

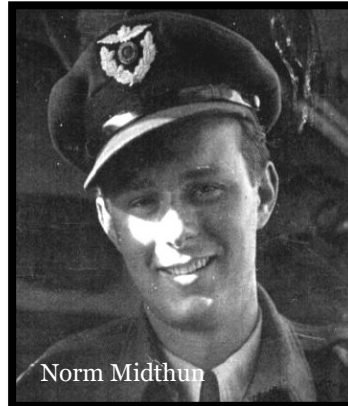


## *Deephaven Historical Society Spring 2017 Issue*

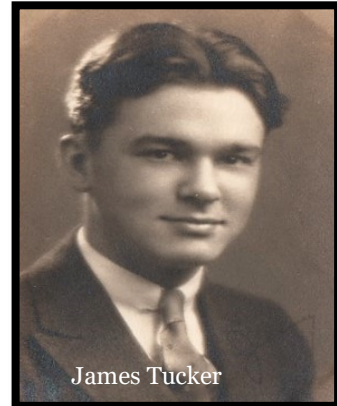
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Dick Brown



Norm Midthun



James Tucker

**Please Join Us on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the Deephaven Village Hall at 1:00 and listen to histories of World War II by our local residents.**

**Dick Brown:** He was a B-26 pilot who served in the U.S. 9th Air Force and survived 66 bombing missions over Europe.

**Norm Midthun:** He wanted to fight the Nazi's at 17 but was too young. He joined the Royal Norwegian Air Force. Eventually he was stationed in Scotland & Ireland & was assigned to a RAF squadron as a co-pilot.

**Jay Tucker:** Jay will talk about his father, Major James Tucker who was a fighter pilot in the Army Air Force and was stationed in RAF Andover Airforce Base, England.

### *Deephaven: The War Years*

- ◆ In 1940, Deephaven's population was 1026, a 50% increase since 1930!
- ◆ In the 1940 presidential election, Deephaven residents voted: Wendell Willkie, 434 and Franklin Roosevelt, 273
- ◆ There were four companies on Lake Minnetonka still harvesting ice on the Lake.
- ◆ In 1941, the village dump next to the new Village Hall was closed.
- ◆ June 1941: All young men who will reach age 21 by July 1st, 1941 and who did not register at the first Selective Service registration were reminded they must register by July 1. They may register for military service at three places: Wayzata City Hall, Mound High School or at the Town Hall in Excelsior.
- ◆ Steps have been taken to systematize the naming and numbering of Deephaven's streets and homes.

- ♦ July, 1941: It has become necessary for the Red Cross workers to increase quotas for garments and surgical dressings. The Cottagewood unit of the Red Cross, sponsored by Mrs. Walter Douglas and working under the leadership of Mrs. Arthur Dyer have been turning out a large amount of work during the past months.
- ♦ December, 1941: Bryon DeLong was voted in again as mayor of Deephaven with 529 votes. Plans are to organize a home protection plan and is appealing for volunteers to serve as air raid wardens. This is part of a plan now being organized throughout the country. Deephaven will be divided into five sections under this protection measure with one chief warden in charge and assistant wardens who will serve as fire and police wardens.
- ♦ February 1942: The Deephaven Village Hall has been designated as a place where men from 20 to 45 years old may register this weekend in the Selective Service Registration required by the United States government. Leon Henderson, federal price administrator has set in motion plans for sugar rationing that will require registration of every individual no matter how old to obtain sugar. Henderson's order calls for teachers to carry on the general registration. People will be required to report the amount of sugar which their family has on hand. Henderson has specified that no more than two pounds of sugar per person be allowed and amounts over that will be deducted from the total amount under the rationing plan. This is designed to give everyone an equal share. Teachers will issue rationing books containing 28 stamps.
- ♦ The Deephaven Garage has been named as an authorized inspection headquarters to serve Deephaven residents who may need tires.
- ♦ The village council made arrangements for a new municipal dumping grounds and had signed a 10 year lease. The dump is located at the R.W. Emerson Gravel Pit just off Highway 101. The village will pay \$15 a year for 10 years. Deephaven will allow a household to haul their own trash and rubbish by obtaining a permit or may use a license garbage collector. There are 3 collectors in the village and all charge \$1 a month.
- ♦ April 1942: Top speed on Minnesota highways will be 40 mpg. On April 26th, the Salvage For Victory campaign will be conducted. Six trucks will tour the village collecting scrap. The type of scrap sought is old rags, paper, electric cords, metal beds, bed springs, hardware, kitchen utensils, radios, furnace parts and radiators. Also rubber goods such as tires, tubes, overshoes, rubber and raincoats should be collected. Please have your items on your front lawn or curb.
- ♦ May 1942: 1300 people have signed up at Deephaven School to become eligible for their semimonthly allotment of sugar according to estimates announced by the state rationing administrator.
- ♦ June 1942: Through the efforts of Mayor DeLong, the Office of Price Administration in Washington, D.C. has established a rationing depository at the C. E. Layman Grocery Store in Deephaven. Anyone can now register here in Deephaven instead of traveling to Hopkins or Excelsior to do so.
- ♦ **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN READING MORE OF THE 1940'S IN DEEPHAVEN, PLEASE LOG ON TO OUR WEBSITE: [www.deephavenhistorical.org](http://www.deephavenhistorical.org) FROM THE MAIN PAGE, CHOOSE ARCHIVES & THEN CHOOSE PUBLICATIONS: DEEPHAVEN 1939-1959.**

# Then & Now in Deephaven



This garage was originally built by John Mason in 1920 which once stood behind The Deephaven Store. Mason was also mayor of Deephaven from 1919-1922. Picture 1 is the earliest picture the DHS has of this building. Picture 2 is from 1981 just before it was torn down. Picture 3 is what the corner of Northome and Minnetonka Boulevard looks like today.

***The Deephaven Historical Society would like to thank Diane Bowers for speaking at our last fall Boat Tour on Big Island***

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