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Mrs. Otis Maxwell of Newton is in receipt of a letter from her husband, stating that he began training in the Officers' Candidate school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Wednesday. He is in the Field Artillery, United States Army.

William Garner, seaman first class, United States Navy, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Garner of near Latona. He has been on convoy duty in the Atlantic ocean and has made more than one trip across. In commenting, he said: "I can't tell you much but from what I've seen we sure aren't going to lose this war. We're going to win."

Private Duane E. Wilson, 837th Guard Squadron, Barracks T31, Doe field, Bangor, Maine, writes: "I have been getting the Press o. k. at Atlantic City. I sure enjoy reading the news from old Newton. I haven't been in a town yet, that I like as well as Newton.

"We had a nice trip from Atlantic City to Bangor. We had supper in New York and breakfast in Portland, Maine. Maine is a beautiful state, but I will take Illinois any time. I hope everything is going o. k. back in Jasper county."

Eugene N. Picquet left Monday night after spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Picquet of Sainte Marie. Gene enlisted in the United States Navy in July, 1941, and this was his first visit home since his "boot leave." He was stationed at the Naval Air Base at Corpus Christi, Texas, until two months ago, when his squadron moved to the new air base at Kingsville, Texas. He recently received his rating as aviation ordnanceman third class, after finishing a course in that line. He has had training in aerial gunnery and made a perfect parachute jump from a training plane at ten thousand feet. Gene has a brother, James Picquet, who is also in the United States Naval Air Force as an aviation machinist's mate, third class, and is serving "somewhere in the Pacific."