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Minker, Edna	5 topics, 38 citations
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Sports	3 topics, 11 citations
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Blue Rocks	LM_19440518_4, LM_19450124_4, LM_19450825_1
Philadelphia A's	RM_19430411_2, RM_19431003_2. RM_19450419_1

Taylor, Julia (Lee Minker's WWII sweetheart)	2 topics, 18 citations
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Tower Hill High School	1 Topic, 6 citations
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V-J Day, Victory in Japan	1 topic, 3 citations
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Wilmington, DE: See A. I. duPont and Tower Hill High School, Brandywiners, civil defense, Ferris School, Grace United Methodist Church, rationing, sports, and war bond drives

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