., \$5,000; Joseph

S. Frelinghuysen, \$5,000, Gaburo's Laundry, Inc., \$5,000; Raritan Mills, \$5,000.

Assisting Chairman Darrell in conducting the drive were members of the staff of the Raritan State Bank, Somerville Trust Co. and the Somerville-Raritan chapter of the American Red Cross and a volunteer staff of assistants.

Incomplete figures from Somerset County banks at the end of the first week of the Third War Loan indicate that sales in Somerset County had reached two million dollars of the three million dollar quota, according to headquarters of the Somerset County War Finance Committee in Bound Brook.

"The forces on the home front have taken the initiative," stated County Chairman William M. Barker, of Bound Brook, "just as our fighting men in all parts of the world are on the aggressive."

Hero John Receives \$5,000 War Bond



Judge George W. Allgair is shown presenting the bond to Sgt. John at Duke's Park program. The bond is a gift of local townsmen.

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New Jersey's most prominent citizens, Broadway celebrities, Hollywood stars and friends of Sgt. Basilone all joined in welcoming home this hero, in the greatest celebration this town has seen.

Among those paying tribute to Sgt. Basilone were former U. S. Senator, Joseph S. Frelinghuysen; former Gov. A. Harry Moore; James J. Walker, former Mayor of New York City; Col. Carlo A. Pivrotto, U. S. Army, Alexander Ormsby, dean of the John Marshall Law School, Newark and formerly national commander of the Marine Corps League; Judge Nicholas Albano of Newark and Adj. Gen. James I. Bowers, and Harry Hershfield, famous humorist, columnist and radio celebrity.

Featured on the program at Duke's Park was the presentation to Sgt. Basilone of a \$5,000 War Bond by County Judge George W. Allgair, chairman of the general committee, and who said he wished to express the regard and affection of the entire community for Basilone and the "hundreds of boys who have gone from Raritan to carry on the fight."

Entering Raritan from Marine headquarters in New York Sunday morning, Sgt. Basilone was met by Raritan and water Township officials, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Basilone of 113 First Avenue.

Attends High Mass

After attending High Mass in St. Ann's Church and the dedication of the honor roll which followed, Basilone was taken to Raritan Valley Farms Inn where he was the luncheon guest of the committee. Pfc. Stephen Helstowski, U. S. Marines, of Pittsfield, Mass., a member of Sgt. Basilone's platoon in Guadalcanal. (Continued on Page Five)

BASILONE VISITS PLANTS

Sgt. John Basilone was the guest last Monday of Johns-Manville Company at which time he made a tour of the plant and met personally all the employees.

On Tuesday Sgt. Basilone, accompanied by Pfc. Dana Babcock of Long Island, holder of the Purple Heart for injuries received in action, was welcomed at Calco Chemical Division, American Cyanamid Company where he made a tour of several production departments and visited Calco's two restaurants. Sgt. Basilone was introduced to employees by Herbert Morrow, sales supervisor and ex-Marine, and Frank J. Pucci, president of Local 22, 051, Chemical Workers Union, AF of L.

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Angela Margaret Grillo Marries Sgt. Kemper In Home Ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Grillo of Bound Brook, announced the marriage of their daughter, Angela Margaret to Sgt. Aubrey M. Kemper, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kemper of Jersey City. The ceremony took place last Thursday at 9 p. m. in the Kemper home. Only the immediate families were present.

The bride wore an old rose wool dress with matching hat and a corsage of white orchids. The maid of honor, Miss Mary Grillo, wore a brown crepe dress with matching hat and a corsage of orchids. Philip Kemper was best man for his brother.

The couple left on a wedding trip to New York following the ceremony.

Sgt. Kemper was on furlough from Fort Jackson, S. C. He expects to enter Officer's Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. next week. He was formerly principal of the Funderne School before entering Army service.

Mrs. Kemper is a graduate of Bound Brook High School and Trenton State Teacher's College. At present she is a Physical instructor in the Bridgewater Schools.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Carmella Garibaldi the former Miss Barone of 49 First Ave. has returned from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cromwell of Washington Valley Rd., Pluckemin have returned to E. Orange after spending the summer here.

Mrs. W. E. Coriell of Pluckemin is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Seibold of Rensselaer, N. Y., for two weeks.

Miss Rosalie Glaser of 59 Thompson St. attended an all dental dance at Temple University on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cheisfo of Belleville were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Esposito

of 30 Thompson St.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fischer of Plainfield spent Sunday with the Fischer family on Old York Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Volkman of 48 E. Somerset St. entertained Joseph Smith and Mrs. Margaret Weaner and family of Dunellen, Sunday.

FDR says:

Every worker should increase the amount of bonds he or she is buying.



Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Fattori of 25 Canal St. announced the engagement of their daughter, Anna to Seaman Second Class William Pivrotto, son of John Pivrotto of 55 First Ave. The engagement was announced Saturday at the Fattori home.

Seaman Pivrotto is training with the Seabees at Camp Peary, Va. He was on a 10-day leave and returned Monday. He is a graduate of Raritan schools and Somerville High.

Miss Fattori is a graduate of Raritan schools and is employed at Teitz Bros.

RED CROSS

By Mrs. Ralph Ortman
Publicity Chairman

Mrs. A. C. Van Tine states there is time to enroll in the home nursing class which started on September 22nd and will be under the direction of Miss Virginia Spinelli, R. N. Call Mrs. Van Tine, 2217, or at Red Cross headquarters, Thompson St.

The Wednesday and Thursday afternoon sewing classes are calling for additional sewers. Anyone desiring to assist in this work, but unable to come to work rooms, may have the work delivered to their homes. Mrs. Joseph Navatto Jr. will be glad to make arrangements.

Surgical dressing classes commenced last Monday afternoon and will continue Monday and Tuesday afternoon and evening throughout the winter under the supervision of Mrs. A. Soriano.

A call for knitters has been sent out by Miss Eleanor Masler in order that our knitting unit may continue to keep up its splendid record of the past. Anyone interested may get information by calling 2080-M.

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Qualifying tests to maintain employment lists for clerk-stenographer, clerk-typist and clerk with the county welfare boards of seven counties were announced today by Commissioner William J. Ellis, of the State Department of Institutions and Agencies, to be held on Saturday, October 9. The last day for filing applications will be Thursday, September 30.

The counties are Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Salem, Somerset and Sussex. The examinations are open to male and female citizens resident in any of such counties for at least 12 months immediately preceding September 30. The salary range is from \$960.00 to \$1,320.00 per year.

Persons participating in the tests will be automatically entered for tests announced for the same date by the State Civil Service Commission for appointment to similar positions in State service.

The examinations will be conducted by the Division of Old Age Assistance, Department of Institutions and Agencies with the aid of the State Civil Service Commission.

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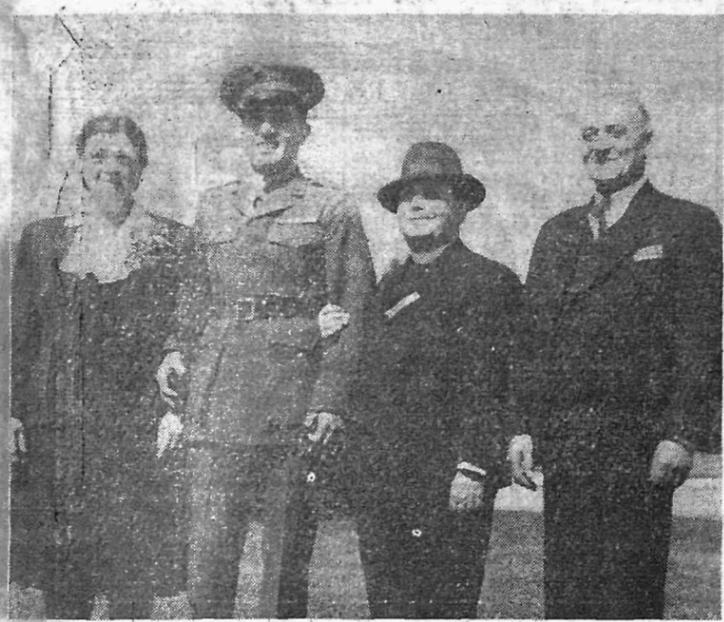
They're calling on you to hurry, hurry, hurry! Get that \$100 extra into War Bonds before the drive is over.



3RD WAR LOAN

BACK THE ATTACK... WITH WAR BONDS

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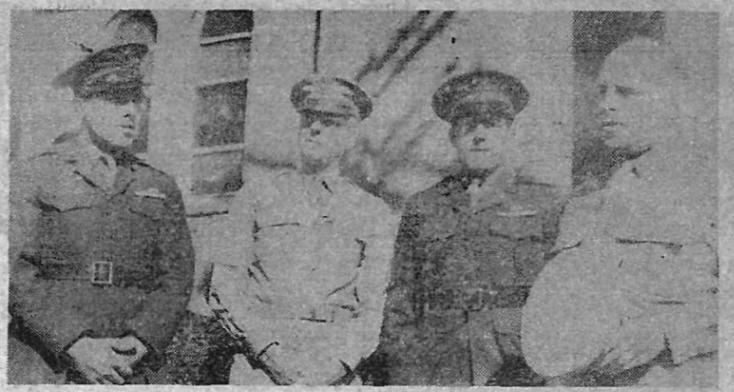
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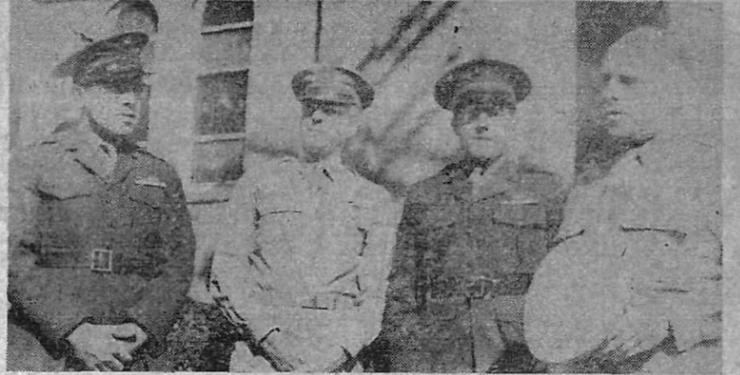
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Sgt. Basilone Comes Home, A Hero!



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'Start Thinking Now About Post-War Jobs For Service Men,' Soldier Asks

(The writer is serving at Camp Pickett, Va. He was formerly a local newspaperman. His message is important—it comes from a soldier in the field and represents the viewpoint of many boys in service.)

BY PVT. A. H. MERSHON

Although many servicemen have been aroused while they have been at home on furlough or leave at the complacency of the general public in regard to the war, it seems to me that even though the majority of the people have not felt the impact of war except for rationing and have not been worked into a fervor of patriotism there is a deep sense of duty to the country and its fighting men.

A large number of Raritan residents are engaged in war industries or have jobs related to the war effort. Activities connected directly with the war claim the spare time, and in some cases almost the full time, of local men, women and children. Members of the Defense Council, Red Cross volunteers and others give their time freely, without thought of any compensation

without flag waving. Practically every Raritan organization is doing something to help bring the war closer to an end.

With the characteristics of true Americans, the residents are doing their jobs efficiently and in a business-like way. And the way must be effective, too, because the Germans have complained that the fighting men of the United States they faced in North Africa went into battle in a business-like way, with the idea of finishing the dirty work as soon as possible. American servicemen have a job to do and they're doing it—quietly and quickly. It's the same way with the civilians.

Everyone in Raritan connected with the war effort has worked with but a single purpose in mind: Get the war over as quickly as possible with a victory for the Allies. After all, why shouldn't they want it ended soon? Hasn't practically every young man and several young women joined the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Merchant Marine? Raritan won't let Sergeant Basilone, its Congressional Medal of Honor winner, or any one of its other fighting men down.

I've been asked, "What do the servicemen want after the war?" The answer is that the only thought they have is to return to civilian life with a chance to show what they can do in either their old job or some new job. All they want is a chance to work and the opportunity to earn an income sufficient to establish or maintain a home for their families.

Plans for the return to civilian life should be started with the idea in mind that the professions, business and industry be ready to absorb as many of the ex-servicemen as quickly as they are discharged. Whether this will be possible is yet to be seen. It is safe to say, however, that the majority of servicemen have no interest in a dole, bonus, unemployment insurance or any similar alternative.

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Our Fighting Men



News Appreciated in China by Major

The NEWS has heard from its most-distant reader, Major Joseph Ruggieri, somewhere in China. He writes that this newspaper is reaching him at his faroff post "rather regularly".

Ruggieri, one of town's two highest ranking officers, has been in the Army since February, 1941, when he was ordered to active duty from the reserves. He was then a Lieutenant. He was made a Captain in Nov., 1941 and in July, 1942 went to India—the first local officer to reach an overseas base in this war. He was elevated to Major in February.

His letter, dated August 28, follows:

"The Raritan Valley News is now reaching me rather regularly. Let me express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness and your kindness in forwarding copies of the paper to me.

"It is such a pleasure to obtain news about the happenings and occurrences at home. It is interesting to note that many changes are taking place. Names of people with whom I am familiar are now among the armed services. gieri, 24 W. Somerset St.

Unquestionably the town must be quite devoid of young people.

NO ARMY PAGE

Lack of space forced us to omit most of our Army news this week. However, this popular feature will be back next week. Watch for it!



With so many going into the Army, Navy and Marine Corps there can't be so very many left.

"I would like to relate what my particular duties are but censorship precludes this. Suffice it to say there are a good many Americans in this theatre. With but one exception, none of them are from the Raritan area, as far as I know. If there are others, I have not met them either in India or China.

"On the transport some fifteen months ago I ran across one of the Iamonica boys. Since then I've lost track of him. He was part of a photo reconnaissance Squadron. Possibly he's still in India.

"Continue to supply me with the NEWS. It helps to keep me posted on local doings and people I know. Again, many thanks for

the newspaper."

The officer met Andrew Iamonica of Anderson St. when the two were leaving a transport in India. This was reported in the NEWS at that time.

The Major traveled by air from India to reach China, crossing Japanese territory. He crossed the Himalayas and the Burma Road, he wrote his wife, the former Katherine Mesaros, who is now making her home with her two children at 63 Second Ave.

Before going into service he was a chemistry teacher at Woodbridge High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ruggieri.

Schools Sell War Stamps

Sale of War Stamps start at local schools. Intermediate began sales Monday but no return was released. Green Knoll sales amounted to \$280.25.

The first meeting of the Safety Patrol Squad was held under the direction of Mrs. Sara R. Halbrecht. Following were chosen: captain, Joseph Porcaro; lieutenant, Ronald Sharp; members, Diane Rick, Jack Jacobs, Francis Del Rocco, Joan Brihns, Russell La

Grace, John Baber, Mary Ross, Morris Zayachley, Ann Sacino, Alphonse Verci, Felice Savo, Dominick Ciurleo, Harry Fannicase, Kenneth Mizov, Lucy Ferretti and Milton Martin.

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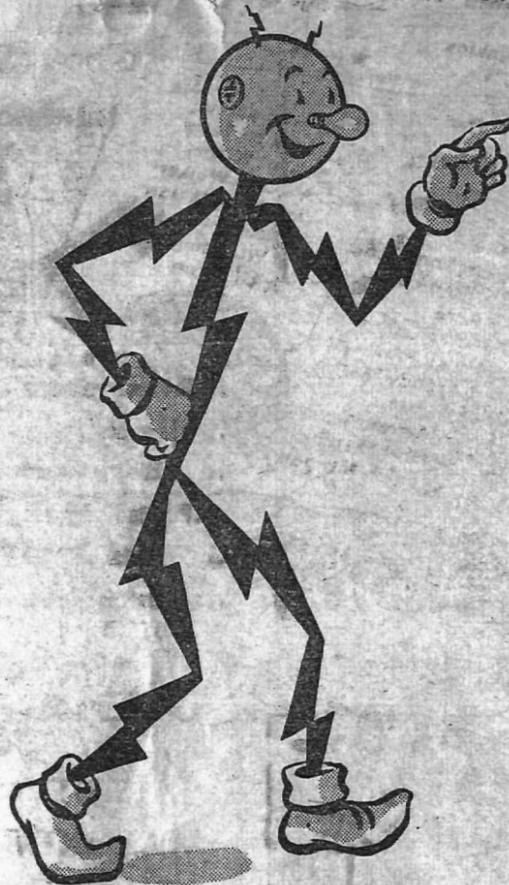
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