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Albion presents Boston Post Cane to Getchell

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ALBION -- Albion's Boston Post Gold Cane was recently presented to Norman A. Getchell, 96, Albion's eldest citizen. A ceremony was held at the Nov. 28 Board of Selectmen meeting. Selectman Michael Getchell presented the cane to his father. Norman's daughter and son-in-law Jean and Bruce McCarthy of Lubec and daughter-in-law Anita Getchell of Albion were also present.

Norman was presented with a plaque, which he will keep, and the cane, which will eventually be on display in the Town Office.

Norman was born in Shawmut on April 25, 1915, to Roscoe and Edna Getchell. He attended Fairfield schools and served in the United States Army during World War II.

He married Barbara Gogan on Nov. 22, 1945. She passed away in 1999. They had three children, twins Jean and Norman E. (now deceased) and Michael. Norman has 17 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Norman worked at Smiley's Dairy in Winslow as a delivery man and then at J & C Oil Company in Unity. After his retirement, he sold advertising to area businesses, retiring that at the age of 90.

Norman lives on the Benton Road and enjoys watching old movies and spending time with his family.

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