



**LOCALITES GET TOGETHER**—The Bethlehem Globe-Times played the stellar role in a dream in which two Bethlehem men, strangers to each other, became acquainted in the course of their duties with the United States Navy. They are Tom Bass, left, and Eddie Wodzicki, right, above, who met at Norfolk, Va., after Wodzicki tracked down a copy of the newspaper as the property of Bass.

## NEWSPAPER BRINGS LOCALITES TOGETHER

### Tom Bass and Eddie Wodzicki Become Friends Through Globe-Times.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 8 (Special to the Globe-Times).—The Bethlehem Globe-Times has brought together two native sons of the City of Bethlehem in the U. S. Navy at the Naval Air Station here.

They are Tom Bass, clothing merchant, and Eddie Wodzicki, steel worker and professional baseball player, both of whom are seamen first class.

When Bass left his clothing business, which is still being operated by his wife, to enter World War II, he carried a subscription of the Bethlehem Globe-Times along with him to follow current home town events.

One day in the gymnasium locker room of the vast Recreation Building, young Wodzicki spotted a copy of the Globe-Times on the deck. Eddie immediately began an investigation to find the owner and then was introduced to Mr. Bass, an unknown neighbor. To be exact, the Bases live only five blocks from the Wodzickis back in good old Bethlehem.

It was a happy moment for both sailors. Now Wodzicki looks for Bass daily to find out whether the Globe-Times arrived in the mail.

Bethlehem baseball fans should remember Wodzicki. He played five years of American Legion ball and starred for four seasons on the Bethlehem High nine. Eddie helped the former club to win a State championship.

The Cleveland American League club signed Wodzicki to a contract after graduation and he was sent to Dover in the Eastern Shore League in 1940 for seasoning. Playing third base, Eddie pounded the pill for a .285 average.

In 1941, Wodzicki was promoted

to Anniston in the Southeastern League, a Class B circuit. With Anniston, he batted .275.

Wilkes-Barre, of the Class A Eastern League, was Wodzicki's next stop in 1942. He stayed with the Barons in the Spring and then was optioned to Portsmouth in the Piedmont League.

Wodzicki crashed the Portsmouth lineup with a bang and helped Tony Lazzeri's Cubs finish in second place in the afstest Class B loop in the minors. A leg injury during the late stages of the season benched him for three weeks. Despite the mishaps, Wodzicki managed to finish with a "b. a." of .265.

Young Wodzicki is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Wodzicki, of 1503 Spring Street. Mr. Bass' wife and two children reside at 1216 West Broad Street.

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