

COMPULSORY SERVICE IN PENNA. ARMY BEGAN DURING REVOLUTION

The patriotic response by the young men in Pennsylvania who have voluntarily enlisted in the United States Army appears to be an old established custom in this Commonwealth...

Old records show that compulsory military training in Pennsylvania dates back to 1775. On July 14 of that year Congress directed that the Colony of Pennsylvania raise four companies of riflemen...

According to Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, State Archivist, the form of enlistment used by these patriots was as follows: "I have this day voluntarily enlisted in the American Continental Army for one year, unless sooner discharged, and do find myself to conform to all instances to such rules and regulations as are or shall be established for the government of the said Army."

But conditions have changed. The first volunteers had inadequate food and insufficient clothing and there was not even enough arms and ammunition to supply the enlisted men...

Many persons are of the opinion that compulsory military training has been unknown in this country. A careful study shows that in Pennsylvania, at least, the draft is no novelty. Military service was required of all residents of the State from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War...

REFLECTOR UNITS TO BE PUT ON MAJOR ROUTES

The Department of Highways announced today it planned to erect roadside reflector units on the curves of three important trunk routes in the State.

The routes selected for the experiment are the Wilkes-Barre Highway (U. S. Route 22), the Lincoln Highway (U. S. Route 26) and the Lakes-to-Sea Highway (U. S. Route 222).

The reflectors are reflectorized units on standards and they will be erected as a test safety measure by the Department officials explained. They will catch the beam of an approaching vehicle's headlight, outline for the motorist the limits of the highway, give warning that a curve is ahead and the direction of the curve.

Department officials desire to study the effectiveness of the new reflectors on the three routes before making a decision as to whether installations will be made on other roads. It is hoped by officials that reflectors to be installed on the curves of U. S. Routes 22, 26, and 222 will reduce the likelihood of night accidents.

Engineers in the field through which these three routes pass have been instructed to ascertain the number of reflectors needed for the curves. It is the intention of the Department to make installations as soon as possible.

Specifications are being prepared to cover purchase of the necessary reflectors. When the number of reflectors needed for installation on the curves of these three routes has been ascertained bids will be asked for their purchase.

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LOCAL WINNERS AT STATE FARM SHOW

Clair J. Dunn, prominent farmer of Cambria Township, won the grand champion prize exhibit, Shensburg Cambria High School took first place in the vocational training agricultural demonstrations.

Among other winners in this section are: Potatoes—District Three—Russett, H. D. Dunn, second. Grand champion goats exhibit, Clair Dunn.

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