

A New Day Demands A New Attitude!

If there had been no Chamber of Deputies, no Reichstag and no Parliament there might not have been any war, but, things being as they are, it is probably best, as Governor James insists, that the Congress stay in session this summer.

This will not be completely in accord with the plans of most Congressman, we know. This is an election year, and the Senators and Representatives are impatient to get at the political chores which await them at home. Once they scatter and become involved in speech-making, baby-kissing and job-giving their responsibility to guide the nation through the world crisis may suffer.

It is essential that through the next few months the Congress permit nothing—not even the Presidential election—to interfere with its attention to the national need. It is likewise necessary that the people give their support to the Congressmen who, putting politics aside, are willing to stay in Washington ready to carry out the will of the people. That will is crystal clear today.

After the World War the United States, reeling from its emotional hangover, gave itself wholeheartedly to cynicism and disillusionment, slid out from under its international responsibilities and swore that never again would it mix in Europe's affairs.

It does little good now to argue that our presence in the League of Nations might have stopped Japan in Manchukuo or that our participation in sanctions might have stopped Italy in Ethiopia. But it would be folly if we remained chained to our superficial neutrality policy in the light of today's facts. Whatever we believed last year is past. We face a new situation today. It requires a new attitude.

The immediate future of western civilization is being decided on the battlefield of Europe. If Germany is victorious—and the situation this week indicates that only a miracle will prevent an Allied catastrophe—this country will stand as the most inviting target for the efficacy of naked force.

The American people are highly unmilitary, but we are by no means unwilling to fight when definitely threatened. It is unlikely that we would permit Germany to occupy Canada, the West Indies, Iceland and Greenland or enlarge its sphere of influence in Latin America. Our history, alone, tells us that we would fight—however great the cost in taxes, lives and democratic liberties.

Obviously, the crying need right now is to prevent an Allied defeat, if we want peace and a continuation on this continent of "the American way." There may still be time—though not for long—by measures short of war to furnish sufficient aid to the Allies to forestall a German victory. The people of America will support the Congress and the President in supplying such aid.

There are at least six ways that we can aid the Allies immediately, and we submit that it is in our purely selfish national interest to take these steps now:

- 1. Repeal the Johnson Act to permit private loans to the Allies.
2. Repeal the law that prohibits Americans from volunteering in the Allied armies.
3. Make available to the Allies our most modern planes and arms and military "secrets" and let permission be given for the charter of our shipping in order to safeguard their line of supply by sea.
4. Stop exports of copper, tin, rubber and other materials to Russia or other countries when these materials may find their way into Germany.

5. Let our ship-building capacity be doubled so that, in a long war, a new supply of ships may be forthcoming to insure communications and let these ships be sold or chartered to the Allies on reasonable terms, without profit.

6. Let discussion proceed as to all other ways to place our full resources, short of actual military participation, at the disposal of the Allies. Let Congress remain in session continuously, so it may respond to the national need.

All these measures would be "short of war", in the sense that they would involve no military action. If it be said that such a program would propel us toward war, we submit that full aid to the Allies immediately constitutes our best chance of avoiding war in the Western Hemisphere.

Perhaps, even now, these things would be "too little and too late".

Recently someone, commenting on this nation's blindness to the issues confronting the world, said: "The United States is dangerously unprepared in its mind, its economic organization and in its defenses to survive the Twentieth Century."

On the brighter side, we can remember that we have not in the past been helpless in emergencies when we saw the light in time.

POST SCRIPTS

WE KNOW NOW where good tourists go when they die. They go to Nassau. We learned about that by sitting up for two nights listening wistfully to Joe Elicker, who quit his Bahamian paradise this week long enough for a lightning-like visit home.

Mr. Elicker has been a Nassavian (all right, then, what are they?) since last January, when he stopped figuring how to pack more people into Comerford Theatres, and sailed for the West Indies, from which lush vantage point he has since been bombarding his foot-loose countrymen with phrases about "opal seas", "birds of flame" and "tropical languor."

In the days when he was lending his unique talents to the glory of Hollywood it was said of the eloquent Mr. Elicker that he could convince a Baptist preacher that a seat behind a pole in Hades was the Royal Box at the Passion Play. You can imagine what such an artist can do with Nassau, which has plenty to begin with.

One time we were privileged to work beside the unconquerable Mr. Elicker in one of his most animated periods. We were to be a sort of assistant midwife at the birth of a

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HARVEY'S LAKE MONKEY TO OCCUPY ALEX'S OLD QUARTERS IN CITY ZOO

Wilkes-Barre's zoo is growing accustomed to receiving additions from Harvey's Lake.

Since Alex, the Harvey's Lake bear was released, the den he occupied has been vacant. This week Senator Andrew J. Sordani gave the zoo a monkey which has been a lively figure at the Senator's Harvey's Lake home.

The monkey will be one of 10 which will occupy Alex's old quarters when renovations are completed.

LET'S GET THIS FELLOW A JOB AND KEEP THE RECORD PERFECT

There is only one man on relief in Dallas Borough available for employment, according to the most recent report of the Department of Public Assistance.

The borough's solitary relief employable is one of 7,132 men and women in Luzerne County listed in the June 1 report of the DPA, which maintains a running inventory of available employable persons receiving general assistance.

An inventory for other nearby communities, reflecting the low

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Vagrant 'Tarzan' Lived On Grass, He Tells Police

Chief Stevenson Jails Dazed Man Who Alarmed Families Near Lehman

A scantily-clad "Tarzan" who told police he had eaten nothing but grass in three days was taken into custody by Chief Ira C. Stevenson of Harvey's Lake on Tuesday and committed to Luzerne County Prison for examination.

He is Leonard Evans, 39, a former resident of Kingston but who gave 688 Hazle Street, Wilkes-Barre, as his present address.

Chief Stevenson received word of the odd case from Dr. H. A. Brown of Lehman, who said several householders had been alarmed by the antics of a half-naked man who had been seen wandering in that neighborhood.

When the Chief found Evans he was sitting on a lawn along the Meeker Road not far from a house. He was barefooted and wearing only a ragged shirt and his legs and arms were lacerated as if he had been scrambling through brush.

Although dazed, he was able to tell the policeman that he had not eaten since Sunday morning. His lips were green and when police questioned him about that he told them he had been eating grass, plain leaf and dandelion.

He could not remember what had happened to his clothes but he told police he had been working near Loyallville. Chief Stevenson took him to headquarters at the Lake, found a pair of pants for him and gave him breakfast.

While they studied what to do with their prisoner, police learned that he had lived with a Jones family in Wilkes-Barre and had gone to their farm at Loyallville last Friday to work. The Joneses said Evans left the farm Friday and they had not seen him since.

Kingston police disclosed they arrested Evans on May 4 on a charge of vagrancy and had committed him to Luzerne County Prison for examination. He was released shortly after that. It was also reported that he had once been an inmate at Reformatory.

After a hearing before Squire Ralph Davis at Harvey's Lake, Chief Stevenson took Evans to Wilkes-Barre and had him entered in the county prison on a new charge of vagrancy. Physicians there will examine him to determine if he should be admitted to an institution.

Firemen To Seek Voters' Decision

Two Kingston Township Companies Need Help

Voters in Kingston Township will decide in November if taxes are to be increased one mill to finance the municipality's two volunteer fire companies, if a movement started this week is successful.

Desperate because of civic disinterest, Trucksville and Shavertown fire companies are circulating petitions asking that the question be placed on the voting machines at the general election.

Joseph Bulford and E. W. Piatt of the Trucksville company and Francis Youngblood and Dan Evans from the Shavertown company are cooperating as a committee to promote support for the movement.

The firemen, who are willing to serve without pay, but who have been discouraged because of their constant struggle to collect enough to keep the companies going, believe a one mill tax levy, which would give the two companies \$800 apiece every year, would assure Kingston Township adequate fire protection.

rate of unemployment in the Dallas area as compared with that elsewhere in the county, follows:

Table with columns for Male and Female unemployment rates in various townships like Dallas, Franklin, Jackson, Kingston, Lehman, and Lake.

Armitage Retires After 25 Years As Lake Postmaster

Peter Delaney Named To Fill Office Until Applicants Are Tested

Peter T. Delaney, prominent Democratic leader at Harvey's Lake, has been appointed acting postmaster at Alderson to succeed George C. Armitage.

Mr. Armitage, who has been postmaster at the Lake for the last 25 years, retired on June 1.

Mr. Delaney announced this week that examinations for the position of postmaster at Alderson will be held soon. Applicants must submit their request for that position to the U. S. Civil Service Commission not later than June 28.

All applicants must have reached their 21st birthday, but must not have passed their 65th birthday by June 28. Applications for the position can be secured from Mr. Delaney.

Summer Sessions To Begin June 21

Misericordia Offers A Varied Curriculum

College Misericordia's summer session will begin Friday, June 21, at which time several special courses, in addition to a complete college curriculum, will be offered.

Elementary and high school teachers, students from out-of-town institutions who desire to take advanced study or make up courses and others will be interested in the arrangement of classes for the summer session, which provides for morning classes only, Monday Through Friday, excluding Saturday.

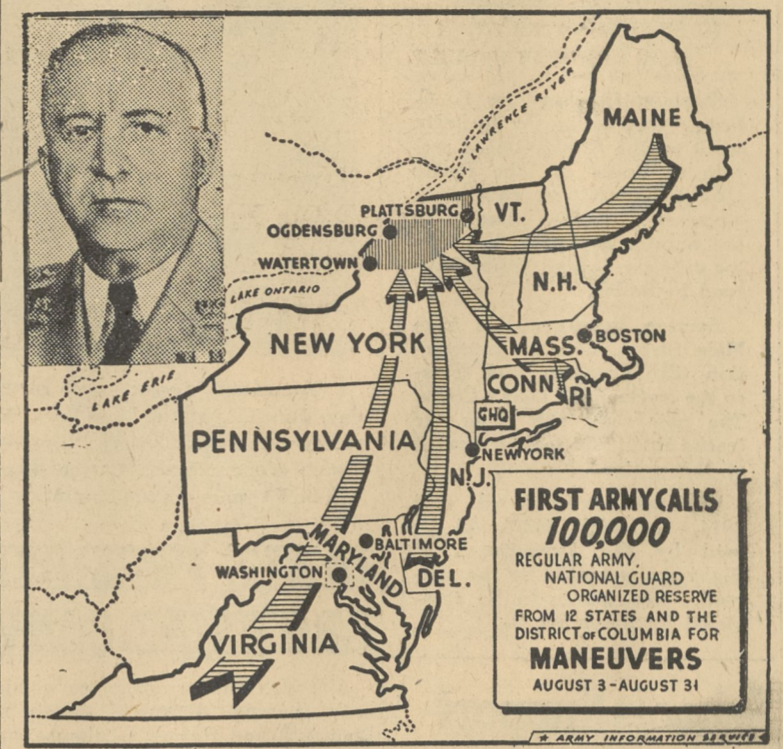
Official registration days are June 19 and 20 but application for admission to the summer session may be made at the college any day. Classes are scheduled for mornings only but the library, study rooms and laboratories will be open all day for the convenience of students.

Included in the curriculum arranged for the summer session are the following courses: Education: visual aids and memory techniques, educational psychology, history of education, school hygiene, statistics for teachers, special methods of secondary education, elementary education; English: English grammar and rhetoric, literary revival, essay writing, methods of teaching English in the secondary school, survey of English literature or American literature, special lectures on the modern novel; Languages: Latin, French, German and Polish; Mathematics: Calculus, analytic geometry, methods of teaching algebra or geometry, college algebra, solid geometry and plane trigonometry; Philosophy: logic, general psychology, general philosophy; Science, general biology, physical science, social studies, history, economics, sociology; Special fields: library science, music, general home economics, secretarial science.

Dallas School Board Will Meet Tonight

The June meeting of the school directors of Dallas Borough will be held at the high school building tonight (Friday) at 8. Arthur Dungey, tax collector, and Harold Lloyd, special director, are expected to make complete reports on collec-

SCENE OF NATION'S BIGGEST ARMY MANEUVERS



Lieutenant-General Hugh A. Drum (insert), commanding general of the First Army, with headquarters at Governor's Island, N. Y., will command the First Army Maneuvers in the Plattsburg-Watertown area in northern New York from August 3-31. Arrows show states from which troops will come.

Local Outfits To 'Fight' In Mock War In August To Test Nation's Defense

Biggest Army Maneuvers To Mass 100,000 Men In Plattsburg-Watertown Area For A Month

National Guardsmen from this section—including soldiers from batteries of the 109th Field Artillery at Wilkes-Barre and those of Battery B in Tunkhannock—will be a part of the force of 100,000 men who will engage in the biggest peace-time maneuvers in the nation's history in New York in August.

The operations of the First Army in the Plattsburg-Watertown Area, just south of the Canadian border, will be the largest of the four army maneuvers to be held this summer as part of the nation's defense program.

Although the maneuvers will be carried on from August 3 to 31, the local Guardsmen will probably take part only for two weeks, returning to Tobyhanna in the Poconos about August 25 for a final week's training.

The Regular Army, National Guard and Organized Reserves will concentrate in the area along Lake Champlain for the maneuvers. There will be troops from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The concentration in the area will be divided into two opposing groups. Lieut.-Gen. Hugh A. Drum, who will supervise all training programs and maneuver activities from a headquarters at Canton, N. Y., has emphasized that the purpose of the maneuver is the training of officers and men in "the approach to and conduct of battle."

Woolbert New Chief Of Shavertown Firemen

Howard Woolbert was elected chief of Shavertown Fire Company at its meeting Monday night and L. T. "Red" Schwartz was elected a member of the house committee, replacing officials who had missed three consecutive meetings and were, therefore, unable to hold their offices.

RECALLING 1914 BOOM, NOXEN AWAITS ORDERS AT TANNERY—IN VAIN!

Noxen, which became a boom town between 1914 and 1918 as war orders kept its big tannery humming, has been waiting hungrily for the upswing the town has expected ever since Europe went to war, but so far the orders haven't materialized.

Officials at the Armour Leather Co. plant at Noxen said this week the war had had no effect on their business yet. About 250 men are employed at the tannery now.

During the World War orders poured into the tannery and it had to operate on extra shifts for several years to satisfy demands for leather.

LVRB Abandons Mt. Springs Link

13-Mile Gap Left In Bowman's Creek Branch

A 13-mile stretch of track between the Splash Dam at Mt. Springs and Lopez in Sullivan County, along the Bowman's Creek Branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, is being removed. Heavy equipment was moved through Dallas this week for workmen who are engaged on the job.

The tracks being removed are on a section of the line seldom used now. The railroad cited economic reasons to justify discontinuing the Mt. Springs-Lopez link when it asked the I. C. C. for permission to abandon the right of way. The tracks removed will leave a gap in the branch line between Wilkes-Barre to Towanda.

Service to Mt. Springs, where there are heavy ice shipments in the winter, will be maintained through Dallas. Service to Towanda, however, will be maintained on the line which starts from Towanda.

MAN FISHING AT NOXEN SHOT BY FRIEND AIMING AT TARGET

Francis Armbruster, 17, Wilkes-Barre, was seriously wounded Wednesday evening near Noxen by a bullet from a gun a fishing companion was using for target practice.

Armbruster and two friends, Joseph Maycock and Luke Nardone, both of Wilkes-Barre, were fishing along Bowman's Creek. Maycock was with Armbruster, Nardone was repairing a flat tire on their automobile.

When Nardone completed his job he took a small calibre rifle from

CIVIC PROGRAM FOR 1940

- 1. More community spirit in the Dallas area.
2. A concrete highway from Dallas to Tunkhannock.
3. Centralization of police and fire protection.
4. Better fire protection and lower insurance rates.
5. More sidewalks.

State Seeks Bids For Final Stretch On New Highway

Four Contracts Along Route 92 Will Be Under Way At The Same Time

The State Highway Department is advertising today for bids on the last concrete link in the Luzerne-Tunkhannock highway, a 15,297-foot stretch which will connect Trucksville and Dallas over a route that will be almost entirely new.

The bids will be opened at Harrisburg on Friday, June 28, and a contract will be awarded as soon after as possible so that construction can begin in time to complete the road yet this year.

The contract will be the third to be awarded for construction along Route 92, two previous contracts, for connecting links north of Dallas already having been granted.

State Highway Department officials said it was unusual to have so much work in progress on one route at the same time. When the three contracts are under way there will be more than nine miles of highway under construction.

Banks Construction Co., which has a \$271,393 contract for the link from Lutes' Corners to a point 2.8 miles above Dallas, began work this week.

B. G. Coon Construction Co. which received a \$155,000 contract for Section 8, which extends from the Banks job across Goss Manor to a point near the site of the old car barn below Dallas, will begin work in a few days.

Follows New Route

The last link, known as Section 4, will leave Dallas near the "Y" on Main Street, follow the old street car right of way to a point above Fernbrook, cut across the main highway on a straight line and join the street car right of way below to intersection with the four-lane road at the Trucksville "Y".

It will consist of 15,297 linear feet of reinforced concrete pavement, 33 feet and 44 feet wide and will include six reinforced concrete bridges over Toby's Creek, having a total overall length of 245 feet.

At the same time as the three local jobs are under construction, the State Highway Department will resurface the floor of the bridge across the Susquehanna River at Tunkhannock, the finishing touch to this section's "dream highway."

Since the new road will cut through undeveloped areas along its route, it is expected that it will have a beneficial effect on building and will further stimulate the growth of communities along its course.

Even the civic groups which have been urging the new road were a little surprised this week at the speed with which the project has been carried out. It took 12 years to get the important Luzerne by-pass. Local groups have been asking for an improved Dallas-Tunkhannock highway for many years, but the present plan was not presented until last September, at the program at which the by-pass was dedicated.

One reason for the speed is believed to be the fact that Route 92 will make an important auxiliary route from Wilkes-Barre to Tunkhannock from a military standpoint.

Paul Fiske's Truck Damaged By Fire

Laing Fire Company responded to an alarm from Parrish Heights on Monday when Paul Fiske's truck caught fire. The blaze was extinguished quickly and damage was confined to wiring in the motor.

Dallas Firemen To Meet

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company of Dallas will meet tonight at 8 in the hose house on Mill Street. Several important committee reports are to be heard.

Community Service Edition

Next Friday's edition of The Post will be dedicated to Dallas Rotary Club, in appreciation of its new Community Service Campaign to promote the Dallas area.

The Post will carry special articles reviewing the history and development of local institutions, business improvements and civic movements. If you have such news, please get it to us promptly so it can be included in next week's issue.

If you desire advertising space in the special edition, telephone us as soon as possible. It is especially requested that correspondents send their letters in early in the week, including any items in their own communities which reflect the upward trend in this section.

Because of the anticipated interest in the edition, many extra copies of The Post will be distributed widely among prospective residents of this section.

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