

SUNDAY SPECIAL

She Keeps Christmas Going for Viet GIs

By Neil Nickerson



PROVINCETOWN — Mrs. Florence C. Alexander of Conant Street, Provincetown, is a dedicated person—no Provincetown youth serving in Vietnam will go un-remembered for books to read, news from home and cookies and goodies to eat if she has anything to say about it.

And by the looks of the response, and what she has done, she has a lot to say about it; in fact she has virtually everything to say about about the project that started as a Christmas project, and has continued each week thereafter.

Mrs. Alexander, who also operates Corea's beauty shop at her home, sees that a letter is written to every one of 17 servicemen from the area now serving in Vietnam every week, and cookies and paperback books are sent out on alternate weeks to these same servicemen.

The contact with the servicemen began as a Christmas project by the Auxiliary to Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, of which Mrs. Alexander is secretary, and she has continued it every week, under the sponsorship of the Auxiliary, but she is doing much of the work.

Since November of last year, she has written to the men a total of 255 letters and mailed 182 packages, expenses of which, from November to July, totaled \$212.62, all of which is donated, and she wants townspeople to know that "without your help this would not have been possible." She expressed thanks to all "for being behind me in this wonderful project in keeping up the men's morale."

Asks Lower Rate

The cost of the project is emphasized when it is made known that each of the two-pound packages of pocket books costs 80 cents, and each three pound box of food costs \$1.05 in postage, and these rates are some under standard prices if it is done "Uncle Sam's way," which includes stamping on the package with the word Sam.

Mrs. Alexander has contacted Senators and Congressmen in an effort to get rates lowered for such mailing of items to servicemen in Vietnam, and all expressed interest, but there appeared to be little encouragement,

except there is legislation before Congress that will alleviate some.

The pocket books are bundled strongly in brown paper, while the cookies are packed in small coffee cans, of 1½ pound size, two to a box, in a cardboard container that formerly held "nips," donated to the cause by Manuel J. Lewis, operator of a package store in the center of Provincetown. This box allows two of the coffee cans to be packed, containing four dozen cookies to each individual serviceman, 17 in all, every other week.

Mrs. Alexander makes the cookies and bakes them on a Sunday, and mails them on Monday, her two days "off," that is from the beauty parlor. The project, she says, is a town project, because the townspeople participate, in donations of money and ingredients for the cookies. Frequently, when no one is home, she will return and find coffee cans

beside the door, and other items needed in this project.

Others Help

A recent donation of \$25 toward the project has been received from the Enlisted Men's Wives Club of the North Truro Air Force station; and 15 dozen cookies have been made and donated to these servicemen by Gene Poyant of Gene's Pastry Shop, despite the fact it is his busy season. She expressed thanks to all.

The VFW Club helps in that it allows the holdings of cribbage games to benefit the Vietnam project. Manuel J. Goveia, in charge of the VFW Club comes in for special thanks for his continuous work such as putting on cribbage games and helping the raising of money and supplies of books.

From July 15 to 21 she baked 644 cookies and sent them to the 17 town youths serving in Vietnam. The cookies include peanut butter, molasses ginger snaps, oatmeal-raisin, coconut, toll house, peanut butter and chocolate fudge. She's agreeable to accepting donations of any ingredients toward these.

Some of the letters received from the youth in reply to letters she has written express heartfelt thanks, and tell some of the strangest stories. Mrs. David Perry of 29 Conant Street received a telephone call from her husband in Saigon, serving with the 4th Infantry Division; also there is word from one of the youths that information is needed on how to care for monkeys.

It seems, she said, they have a pair and are most anxious to learn about raising and breeding these animals. They also have a problem with housebreaking Louie, a male dog. Other pets acquired include Blackie, a cat, who is on good terms with Louie.

Men's Addresses

The 17 men, from this area serving in Vietnam include Sergeant Herbert S. Edwards, RA 31234191, 124th Transportation Company,

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APO San Francisco 96307; L-Cpl Paul Mendes, 2209188, H.N.S. Company, 2d Battalion, S2-26 Marines F.P.O. San Francisco 96602; SP/4 David C. Perry, U.S. 515-38509, 3 Bde 4th Infantry Division, Postal, APO San Francisco, 96,268; Private First Class James G. Kelley, RA 11472551, 805th Transportation Company, light tank, APO San Francisco, 96-291, and S/Sergeant Horace Jon Watson, F 11322466, 602 F.T.R. Squadron, Box 29, APO San Francisco 96,237.

Others include S/Sergeant Anthony Angelini, AF 42243173, 37th Transportation Squadron (PA-CAF) APO San Francisco 96,368; Major Ronald Lynch, 058363 U.S.M.C., U.S.S. Headquarters, MACV (J21) APO San Francisco, 96222; Sergeant First Class George

A. Smith RA 51153733, 258th Signal Detachment, APO San Francisco, 96291; Technical Sergeant Paul Dedrickson, 21261009, 460 TRW PAF Box 6094, APO San Francisco 96,307; Staff Sergeant James N. Chestnut, AF 15600613, 377th Security Police Squadron, Box 5570, APO San Francisco, 96307; Private Frank R. Roza, US 516-16050, 281st Aviation Company, APO San Francisco 96,240; Airman 1st Class Gilebrt D. Gagnon AF11221025, 37th Service Squadron (1041) APO San Francisco 96368.

Private 1st Class Joseph J. Travato Jr. US51726038, Company A, 3d Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, APO San Francisco, 96373; Staff Sergeant Ronald S. Pickard AF 11236085, 620th Tactical Control Squadron (OAS) APO San Francisco, 96203; Frank X. Gaspar, B103253 U.S.S. Nornet (CVS-12) O.I. Division, FPO San Francisco, 96,601; Robert P. Anthony, 999-60-69, VAW-33 Box 74, FPO San Francisco, 96,615; and SP/5 Joseph E. Bogolawski RA 11471925, H.H.C. 1st Aviation, APO San Francisco 96-307.



Mrs. Florence Alexander of Provincetown is shown here standing behind a pile of packages she is about to have sent to the servicemen in Vietnam.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1967

Vietnam Veterans On Leave Here

A number of Provincetown-Truro servicemen are home from duty in Vietnam. Horace J. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace K. Watson of Shank Painter Village, who was recently promoted to staff sergeant, was a commando in Vietnam for the past year, attached to the 602d FTR Commando Squadron, U.S. Air Force.

Sergeant Watson, a veteran of 12 years' service, has been reassigned to a year's duty at Otis Air Base. His wife is the former Letitia Morris of North Truro.

Specialist Fourth Class David Perry, also a veteran of Vietnam, has completed two years of military service and has returned to civilian life. He is a member of the crew of the dragger Plymouth Belle, skippered by Capt. Anthony Jackett.

The former Army specialist is the son of Mrs. Anthony Jackett of 50 Pleasant Street. His wife is the former Shirley Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Alexander of Provincetown.

The Vietnam veteran, incidentally, had the pleasure on his return of greeting his four months' old son, David J., born when the Army specialist was in Vietnam. Mr. and Mrs. Perry are making their home at 29 Conant Street.

Tech. Sgt. Paul H. Hendrickson, U.S. Air Force, of Highland Road,

North Truro, who has completed a year's tour of duty in Vietnam, has been reassigned to Langley Field, Virginia. Sergeant Hendrickson was based at Tam Son Nhut, outside Saigon.

Mrs. Hendrickson and their three children are leaving North Truro to make their home in Hampton, Virginia, near Langley Field.

Marine Cpl. Paul Mendes, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Mendes, Jr., of Johnson Street, has been reassigned to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. Corporal Mendes was on duty with the Marines in the Northern section of South Vietnam, operating out of bases at DaNang, Phu Bai and Hue. He is serving an enlistment of four years in the Marines.

Sgt. Herbert S. Edwards, U.S. Army, a veteran of more than 20 years, who has been home on leave with his family at 36 Franklin Street, after 18 months in Vietnam, has been reassigned to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, where he is training recruits.

Mrs. Florence Alexander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, announces that 94 packages containing linguica, banana bread, chocolate cake, cookies and candy were sent to Cape End men in Vietnam during September. Fourteen men from this area are still in Vietnam, she says. Mrs. Alexander expresses her thanks to all those who have helped to keep packages going to servicemen.

Cape-tip GIs Return

Packages Sent To Vietnam

PROVINCETOWN — Mrs. Warren (Florence) Alexander of 26 Conant Street, who has been working to aid Provincetown men serving in Vietnam reports Sgt. Herbert Edwards has returned to his Franklin Street home on 30 days leave, after which he will report at his new army base in North Carolina.

Lance Cpl. Paul Mendes, home for 30 days, has reported to his new base with the Marines in North Carolina.

Specialist 4 David Perry, who has completed two years in the Army, is back home in Provincetown with his wife Shirley and 4-month-old son, David.

S. Sgt. Horace Watson returned from Vietnam for 30 days and reports to his new base at Otis, and T. Sgt. Paul H. Dedrickson of Highland Road, North Truro is home for 30 days.

Ninety-four packages containing linguica, books, banana bread and chocolate cake were sent to the men during September.

Mrs. Alexander expresses her sincere appreciation to: Turner's Candy store for candy; Poyant's Bakery for cookies; Crawford Bros. in Hyannis for wrapping paper, and the two women who drove from Hyannis to VFW Hall with over 200 coffee cans. Also the gentleman who delivered an enormous amount of coffee cans to the Provincetown Police Department, which were picked up by Mrs. Alexander, and "all others who have donated in their own way to keep the project going." Mrs. Alexander notes "there are still 14 of our men in Vietnam."

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1967

VFW Auxiliary Sending Packages

Mrs. Florence Alexander of the VFW Women's Auxiliary, aided by Auxiliary members Dorothy Pickard and Helen Ventura, has for over a year been sending letters, books and food packages to local men serving in Vietnam. To date she has received 115 letters from 26 boys in service, 11 of whom have returned to the U.S., and is appealing for extra donations of gifts and money to help the "Boys in Vietnam Fund" send Christmas packages before the November 11 deadline for mailing.

Recent news of local men: Private Christopher Landry went to Vietnam a month ago. Staff Sergeant Jack Dobbins, formerly of North Truro, is there now. Marine Corporal Calvin Fetner of North Truro is now in Vietnam. Major Ronald Lynch, son of Mrs. Edna Lynch of Central Street, returned October 19 and now is stationed at his new base in Virginia. Major Paul Chapman is in Vietnam, and Frank Gaspar, son of Mrs. Myrtle Sylvester of Commercial Street, is serving aboard the U.S.S. Hornet.

Staff Sergeant James Chestnut, brother-in-law of Albert Carter of Bradford Street, was flown back from Vietnam last month and is a patient at the USAF Hospital (Ward 2 West) at Wright-Patterson Air Field, Ohio, zip code 45433.

"You'd never guess the things they ask for," commented Mrs. Alexander. "I've sent three boys pickled pigs' feet, and I'll be sending more soon."

Auxiliary Schedules Meeting

PROVINCETOWN — The Lewis A. Young Auxiliary of the VFW will hold a district meeting at 1 p.m. Nov. 19 at VFW Hall in Provincetown.

At a meeting held by the auxiliary on Oct. 12 reference was made to the presentation of a U.S. Savings Bond Citation at a meeting held in Hyannis. The four new members of the group are Florian Menangas, Angie Metello, Linda Rogers and Edith Gurney. Former member, Dorothy Lafalce has been reinstated.

Special committee members for the 1967-68 season are as follows: Florence Alexander and Lee Farroba, legislative; Dorothy Pickard, Mary Atwood and Rosemarie Williams, cheer couriers; Mary P. Souza, Edith Godinho, Mary Venture and Mary Corea, hospital; Flora Henrique, Barbara Zawalick and Cheryl Cook, membership, and Lillian Martin, Americanism.

Also, Wilhelmina DaRoza and Frances Collinson, rehabilitation; Flora Henrique, Florence Alexander, Marilyn Reis and Barbara Zawalick, relief; Barbara Zawalick, Dorothy Pick and Mary Lou Browne, delinquent; Mary Lou Rose, cancer; Florence Menangas, Mary Hilton and Mary Gaspar, Civil Defense; Ernestine Silva, Mary Days and Flora Henrique, investigation; Mary Hilton, Patricia Kepler, Florence Chaddock and Henrietta Edwards, community service, and Loraine Rego and Elsa Perry, cottage fund.

Other committee members are Agnes Goveia and Elizabeth Thompson, national home; Mary Hilton and Henrietta Edwards, poppy fund; Cheryl Cook, Henrietta Edwards, Barbara Zawalick and Mary Hilton, youth activities; Henrietta Edwards, voice of democracy, and Shirley Perry, Fran Collinson, Mary Days, Beverly Arnott, Joanne Coats and Edith Gaspa, scholarship.

VFW Auxiliary Induct Members

Four new members have joined the Women's Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3152. Floran Menangas, Angie Metallo, Linda Rogers and Edith Gurney were installed at the October 12 meeting. Reinstated was Dorothy Lafalce.

At recent meetings the post voted to purchase a \$10 Savings Bond, benefit of the Christmas Seal fund; awarded a special prize to Marilyn Reis; and drew Florence Chaddock's name for the attendance prize in her absence.

Legislative committees for 1967-68 were appointed as follows:

Legislative, chairman Florence Alexander and Lee L. Farroba. Cheer Couriers, Dorothy Pickard, Mary Atwood and Rosemarie Williams. Hospital, Mary P. Souza, chairman; Edith Godinho, Mary Ventura and Mary B. Core'a. Membership, Flora Henrique, chairman, Barbara Zawalick and Cheryl Cook. Americanism, Lillian Martin, chairman.

Rehabilitation, Wilhelmina DaRoza and Frances Collinson. Relief, Flora Henrique, chairman and treasurer; Florence Alexander, secretary; Marilyn Reis and president Barbara Zawalick.

Cancer, Mary Lou Rose. Civil Defense, Florence Menangas, chairman; Mary Hilton and Mary Gaspar. Delinquent, Barbara Zawalick, chairman, Dorothy Pickard and Diane Brown.

Investigation committee, Ernestine A. Silva, chairman, Mary Days and Flora Henrique. Community Service, Mary Hilton, chairman, Patricia Kepler, Florence Chaddock and Henrietta Edwards. Massachusetts Cottage Fund, Lorraine Rego, chairman, and Elsa Perry.

National Home, Elizabeth Thompson, chairman, and Agnes Goveia. Poppy fund, Mary Hilton and Henrietta Edwards, Barbara Zawalick and Mary Hilton.

Publicity, Bertha Adams. Voice of Democracy, Henrietta Edwards, chairman. Scholarship, Frances Collinson, chairman, Shirley Perry, Mary Days, Beverly Arnott, Joanne Coats and Edith Gaspa.

Provincetown

PROVINCETOWN — Provincetown honored its veterans and dead of all wars at brief Veterans Day ceremonies Saturday at the Soldiers' Monument on Town Hall lawn.

The customary parade was absent although veterans units and their auxiliaries and a contingent

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from the U.S. Coast Guard participated, and the firing squad of the Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, gave a volley salute.

VFW and Coast Guard contingents marched from VFW Hall to the monument.

Town Manager Robert A. Hancock, principal speaker, spoke briefly on the significance of the day and said he was "proud to be an American," because in the comparatively short period in history since the Pilgrims first landed here there has occurred the greatest economic development in the history of the world.

He cited the so-called "war on poverty" and other factors attesting to the generosity of the American people, generous at the

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FWW Auxiliary Hostess For District Meeting

A regular meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary falling upon Thanksgiving Day, tomorrow, is cancelled, Mrs. Barbara Zawalik, president, announces.

Officers of auxiliaries from Provincetown to Bourne attended the district meeting here Sunday in FWW Hall for which the local auxiliary was hostess. Refreshments and a social hour followed the business meeting.

Provincetown UF Workers Are Named

The United Fund drive is well under way on Cape Cod and workers are seeking donations in all Cape towns.

Workers in Provincetown are joining in the campaign to raise \$216,000 for the United Fund.

List of Provincetown workers includes:

Theodore Malcolm, town chairman.

Mrs. Virginia Andrews, Mrs. Martha Henrique, Mrs. Mildred Bent, Mrs. Catherine Janard, Mrs. Alice Baker, Mrs. Maria Janopolis, Mrs. Lina Berry, Miss Helen Jones.

Mrs. Connie Black, Mrs. Betty Kelly, Mrs. Eilene Cabral, Miss Mina Ketchum, Miss Linda Carter, Mrs. Mary Lewis, Stanley Carter, Mrs. Mary Lambrow.

Mrs. Leona Caton, Mrs. Mary Langley, Mrs. Elsie Cipperly, Mrs. Mary Lefson, Miss Mayme Claxton, Mrs. Julia Lucas, Stephen Cook, Mrs. Juanita Macara.

Mrs. Trudy Cook, Mrs. Ruth Macara, Mrs. Charlotte Corderio, Ted Malcolm, Mrs. Naomi Costa, Mrs. Carol Manta.

Mrs. Mary Lou Cote, Mrs. Charlotte Matta, Mrs. Patti Cozzi, Mrs. Barbara Malicoat, Mrs. Louise Dennis, Mrs. Nancy Martin, Mrs. Alberta De Riggs, Mrs. Bruce McKain.

Bruce McKam.

Mrs. Madeleine Davis, Miss Audrey McKay, Miss Florence Edwards, Mrs. Clara McKenzie, Mrs. Frances Euler, Mrs. Anne Moon, Mrs. Helen Flores, Mrs. ary Murchison Mrs. Irene Gracie, Munro Moore.

Guy Guerin, Mrs. Dorothy Oliver, Mrs. Grace Hayward, Mrs. Beatrice Packet, Mrs. Joan Pereira, Mrs. Florence Chaddock, Mrs. Barbara Perry, Mrs. Frances Collinson, Ms. Bernica Pery, Mrs. Helen Costa.

Mrs. Madeline Perry, Mrs. Erma Edwards, Mrs. Rita Perry, Mrs. Eleanor Hautenans, Marion Raymond, Mrs. Mary Hilton, Mrs. Martha Robinson, Mrs. Patricia Kepler.

Sherman Russell, Mrs. Marie Leonard, Helen Santos, Mrs. Lillian Libson, Mrs. Patricia Sawyer, Miss Claudia Martin, Mrs. Bernese Shears, Mrs. Corinne McCarthy.

Mrs. Christine Silva, Mrs. Polly Paul, Mrs. Carol Smeraldo, Kathleen Perry, Mrs. Jessie Somes, Mrs. Marie Peters, Mrs. Flora Souza, Miss Margaret Roberts, Mrs. Lucille Souza, Mrs. Marion Rose, Mrs. Ruth Souza, Mrs. Helen Santos, Mrs. Barbara Swetzoff, Mrs. Christine Silva.

Mrs. Gladys Taylor, Mrs. Jane Tashe, Mrs. Margaret Thomas, Mrs. Jane Adams, Mrs. Norma Thomas, Mrs. Lillian Dalpe, Mrs. Charlotte Trovato, Mrs. Helen Felton, Mrs. Carol Wheeler, Mrs. Rose Stephan, Mrs. Isabel Whelan, Mrs. Dorothea Snow, Mrs. Ethel White, Mrs. Joan Snow, Mrs. Eva White, Mrs. Charlotte Wilson.

Cape-tip Improvement Unit Airs Town's Future

PROVINCETOWN—Initial meeting of the Provincetown Improvement Committee in the Chamber of Commerce Building Tuesday night was one of discussion of the committee's setup, makeup and purposes, and plans for the future, closely allied with the Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring organization.

The committee was formed because of a motion at a general meeting held Oct. 19, which had convened to discuss various subjects. The motion requested membership in the improvement committee from various civic and fraternal organizations to discuss and possibly regulate the future of Provincetown to a great extent.

Various proposals for procedure were discussed at the Tuesday night meeting and consensus appeared to be that the committee, as such, work jointly with the chamber itself, so closely allied were the aims, with chamber officials carrying on until other arrangements are made.

Apart from Chamber

Some felt that the committee should be apart from the chamber, while others felt it should be allied with a joint meeting with the chamber, for the betterment of Provincetown and for all the people of the town.

Outgrowth of the meeting, conducted by chamber president, Francis Rogers, is that another meeting will be called within a short time, with public notice to be posted and an agenda drawn up

so that people will know what the main subjects will be for discussion. The emphasis was placed on the fact that the meetings are to be open to the public.

Eleven of 16 organizations contacted were represented at the Tuesday night meeting, and others expressed interest, and named representatives, but were unable to be on hand at this first meeting. Some people at the meeting felt that three or more from each organization would be too cumbersome, and that it should be smaller.

Objectives of the committee were outlined by Mr. Rogers but it was felt that too many of these objectives shouldn't be discussed at any particular meeting.

Meetings Planned

Mr. Rogers said that the chamber has plans also to hold several meetings prior to town meeting, with a special interest in the warrant, and other meetings with town officials and department heads, to discuss with them the workings of their various organizations.

Herman DeSilva, representing the American Legion, felt that the chamber should sponsor the committee while Marion Perry felt the chamber should carry it on and suggested the possibility of associate members, Manuel J. Goveja, representing the VFW, suggested the chamber sponsor the committee and perhaps the various organizations will pay for an associate membership for their representatives. Town Manager

Robert A. Hancock suggested such a committee and the chamber could more effectively function if there is a meeting of the minds and the chamber membership function together with the committee. With a meeting of the minds the representatives could go back to their organizations and gain further support for the projects.

What things can be done to make Provincetown a better place in which to live and do business has been of continuing interest through the years, and committee and chamber working together is essential, and if town officials can be of help, they will gladly do it, Mr. Hancock said.

Mr. Rogers suggested many subjects and said there are all kinds of faults continually brought out, but no suitable answers appear to be available.

To Sponsor Article

Selectman Marion Taves said selectmen plan to sponsor an article in the warrant for a comfort station, but said much has to be done investigating the various factors before an article can be inserted in the warrant. He said if the organization wanted to sponsor the article, the selectmen would gladly step aside, but this was not favored, with the feeling that the selectmen could sponsor and the organizations could back.

The meeting adjourned, with the time of next meeting and agenda to be worked out soon, so that a meeting can be held before Christmas.



These dried fish, known familiarly as "scully joes," will ultimately find their way to Provincetown servicemen in Vietnam. Mrs. Florence Alexander, center, sparked the drive for the fish, and was aided by Antone Dutra, left, and Manuel G. Goveia, right. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)

'Scully Joe' Heads for Vietnam

PROVINCETOWN — "Scully Joe," a dried, salted codfish, familiar to most fishermen and a rarity now in many places, will be the piece de resistance for Provincetown servicemen serving in Vietnam, as more than 100 pounds are due to be shipped anytime now.

Sparking the drive is Mrs. Florence Alexander, who works hard to send items and goodies overseas to boys in the war zones.

A letter written to her from Vietnam, read that it would be "nice to have a scully joe in Vietnam."

Mrs. Alexander, famed for her cookies and letters to the servicemen, went out immediately to find out how she could get them, and this is what happened:

Mrs. Alexander requested some fish from Atlantic Coast Fisheries, and they came through with a donation of a 50-pound box of fish.

She then asked Frank Reis, who asked Antone Dutra, who in turn asked Wallace Adams, and thence Captain Anthony Jackett, owner of the Plymouth Belle, dragger, and he donated about 120 codfish to the cause.

A coincidence occurred here, in that Captain Jackett's son, David Perry, has just returned from Vietnam, after serving a year there, and who now fishes with his father.

He, together with the captain and crew, caught the fish to be sent to his service buddies.

Dutra and Frank Reis picked

up the fish from the dragger and cleaned them; Manuel J. Goveia salted and fixed the fish, and fixed the fish.

They were scheduled to be shipped immediately, each fish placed in a bag taken from a loaf of bread, and into boxes for the Provincetown boys serving in Vietnam.

Members of the Auxiliary to Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, assisted Mrs. Alexander in wrapping the boxes at the VFW Hall, and Mrs. Alexander asked that all who assisted either by donations of money and fish be thanked, on behalf of the boys in Vietnam.



Cookies for Vietnam GIs

Provincetown Camp Fire Girls of the Odako-Keko units have undertaken a project of baking cookies to be sent to Provincetown servicemen in Vietnam.

Mrs. Florence Alexander, chairman of the Boys for Vietnam Committee, and Mrs. Mildred Bent, Camp Fire leader, are shown here, in back, with Camp Fire Girls who are stirring cookie batter. Girls include Florence Bent, Joanne Days, Denise Dwyer, Terri Lambrou, Joyce Martin, Sharon Medeiros, Elizabeth Reis, Karon Silva and Cynthia Thomas. Absent when the picture was taken were Camp Fire Girl Tina Tarvers, and assistant leader Mrs. Mary Lambrou.

Names, from the 14 servicemen in Vietnam, who will receive the cookies — date oatmeal cookies with raisins — were drawn from the hat, and they include Christopher Landry, Carlton Fetner, Frank Roza, James Kelley and Jack Dobbins.

The girls raised all the money for the cookies and baked them at their headquarters at the Community Center, and then turned them over to Mrs. Florence Alexander, chairman of the

Boys in Vietnam Committee of the Lewis A. Young Post, VFW Auxiliary.

Packages Are Sent To Vietnam

PROVINCETOWN — Twenty-eight boxes, two to each serviceman from Provincetown now serving in Vietnam, have been sent. Word has been received by some that they already have been received, Mrs. Florence Alexander, through whose drive many such items are sent, announced.

One of the two boxes contains food and the other toilet articles, including soap, shaving cream and the like.

In one letter, Mrs. Alexander said, the serviceman said when the package arrived he opened it to make sure nothing was broken, and when he noticed crackers and cheese, he had a feast for himself.

"Busting Out" With Goodies

Some goodies he put into his locker, which already is "busting out" with goodies the VFW Auxiliary has sent; others have kept them until Christmas.

Fourteen red-with-white-felt Christmas stockings were also sent, each made by Mrs. Alexander. She wrote in sparkle paint a Merry Christmas and each individual stocking had the serviceman's name on it. It was filled with candy donated by Isable and Ruth Olney.

During October and November, 77 packages were mailed to the boys in Vietnam, including goodies and books. As one youth put it, Mrs. Alexander said, they have their own personal library. When all the men finish reading the books they are given to Service Hospital Red Cross, where there is a library for the other GI's to read them; nothing is wasted.

A total of 391 packages have been sent by the VFW Auxiliary from November 1966 to October 1967, she said. Also sent were 401 letters from September of last year to October, with all letters written by Mrs. Alexander, who heads the project. Received in return from the boys have been 128 letters, she said. Whenever they are transferred they write to let her know and she also lets their families know when she hears from them.



Mrs. Florence Alexander, 26 Conant St., Provincetown, holds up a Christmas stocking, one of 14 she made and sent to servicemen from the Cape-tip serving in Vietnam. Seventy-seven packages were mailed in October and a similar number in November to the men overseas. Mrs. Alexander heads the VFW Auxiliary mail project.

Letters Build Morale

"If these boys find time to answer these letters, couldn't the citizens of this country find just a little time to write to some boy in Vietnam from their town or city — a line to let them know they aren't forgotten?" Mrs. Alexander asked. "A letter means more to them than people realize; it keeps their morale up."

She expressed thanks to all who donated money and who have helped on this project, which is entering its 13th month. Something is sent almost every week, she said. And the boys have expressed gratitude.

Mrs. Alexander said that donations of pocket-sized books are sought, as are wrappers from bread as all cookies now go into them. At present she said the committee has a good amount of cans.

Money donations are greatly appreciated, she said. There are still 14 boys in Vietnam and she urged Christmas cards be sent to them. Addresses of all can be obtained at the VFW Club or by contacting Mrs. Alexander.

She said that a dozen red tea roses were sent by S. Sgt. Ronald Pickard, one of the Cape-tip boys in Vietnam, to his wife, Dorothy Pickard of 4 Kings Way. Mrs. Alexander said word has been received that Pfc. Joseph J. Trovato Jr. has been given two medals; he has been in Vietnam 6 months. She also said that Pvt. Frank Roza has been promoted to spec.4.

Aides on Viet Project

Mrs. Alexander has asked the following auxiliary members to assist her on the Vietnam project: Helen Ventura, Dorothy Pickard, Henrietta Edwards, Shirley Perry and Rose M. Williams each of whom has had someone who has served or is still serving in Vietnam.

The VFW Auxiliary has announced the shipment of 13 loaves of cranberry bread, donated by Dorothy Pickard, to the men in Vietnam. Also, 15 pounds of peanuts contributed by the Nutt Hutt.

There is an urgent need for soap for the men serving in Vietnam. Donations would be

appreciated. Contributions may be left at the VFW Hall or at the home of Mrs. Alexander, 26 Conant St.

Appreciation is expressed by both units for the industry of the following members of the auxiliary who packed "Scully Joes" on Monday evening at VFW Hall for shipment overseas.

Workers were Mary Corea, Ernestine Silva, Dorothy Jason, Lillian Costa, Mrs. Alexander, Mary Tasha and Barbara Zawalick.

Slightly Salty

George L. Moses



**It's the day before Christmas
And, no thanks to Ho,
Cape boys in Vietnam
Will enjoy skully-jo.**

Maybe you saw in this newspaper recently the same story I did. The one about Provincetown boys serving in Vietnam who wrote home that it sure would be nice to have some skully-jo along with other Christmas goodies sent from here.

Mrs. Florence Alexander sparked a drive to round up the skully-jo for the Cape servicemen. She obtained contributions of the necessary ingredients, arranged for preparation of same and even got help wrapping, boxing and shipping the Christmas consignment.

It might interest the many folks in Provincetown who came to the aid of their countrymen to know that the last commercial maker of skully-jo on Cape Cod was Captain Elisha Smith of their town, back in 1933.

But first, for the benefit of johnny-come-latelies, let me tell you a bit about skully-jo. It's an old, old delicacy (to a properly educated palate, that is) which had its origin back in early days. I don't know where the term comes from, but I do know where the stuff comes from. From a fillet of small, young cod. It's codfish—salted and dried.

Thoreau, who visited Provincetown a century and more ago, remarked on it. Likewise Samuel Adams Drake, who also visited there in 1876, and wrote, "Girls carry bits of salt-dried cod in their pockets, and it is set on barroom counters for luncheon."

Smart barkeeps, those old Cape Codders. Skully-jo is not only salty but, since it's dried, it naturally swells when wet so "the longer you chaw, the more it gits." A whole "barroom counter luncheon" of skully-jo must have called for several hefty draughts with which to wash it down.

Also Down East

Down-east, skully-jo is called "strip fish" and is very lightly (or slack) salted and sun-dried. It has provided me with many a flavorsome bite to chew on while hunting and fishing. (Matter of fact, it was also known to some hereabouts by the same name because Cape author, Katherine Crosby, once wrote, "Strip fish was the greatest delicacy of my childhood.")

Provincetown's Elisha Smith made his skully-jo of haddock, well-salted. After a few weeks in a barrel full of brine, it was hung for several weeks outdoors where it turned a yellowish-brown. You had to use a pocketknife to shave off a piece, just like hard-plug chewing tobacco. Nowadays, when and if made, machine dryers do the job almost overnight and the meat remains soft and easy to peel off.

I suppose our lads in Vietnam will have turkey for Christmas dinner tomorrow. The Army is big on tradition. But those Provincetown boys who like skully-jo (and I'll bet there's hardly another place along this coast where it's still known and enjoyed) would probably prefer Cape Cod turkey at this point in their lives.

There's a big difference, you should know, between Cape Cod turkey and turkey of Cape Cod.

The latter is a bird, not necessarily native. Cape Cod turkey is skully-jo, in different form.

Two Ways

Actually, you can make Cape Cod turkey in two ways, depending on how you were brung up to prepare it. Some Cape Codders soak salt cod or bring it just to a boil and drain off the water. Both methods merely "freshen" the fish by removing some of the salt. Then they simply boil it, flake and serve with a rich cream and egg sauce over which they pour tried-out pork scraps. Goes great with potato and turnip. This is the original Cape Cod turkey.

Others prefer fresh cod, using this recipe: Ingredients are a cod, two tablespoons of butter, a cup of coarse breadcrumbs, a tablespoon of chopped onions, two tablespoons of chopped celery, ½ teaspoon of marjoram or savory or a pinch of sage, a hard-boiled egg chopped up, a slice of salt pork or two of bacon, salt and pepper.

Brush the fish inside and out with melted butter or olive oil. Melt butter and add chopped onions and bread crumbs and brown a little. Moisten with a bit of water or stock, if you have it, and add the celery, seasoning, salt, pepper and chopped egg. Stuff and sew up the fish.

Now lay slices of salt pork in the pan and put the fish on them. Dredge with salt and pepper and bake in a moderate oven, basting with the drippings. Served with an egg sauce. This is the new-fangled Cape Cod turkey.

Skully-jo and Cape Cod turkey—the people of this practically peerless peninsula have always had picturesque names for their native dishes. For instance:

Chitlins and britches: Served in spring come the first run of cod. Chitlin (chitterling) is part of a cod's intestines. Britches is the spawn or roe.

Joe floggers: Pancakes to which sliced beach plums have been added.

Wonders: Doughnuts—but without the hole in the middle.

Fortune stew: A dish of small new potatoes served whole in a milk gravy.

Fufu: Mush and molasses.

Fish sticks: Smoked and salted herring. Before the salting and smoking process they were first strung on sticks whittled from cedar (old cedar fences, mostly), pointed at both ends thinly enough to pass through the gills. A dozen herring were strung on each stick and were frequently sold for 10 cents a stick.

Joseph C. Lincoln told this story about an old fisherman who signed on for a schooner cruise and claimed he found that the sole supply of "hearty vittles" aboard were three fish sticks. The herring, he said, lasted four days but the schooner didn't return to port until the afternoon of the sixth day.

"Iffen the herrin' was all et," he was asked, "what did you an' the rest eat these last two days?"

"Oh," was the solemn reply, "we chewed the sticks."

At least, some of boys in Vietnam are chewing skully-jo. Here's wishing them all a merrier Christmas next year.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1967

Men In Vietnam Grateful For Cheer

The 14 Provincetown men serving in Vietnam have each been sent two Christmas boxes, one of food and sweets and the other of useful small articles, says Mrs. Florence Alexander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, who heads the project which keeps a flow of parcels and letters going to the distant men.

Some of the Christmas cheer has already been received according to word from the servicemen. Mrs. Alexander reports. Although some of the cheer has been saved for Christmas, said one serviceman's letter, other packages have been broken into by the recipients and the "goodies" sampled.

Mrs. Alexander made 14 red-and-white felt Christmas stockings, painting on each a Merry Christmas and the serviceman's name. The stockings were filled with candy donated by Isabel and Ruth Olney.

During October and November, Mrs. Alexander says, 77 packages were mailed to the local men in Vietnam. They contained both "goodies" and paperback books — which she says, the men greatly appreciate. After a reading of them the books over to the Red Cross Service Hospital which keeps the paperback books in circulation among other men.

A total of 401 letters, all written by Mrs. Alexander, were also sent to Vietnam veterans during the period of November, 1966, to October, 1967.

The appreciative servicemen sent back 128 replies. "A letter means more to them than people realize," Mrs. Alexander says, in an appeal for more letter-writers to provide messages from the home town to the men in Southeast Asia.

The auxiliary announces the ship-

ment of 14 loaves of cranberry bread donated by Mrs. Dorothy Pickard, whose husband, Staff Sergeant Ronald Pickard is in Vietnam. Fifteen pounds of peanuts were donated by the Nutt Hutt.

Needed, says Mrs. Alexander, is soap for the men in Vietnam. Donations may be left at VFW Hall or at Mrs. Alexander's home, 26 Conant Street. Also needed, she says, are plastic wrappers from bread, used to wrap cookies. Cash donations are always welcome.

Recent news from the servicemen includes word that PFC Joseph J. Trevato, Jr., who has been six months in Vietnam, has received two medals and that Pvt. Frank Roza has been promoted to specialist 4th class.

Assisting Mrs. Alexander in the project are Dorothy Pickard, Helen Ventura, Henrietta Edwards, Shirley Perry and Rose M. Williams.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1968

VFW Whist Party

At Monday night's weekly whist party held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Jerome Road, James Cook was high scorer of the evening. Joseph Roderick and Joseph Gaspar were winners of special prizes and consolation awards went to Anne DeGuichard and Henry Duarte.

Table winners included John Gomes, Nell Silvey, Mary Hopwood, Jocelyn Lewis. Joseph Gaspar, Joseph Roderick and William Solonika.

Anyone wanting transportation to the whist parties, sponsored by the Auxiliary, is asked to call Bertha Adams, 487-0677 or the hall, 487-1348.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1968

VFW To Honor VA Officer

A testimonial banquet in honor of Dr. John Belsky, officer in charge of the VA Day Clinic in Providence, R.I., will be held January 27 in VFW Hall, sponsored by Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, of Provincetown.

The idea of honoring Dr. Belsky was promoted by the local post's service officer, Joseph Francis, as Dr. Belsky had been instrumental in giving aid to veterans of this area, cutting red tape.

The idea was voted at a recent meeting and Post Commander William MacFarlane has asked that a good representation be present from the local post. Tickets are being sold for a roast beef dinner for members and guests.

Tickets may be purchased at the club or from committee members, Commander MacFarlane, Senior Vice-Commander Robert Martin; Junior Vice-Commander Elmer Baker; Past Commander Austin L. Rose, Jr., or from Raymond Zawallick.

Ticket requests are asked to be made early as possible so the committee can know how many to plan for, Commander MacFarlane said.

VA Clinic Director Honored at Cape-tip

PROVINCETOWN — Not only thrilled, but virtually overcome, is the way Dr. John Belsky of Seekonk, director of the Veterans Administration outpatient clinic at 331 Hope St., Providence, expressed his feelings at a testimonial Saturday night in Provincetown.

This banquet and testimonial was held by the Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, which sponsored the event at VFW Hall here, the culmination of plans covering two months.

Dr. Belsky said he was glad to see the turnout at the testimonial and banquet, at which more than 175 honored the VA doctor, who has done so much for the veterans in this area.

Introduced by Joseph Francis of West Yarmouth, service officer for the local post, Dr. Belsky, speaking briefly, said he runs a \$2 million program; he is "well paid to the job," and that the government had selected him to supervise the program.

"If I do more than my salary calls for, it is my conscience that dictates it," he said, "and there should be more of that type. We must take care of the veterans and must have a dedicated staff. We try to select a staff that will handle these problems."

He gave credit to the three physicians in this area, Drs. Sidney H. Hiebert and Thomas F. Perry in Provincetown, and Dr. Sidney B. Callis in Wellfleet, "all of whom have been very co-operative."

He also cited service officers, including Francis: Charles Cross of Hyannis and William McKellar, the Veterans service officer for Provincetown.

A brief program was held after the dinner, with the program opened by Post Commander Harold W. MacFarlane.

Guests included Town Manager and Mrs. Robert Hancock; District and Post Service Officer Francis and Mrs. Francis; Department of Massachusetts Inspector Richard Lawler and Mrs. Lawler, representing the department commander; District Senior Vice-Commander and Mrs. Roy Parrish; Auxiliary President Mrs. Ray Zawalick and Mr. Zawalick; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Allen, District 10, American Legion; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whittemore; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mitchell; Mr. and Mrs. McKellar, Dr. and Mrs. Hiebert and others.

Department Inspector Lawler said the Provincetown post is

one of the better ones in the department.

"All too often we fail to honor those we should," he said, and congratulated the post on its honor to Dr. Belsky.

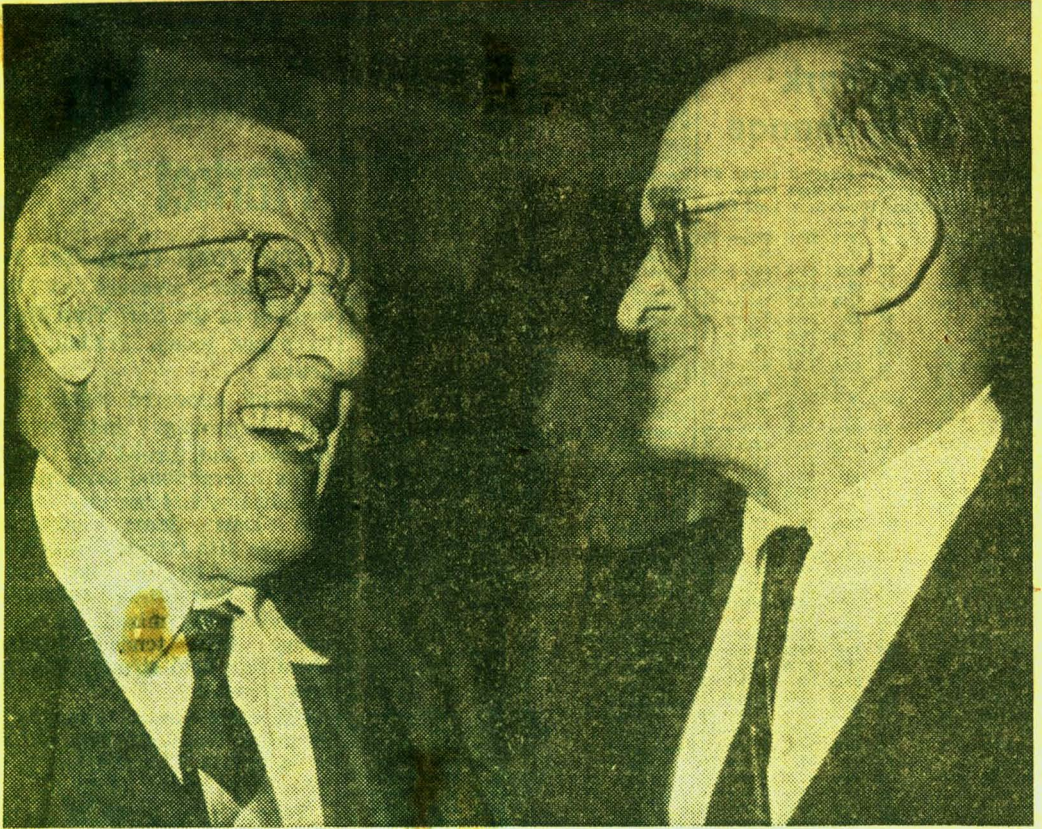
Dr. Belsky received two citations, one from the Provincetown Post, presented by Commander MacFarlane, and one from District 17, presented by Parrish, who came from Nantucket for the event.

Others were in the hall from other parts of the Cape, including Bourne.

Another high point in the proceedings, was the presentation to Mrs. Florence Alexander of a gift from the boys in Viet Nam.

Mrs. Alexander is chairman of an auxiliary committee continually working to send food and letters and news from home to the 14 boys from town now serving in Viet Nam.

They sent a large book, bearing a colorful cover of Vietnam scenes, in appreciation of her work and it was presented to her by Commander MacFarlane.



Doctor Honored

Dr. John Belsky of Seekonk was honored at a testimonial at the VFW Hall in Provincetown last weekend. The VA Clinic Providence official is shown here with Manuel Marshall, left, 85, of 17 Pearl St., Provincetown. Marshall is the only surviving member of the crew of the Provincetown racing schooner Rose Dorothea that won top honors for the town more than 50 years ago. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)



Dr. John Belsky was lauded by several officials at the banquet at Provincetown. Left to right are John Francis of West Yarmouth, service officer for the Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, which sponsored the testimonial; Dr. Belsky; Young Post Commander Harold W. MacFarlane, and Richard T. Lawler from the State Department of VFW. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)

THE PROVINCETOWN ADVOCATE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1968

VFW Whist Winners

Joseph Gaspar was high scorer at the VFW whist party held Monday night at the hall on Jerome Road. Raymond Roderick and Viola Valentine were winners of special prizes and Mrs. Valentine along with Henry Duarte won the consolation awards.

Table winners included Irene Grozier, Elroy Pierce, Mary Hopwood, John Gomes, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robinson, Joseph Roderick, Nell Silvey, Jocelyn Lewis, Alice Oliver, Francis Valentine and John Cook.



Pass the Cookies

Members of the Auxiliary of Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, Provincetown, work on a batch of cookies destined to be sent to Cape-tip residents who are members of the Armed Forces in Vietnam. Chairman of the project is Mrs. Florence Alexander. In top photo, left to right, are Mrs. Helen Ventura, Mrs. Mary Coreia, Mrs. Rosemary Williams, Mrs. Henrietta Edwards and Mrs. Alexander. In bottom photo are Mrs. Alexander, left, and her mother, Mrs. Coreia. During January this group sent 64 packages of food to Provincetown's 14 servicemen in the area. (Staff Photos by Neil G. Nickerson)

Women Aid Manor

PROVINCETOWN — Women of the Hospital Committee of the Lewis A. Young Post, VFW Auxiliary give up two days each week to make pads for patients at the Cape End Manor, and have completed 607 of these pads in the last three weeks.

The women spend Sunday afternoons at VFW Hall pinning the pads, and Wednesday afternoons in sewing them. They include Mrs. Mary Souza, chairman, Mrs. Mary Corea, Mrs. Florence Alexander, Mrs. Ernesting Silva, Mrs. Mary Hilton, Mrs. Bertha Adams, Mrs. Beatrice Packett, Mrs. Wilhelmina Lema, Mrs. Lillian Martin, Mrs. Angie Metallo, Mrs. Mary K. Roderick, Mrs. Rose Roderick, Mrs. Mary F. Perry, Mrs. Madeline Fields, Mrs. Dorothy Jason, Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Helen Silva.

The chairman reported that Chester G. Peck Jr., proprietor of Provincetown Inn and Motel, has donated discarded pillow slips, sheets, towels and the like as material for the pads. The women can use any such cloth and newspapers.



Auxiliary Aids Manor

These women are members of the auxiliary to Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, Hospital Committee, spending their Sunday afternoon pinning up pads for the Cape End Manor. They are Mrs. Mary Souza, chairman; Mrs. Mary Corea, Mrs. Florence Alexander, Mrs. Ernestine Silva, Mrs. Mary Hilton and Mrs. Bertha Adams. The women have made 607 pads in three weeks.

The Provincetown Advocate

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1968

VFW Whist Winners

Joseph Gaspar was high scorer at the whist party Monday night sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Winners of special prizes were Charles Hilton and Manuel J. Lewis. Consolation awards went to Anne deGuichard and John Cook.

Table winners included Horace Snow, Viola Valentine, Arthur Duarte, Warren E. Gaspar, Elroy Pierce, Barbara Zawalick, Joseph Roderick, Manuel J. Lewis, Charles Hilton, Kina Pierce and Agnes Medeiros.

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14 Men in Vietnam Get Valentines

PROVINCETOWN — Mrs. Florence Alexander, chairman, and her Vietnam committee, members of the Lewis A. Young Auxiliary of the VFW, whose efforts in the interest of the 14 Provincetown men serving overseas are so thankfully received, spent from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the VFW Hall kitchen making 500 cookies of

all kinds, including heart-shaped cookies for Valentine's Day. Also, 14 chocolate cakes with butter frosting baked in 1 pound coffee tins. Mrs. Alexander says the 1 pound tins made an excellent round cake which can be shipped in 4 pound tins. The cookies and cakes were

shopped in 4 pound tins painted red with "We Love Ya" lettered on each expressing a Valentine sentiment. Cookies baked included oatmeal, apple sauce and chocolate bits and butter heart-shaped cookies.

Members of the committee who worked on the mission were Mrs. Alexander, Rose Marie Williams, Henrietta Edwards, Lillian Martin, Patricia Kelper and Mrs. Alexander's mother, Mary Corea, who is not a member of the committee but has been her daughter's "right hand" in her project.

Mrs. Alexander expresses her thanks to all who have contributed in so many ways; to Marjorie of Cape Cod Termite and Pest Control Co. of West Wareham for her check, and to Mrs. Eva Silva of Brown St. for her donations of a large bag of cookie ingredients.

Mrs. Alexander reports 53 letters were mailed to the boys in Jan., each letter containing news clippings to keep them up with local happenings and a package of Kool-Aid mix.

Provincetown men serving in Vietnam include Spec. 4 James Kelley, Spec. 4 Frank Roza, Pfc. Joseph Travato Jr., S.Sgt. Ronald Pickard, Airman 1C Robert Theroux, Pvt. Christopher Landry, Maj. Paul Chapman, S.Sgt. Jack Dobbins, Lance Cpl. Carlton Fetner, David Roderick R.D.S.N., Sgt. Edwin Hilenski, Pfc. William Smith, Sgt. 1C Richard Cook and Richard Volton H.M.C.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1968

Final Whist Party Held At VFW Hall

Because of lack of interest the last whist party of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary was held Monday night.

High scorer was Arthur Duarte and special prizes went to John Cook and Arthur Lopes who also won a consolation award along with Georgie Cook.

Table winners were Elroy Pierce, Viola Valentine, John Gomes, Francis Valentine, Jocelyn Lewis, Mrs. Malchman, David Joseph, John Cook, Anne deGuichard, Irene Grozier, Agnes Medeiros and Mary Hopwood.



These three Provincetown women, left to right, Mrs. Rosemary Williams, Mrs. Mary Corea and Mrs. Florence Alexander, are shown here with a huge 20-pound ball of twine they used in wrapping up some 16 boxes of goodies they baked for area servicemen in Vietnam. The ball of twine, which, after the tying up was completed, didn't appear to be dented, was donated by Warren Roderick of the Flying A service station, Provincetown. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)

Fresh Batch of Cookies Start Trip

PROVINCETOWN — Members of the Committee for Viet Nam of the Auxiliary of Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, cooked a total of 834 cookies Monday for area servicemen now assigned to that Asian trouble spot.

Mrs. Florence Alexander, committee chairman, said the group made molasses hermits, sweet potato cookies, apple sauce cookies and also some "trutas," a sweet potato Christmas type cookie.

The total was enough for 16 boxes. Postage cost for sending the boxes totaled \$33.80 and do-

nations are sought toward defraying these costs, the chairman said.

In packing the boxes extensive use was made of a 20-pound ball of twine donated by Warren Roderick of the Flying A service station on Conwell St.

Mrs. Alexander said she has had word that all the items sent last month reached the local youths.

Two new names have been added to the number serving in that part of the world, bringing the area total to 16. They are Army Spec. 4 Glenn Lopez, Army,

son of Mrs. Alma Lopez, and Air Force Sgt. Joseph Lema, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lema of Cudworth St.

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THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY, which has kept Cape End men serving in Vietnam supplied with homemade cookies, cake and candy, books, useful articles and a flow of letters, is holding a St. Patrick's cribbage game Friday, March 15, at 8 p.m., in VFW Hall for the benefit of its "Boys In Vietnam Fund" and inviting all interested persons to participate — by their attendance or their donation of prizes for the winners. Donations of canned goods and staples can be made to the food basket to be one of the prizes. Donors may leave their contributions at VFW Hall on Jerome Road, near Route 6, or have them picked up by calling fund chairman Mrs. Florence Alexander at 487-0709. The auxiliary sent 61 packages in February to the 16 local men in Vietnam, mailing cost, \$69.28. On March 4 the members baked and sent the servicemen 316 cupcakes, with postage amounting to \$33.80. The auxiliary has maintained this program for 16 months. Mrs. Alexander says all the packages have been received and the servicemen more than grateful for them. The chocolate cakes so welcomed by the veterans, she says, were baked in one-pound coffee cans and according to the servicemen, tasted "as though they were taken from the oven."

Social Activities

Jean Childs

Women's Editor

Fun Night Is Enjoyed

PROVINCETOWN — More than 150 persons attended a spring fashion show and "Fun Night" program, including an amusing skit titled "The Leap Year Wedding," at VFW Hall on Jerome Road last Thursday, for which Roland Salvatore furnished background music.

Lee Farroba served as chairman of the fashion show, highlighting styles from several local stores and others in Orleans. VFW auxiliary members modeling were Mmes. Angie Metallo, Helen Ventura, Georgie Minott, Beatrice Packett, Jean Hendrickson, Lillian Costa and Dorothy James, with Mrs. Agnes Goveia doing the commentary.

There was a brief intermission, during which Clara Martin entertained with vocal solos, prior to the wedding skit.

Participants were Richard Medeiros, cast as the bride; Barbara Zawalick, the bridegroom; Bertha Meads, maid of honor; Buddy and Flora Henrique, bridesmaids; Helen Ventura, best man; Frank Davis, flower girl; Lillian Costa, ring-bearer; Dorothy Jason, mother of the bride; Lillian Martin, mother of the bridegroom, and Ernestine Silva, policeman.

The entire skit was written by

Pat Keplar, who also took the part of the minister, being "paid" for her services with a faceful of whipped cream pie.

Special thanks go to Dolly Pickard and her committee for arranging a spread of covered dishes furnished by the auxiliary.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1968

MARY SOUZA, chairman of the group of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary which has been making bed pads for the Cape End Manor wants to thank everyone who donated material for the work and especially Chester Peck of the Provincetown Inn who was so generous with donations. From January 14 up to March 10 the women made 1869 of those ever-needed pads.

Committee Aids Manor

PROVINCE TOWN — Mrs. Mary P. Souza, a member of the auxiliary of Lewis A. Young Post 3152, VFW, and chairman of the project of making bed pads for Cape End Manor, along with her committee of 19 women, has held meetings every Wednesday and Sunday at VFW Hall from Jan. 14 to March 10.

Mrs. Souza reports that this amounts to a total of 63 hours work and that 1,869 pads have been delivered to the manor. She thanks all who gave materials and other matter used in the work, to the men who gave their time in making the delivery of the pads and to those who delivered papers used in the work to the hall.

Some members of her committee, Mrs. Souza said, are not members of the VFW and she acknowledges their help with gratitude. The program has been discontinued at this time, but will be resumed in the fall.

Committee working on the project consisted of Mrs. Souza and Mes. Beatrice Packett, Bertha Adams, Lillian Martin, Mary Perry, Florence Alexander, Alice Oliver, Almena Show, Wilhelmina Lema, Mary Corea, Lillian Costa, Ernestine Silva, Angie Metello, Helen Silva, Mary K. Roderick, Madeline Fields, Dorothy Jason, Mary Hilton, Rose Roderick and Mary Atwood.

Committee Ships Items To Vietnam

PROVINCETOWN — Mrs. Florence Alexander reports that members of the Vietnam committee of the auxiliary of Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, have shipped 61 packages to the 16 Provincetown men serving in Vietnam, including paperback books, cookies and cakes, at a cost of \$69.28.

Those who aided Mrs. Alexander in the project were Mmes. Rose Marie Williams, Henrietta Edwards, Helen Ventura, Mary Corea and Lillian Martin.

On March 4, Mrs. Alexander was assisted by Mmes. Corea, Williams and Edwards in baking 316 cupcakes (blueberry, raisin and vanilla). She also reports that word has been received that all the packages arrived in Vietnam.

One of the men sent a letter home in which he is quoted as saying "The chocolate cake arrived as if it had just been taken from the oven and it was delicious."

Mrs. Alexander has expressed her appreciation to the VFW Post for the use of its kitchen, in which all the baking for the Vietnam project was done, and to all persons who in any way contributed to the cause.

Her thanks also go to 17-year-old Anthony Edwards for his art work on posters advertising the public cribbage game to be held tomorrow night at VFW Hall. He contributed the most of the paints used in making the six posters.

The young man is the son of Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert E. Edwards of Franklin St., Provincetown, his father having volunteered for one more year of service in Vietnam, making the third time he has volunteered. He expects to leave for duty on March 23.

Word has been received that Pvt. Christopher Landry of the Cape-tip community, who is in Vietnam, has been promoted to Pfc.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1968

ONE MAN'S BAKED BEANS are another man's supper at this time of year as their wives use secret ingredients to make each potful just a bit tastier than the next offering at "ham and bean suppers." Next Wednesday the ladies of the VFW Auxiliary will put on a spread at the hall on Jerome Road, starting at 5:30. Tickets are widely available, and children's tickets will be sold at the door.

Sum of \$55 Earned at Party

PROVINCETOWN — Mrs. Florence Alexander, chairman of the local VFW auxiliary's "Boys in Vietnam Fund," reports that \$55 was earned at the public cribbage game held March 15 in aid of the fund. Mrs. Maline Costa won a basket of canned goods and other prizes went to Robert Holland, Joseph Gaspar, William Allison, Ray Days, Harris Adams, Manuel Ferreira, Warren Alexander, Horace H. Snow Sr. and Jerry La Blanc.

Also winning awards were Barbara Allison, Joseph Gaspar, George Williams, John Aho, Norman Gill, Anthony Dutra, Dorothy Paulman, Heaton Vorse and Barbara Enos.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1968

IN THE RECENT CRIBBAGE GAME held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall for benefit of the "Boys In Vietnam Fund" William Allison was top winner. Other winners included Ray Days, Harris Adams, Manuel Ferreira, Warren Alexander, Horace Snow, Barbara Allison, Joseph Gaspar, George Williams, John Aho, Norman Gill, Robert Holland, Anthony Dutra, Dorothy Paulman, Heaton Vorse, Barbara Enos and Jerry LeBlanc. Maline Costa won a basket of canned goods as did Robert Holland. Joseph Gaspar won the door prize. Mrs. Florence Alexander, chairman and tireless worker for the boys in Vietnam, is most grateful to everyone who helped.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1968

The following poem was sent
to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
Auxiliary from their Department.

Only Our Loved Ones Care About Us

A SOLDIER'S POEM

Take a man, then put him alone,
Put him 12,000 miles from home,
Empty his heart of all but blood,
Make him live in sweat and mud.
This is the life I have to live,
And why my soul to God I give,
But you don't know what it's like
over here,
You have a ball without even trying,
While we're over here dying.
You burn your draft cards, march
at dawn;
Plant your signs on the White
House lawn.
You all want to ban the bomb,
"There's no real War in Vietnam."
Use your drugs and have your fun,
And then refuse to use a gun.
There's nothing else for you to do,
And I'm supposed to die for you?
There is one thing that you don't
know:
And that's where I think you
should go.
I'm already here and it's too late,
I've traded my love for hate.
I'll hate you 'till the day I die,
You made me hear my buddy cry.
I saw his arm a bloody shred,
I heard them say, this one is dead.
It's a large price to pay
Not to live another day.
He had the guts to fight and die.
He paid the price but what did
he buy?
By HIS dying your life he buys,
But who gives a damm when one
soldier dies?
His wife does, his parents and sons,
But they are about the only ones.

Written by Marine Johnny Clark,
18 years old.

Killed outright on March 6 by a
Viet Cong hand grenade.

Hometown, Danbury, Conn.

2 Members Are Initiated

PROVINCETOWN — Initiation of Mrs. Edith Roderick and Mrs. Marjorie Hebert into the auxiliary of Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, took place at the unit's latest meeting in VFW Hall and the group voted to hold a ham and bean supper there tomorrow evening.

A c k n o w l e d g m e n t of a contribution from the Nautilus Club toward the "Boys in Vietnam Fund" was made, with thanks and appreciation. Get-well cards were signed and sent to Angie Captiva, B e r t h a Meads, Mary Tasha, Kathleen Marchand and Charles Clark.

Members were informed that Peggy Lynch has been added to the growing list of children who are ill. They voted to purchase a drum and six pairs of sticks for the local girls' drill team.

It also was announced that Gill Hann won the pillow cases which were sold for benefit of the Junior Auxiliary project, which realized a total of \$19.75. Chairman was Mary Hilton, junior vice-president, who with President B a r b a r a Zawalick attended the annual military ball held in Boston.

The auxiliary has won the 100 per cent membership honor, a blue felt pennant, and a certificate in recognition of 100 per cent paid-up membership.

Received from the Massachusetts Cottage Home was the name of Pfc. T. T. Deckman, who is serving in Vietnam, making a total of 17 men now receiving packages from the auxiliary.

Used Christmas cards have been collected by the women to be sent to the Kennedy Foundation for children's activities.



Flag Presentation

Provincetown's Lewis A. Young Post, VFW Auxiliary 3152, presented six classroom American Flags to Provincetown Junior-Senior High School and one big Flag for the gymnasium, as part of the auxiliary's program of good will and good relations with the public schools of the community. Left to right are Mrs. Barbara Zawalick, president of the auxiliary; David J. Murphy, assistant principal of the school, and Mrs. Lillian Martin, patriotic instructor for the auxiliary, who presented the Flags. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)

Easter Ball Scheduled

PROVINCETOWN — At the latest meeting of members of the Lewis A. Young Auxiliary, VFW Post 3152, at VFW Hall, Mrs. Barbara Zawalick, president, and Lillian Martin, patriotic instructor, presented six flags to Provincetown High School from the unit.

Thank you cards were sent to the Nautilus Club and the North Truro Men's Wives Club for donations of money to the "Boys in Vietnam Fund," also, their thanks go to all who contributed and helped toward making the public supper a success.

Victor Pacillini was awarded a radio, a contribution was made to the Provincetown Symphony Society and cards were sent to Leon Rogers, Howard Adams and Almena Snow.

It was announced that nomination and election of officers would be held at the session scheduled for Thursday. Also announced was the District Encampment to be held May 18 and 19 at VFW Hall and a scholarship Easter Ball from 9 p.m. to midnight this Saturday for benefit of the scholarship fund. Music will be furnished by Bobby Dutra and his trio.

Mary Tasha was awarded the surprise package and at the end of the session refreshments were served by Marilyn Reis, chairman, Mary Motta, Etalvina Motta, Mary P. Roderick and Elizabeth Thompson.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1968

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1968

PROVINCETOWN'S LEWIS A. YOUNG POST, VFW Auxiliary 3152, presented six classroom American Flags to Provincetown High School and one big flag for the gymnasium, as part of the auxiliaries' program of good will with the public schools. Mrs. Barbara Zawalick, president of the auxiliary, and Mrs. Lillan Martin Patriotic Instructor for the auxiliary, presented the flags to David J. Murphy, assistant principal of the high school.

District VFW Encampment Here On May 18, 19

Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and auxiliaries from all parts of the Cape will meet here for the annual District Encampment May 18 and 19, when District 17 will present annual reports and elect officers.

The local VFW post and auxiliary will be host and hostess to veterans and auxiliary members at separate business sessions in VFW Hall. Luncheon will be served to the visiting delegates.

ADVOCATE

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1968

VFW Auxiliary Elects Officers And Delegates

Barbara Zawalick was re-elected president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary at the annual election last week. Other officers elected were Lee Farroba, senior vice-president; Agnes Goveia, junior vice-president; Flora Henrique, treasurer; Adelaide Kenney, chaplain; Ernestine Silva, conductress; Florence Kenney, guard, and Rose Marie Williams, trustee.

District delegates elected were Ernestine Silva, Bertha Adams, Lillian Martin, Florence Alexander, Helen Silva, Mary Days and Frances Adams.

Alternates were Mary Corea, Patricia Kepler, Mary Souza, Helen Ventura, Agnes Goveia, Mary Atwood and Henrietta Edwards.

Members voted a donation to the Cancer Society and delivered Easter baskets of fruit to shut-in children. The auxiliary, it was announced, sent 56 letters and 70 packages during March to 16 local men serving in Vietnam.

Easter sweet bread, candies and sweets were sent to the servicemen. Pocket-sized books are greatly needed, says Mrs. Florence Alexander. They may be left at VFW Hall on Jerome Road.

Thanks were voted the North Truro Enlisted Men's Wives' Club, the Nautilus Club and individuals who have donated to the Boys in Vietnam Fund. Two names have been added to the list of local men to receive auxiliary gift packages: PFC Fred Turner and Sgt. Herbert Edwards.

VFW Unit Elects Slate

PROVINCETOWN — Re-election of Mrs. Barbara Zawalick as president of the auxiliary of Post 3152, Veterans of Foreign Wars, took place during the most recent meeting of the unit in VFW Hall and it was voted to make a contribution to the Cancer Fund.

Elected to office were Lee Farroba, senior vice-president; Mrs. Agnes Goveia, junior vice-president; Mrs. Flora Henrique, treasurer; Mrs. Ernestine Silva, conductress; Mrs. Florence Kenney, guard, and Mrs. Rose Marie Williams, trustee for three years. Other officers will be appointed by the president.

Named delegates to district meetings were Mmes. Ernestine Silva, Florence Alexander, Bertha Adams, Lillian Martin, Helen Silva, Mary Days and Frances Adams. Alternates are Mmes. Mary Corea, Patricia Kepler, Mary Souza, Helen Ventura, Agnes Goveia, Mary Atwood and Henrietta Edwards.

Easter cards were sent by the auxiliary to Mary Tasha, Gertrude Gregory, Mary Ventura, Howard Adams, Almema Snow, Caroline Taves, Angie Ramos, Sadie Patrick, Leon Rogers and George Lupien.

Members were asked to remember Mrs. Annie Callahan, who is ill at the home of her daughter, by mailing cards to her at 152 Central St., Abington, in care of Minnahan (02351). Winner of a surprise package was Mrs. Bertha Adams.

After the business session, refreshments were served to the 33 members in attendance by Mrs. Farroba's committee.

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VFW to Install

PROVINCETOWN — Installation of officers of Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, is scheduled for 7:30 tonight in VFW Hall, off Jerome Road here. District encampment also will take place here at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

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Exchange Greetings

Top officials of Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, of Provincetown exchange greetings with their installing officer Henry Whittemore of the Brewster post during the post installation ceremony. Left to right are Joseph Crawley Jr., vice-commander; Harold W. MacFarlane, commander; Mr. Whittemore, and Robert Martin, senior vice-commander.



Installation Officials

Mrs. Ernestine Silva of Provincetown, past District president, installing officer, left; Mrs. Barbara Zawalick, Auxiliary president, and Mrs. Margaret Hersey of Bourne, also past district president, and installing conductress, were among dignitaries at the installation of officers of the Auxiliary to Lewis A. Young Post, VFW, in Provincetown. (Staff Photo by Neil G. Nickerson)