

## Why We'll Celebrate

Don't you feel this way about the Fourth of July, 1941?  
I am an American. Nothing makes me prouder than this.

My first and greatest devotion is to my American ideals.

I can renounce a policy of my government without the feel of steel in my back.

I can still watch the great airliners fly overhead without the scream of sirens and the sickening crash of bombs.

I can still drive my car through America's green countryside on roads free from enemy troops; unmarked by deep craters.

I live in peace, yet I know compassion and give freely to a just cause.

My income is modest—but my laugh is hearty: because I'm wealthy compared with any man in the same job in any other country!

And I have yet to see a ration card!

My children have the greatest opportunities in the world. They are better educated, better fed, and now because of the tragic lessons we have learned from other nations, I believe will grow up to be even better Americans.

I am an American. Out of the days of our peaceful living, in tolerance, in liberty in mutual goodwill, I pledge myself to uphold these, our American ideals. For these, we know, are America's past and future, and the ultimate goal of all people everywhere, regardless of the length of time or the amount of torture they must endure to achieve it.

Let us defend, preserve and improve our system. And keep it, as in the past, a haven and a stronghold for those who, having tried all other systems, shall know better.

## On Hitler's List

Somebody said that the "America First" Committee should change its name to the "America Next" Committee.

## Fair Trade

South America seems to have given the United States Carmen Miranda for Douglas Fairbanks, which is something like trading your neighbor a basket of peaches for—but then Doug's all right, too.

## Superman?

Father was explaining defeatism. "Oh, yes," said Junior, "it's sort of believing that 'that bad man' is a Tarzan and a Superman put together, huh?"

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## PILLAR TO POST

Little did the packed assemblage at the two performances of the circus in Kingston suspect as they applauded the skillful and prancing tricks of the horses, that these same animals had carried Arthur Konyot and his family to safety when they fled from their native Czechoslovakia.

On the evening of March 14, 1939, Konyot and his family were in Prague, fully aware of the difficulty in leaving the country once the Nazi military machine reached the city. It was a quick decision, one that wiped out their entire fortune—money and home. Carrying no baggage, Konyot and his family, with eight horses, made their way to Huler, a small hamlet in Czechoslovakia. A treacherous body of water, about seventy-five yards wide, separated Huler from Mustier, Poland.

Under cover of darkness, Konyot, his wife, Maria; his son, Alexis, and their daughter, May-Theodora, each a highly trained rider, astride four horses, and guiding the other four by the reins, made their way across the swiftly running waters.

The reputation of their horse act was known throughout Europe. Friends quickly took care of them. Despite the political unrest, the Konyot act was in great demand. They played to capacity houses in Riga, Latvia. They played engagements throughout Scandinavia, finally reached Paris, where they were greeted by the news that the European conflict had started. After much difficulty they arrived in this country.

As the spotlight focused last Wednesday on the center ring, Arthur Konyot, behind the clustered scene, spoke of his specialty of a family tradition that dated back more than 100 years. For his wife, daughter and son last season was their first appearance with Ringling Brothers & Barnum and Bailey Circus. In 1909, 1910 and 1911 Arthur Konyot and his father, Leopold, headlined the circus bill in this country. In the intervening years he married and with his family played in every principal city of Europe.

With professional pride but without a trace of false modesty, he said he had trained more than 200 "liberty-bell" horses and about fifty "high-school" horses during his long career—he is 52 years old and his professional career began at the age of 4.

Liberty-bell horses, he explained, were capable of executive movements in a group but incapable of intricate gaits. The high school horses were capable of thirty gaits and training them demanded undaunted perseverance, an ability to understand the temperament and disposition of the horse, and what gaits came easier to the high school horse.

Members of Konyot's family have had their share of physical discomfort. He fractured his left leg in 1909 when he tried to leap on a horse. His wife has had several broken bones. His son last season suffered several weeks from pneumonia. Only May-Theodora has been fortunate.

"Horses are like human beings, they must be treated with patience and kindness," he said. As for himself and family, he could say only, "we are so happy to be in this country which we hope will always be our home."

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## Salary Increase Voted For Dallas Teachers

## School Board Approves \$50 Annual Increases For All Teachers

A salary increase of \$50 annually to all Dallas school teachers excepting supervising principal T. A. Willamnee was unanimously approved and a new contract with Clarence Labar at a salary of \$1220 authorized at a meeting of the Dallas Borough School Board Friday night.

A total of \$5086.92 in salaries, bills and other obligations was ordered paid, and three loans amounting to \$4400 and including a \$1400 loan to meet the July payroll were authorized. Purchases of school supplies, to include an estimated \$260 expenditure for new books, \$121.40 for furniture and some \$230 for new band instruments and music, were recommended by Mr. Willamnee and authorized by the board.

A contract to furnish 200 tons of coal at \$4.42 per ton for the coming school year was directed made with H. L. Still, low bidder for the contract, and the secretary's and treasurer's insurance bonds were voted approved.

The purchase of the Czulegar lot adjoining the school rested without action when the school directors and E. J. Rainey, acting for the owner, Mrs. Czulegar, failed to reach an agreement on price. Mr. Rainey has set the sale price at \$2,000, while the directors have set its value at approximately \$1200.

A reduction in school taxes as of 1937 was gained by a representative of John Morrett of Main street who showed that a reduction of \$600 on the Morrett property valuation for that year had been allowed.

In attendance were Clyde Lapp, W. H. Baker, John Durbin, John J. Jeter, G. George Ayre, T. A. Willamnee and Atty. Jonathan Valentine.

## Heart Attack Fatal To William Major

## Lehman Man Had Been Squire For Forty Years

"Squire" William M. Major, 78, life-long resident of Lehman and one of that community's most respected citizens, died suddenly at his home Tuesday night at 8:45 following a heart attack.

Despite a frailty that had grown steadily worse during the past three or four years and had prevented his taking an active part in community affairs, his death was unexpected. He had been about his home as usual on Tuesday and had eaten dinner with his family the evening of his death.

Squire Major, as he was affectionately known to a host of friends and neighbors throughout the Back Mountain region, had been a Justice of the Peace in Lehman for the past forty years, and a member of Jackson Grange for the past thirty. During his long life in the community of his birth he had held at one time or another almost every township office. He was for many years both school director and tax collector, and had been a member of Lehman Methodist Church and Osage Lodge, No. 712, Odd Fellows, for the greater part of his life.

Despite his interest in all phases of community life his energy was such that he was one of the most progressive farmers and dairymen in the region until his retirement about five years ago. He was a lover of fine horses and during younger years was an ardent horseman possessing one of the finest saddle horses in the region.

He was born in the old homestead next to his present home just over the hill in Lehman. His paternal grandparents came to this country from Yorkshire, England, settling in Exeter Township along the Susquehanna River. Concerned for fear of floods in the valley they early moved to a farm in Lehman. There William M. Major was born to Champion and Eunice Douse Major and there with few exceptions he lived for the balance of his life.

He attended Wyoming Seminary and graduated from Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. For a number of years he worked as time keeper with the Albert Lewis Lumber Company in their timbering operations at Harvey's Lake and with the Stull Lumber Company at Stull, Wyoming County.

Mr. and Mrs. Brace would have stayed over for this parade, but Sam had to be in Baltimore on Monday and Tuesday to get parts for three trucks damaged in convoy when they were hit by a big tractor trailer. Sam, they say, likes army life because it fits right in with the mechanical type of work he has been used to. He expects to be home on furlough in about two weeks.

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## Know Your Neighbour



Colonel Dorrance Reynolds with his favorite horse "Lark."

## Tannery Workers Organize Union At Noxen Plant

## CIO Leather And Fur Union Claims 80% Of Employees Members

Labor union activity at Noxen Tannery, dormant there since 1933, has once more come to the fore with 200 employees preparing for a CIO election at the plant within the next two weeks.

The current attempt of the CIO International Fur and Leather Workers' Union to organize the 236 workmen at the tannery, a division of the Armour Leather Company, is the second within the last ten years and is running concurrently with the organization of the Williamsport and St. Mary's tanneries under the CIO banner.

The move to organize the Noxen plant under the Leather Workers' Division of the International union was begun some two months ago under the leadership of Ernest Moyer and Lewis Francis, CIO organizers of Easton, and has gained rapidly in popularity among the Noxen employees. Already more than 80 per cent of the workers have given their allegiance to the new local, and the approximately forty not yet signed are gradually being assimilated.

First recognition of the union as a possible bargaining agent was given by Morton Whitaker, superintendent of the Noxen plant, about three weeks ago in the reinstatement of Thomas Lane, a member of the new local. Laid off for three days, Lane was reemployed after a conference between officers of the Noxen union and Mr. Whitaker. At that time Mr. Whitaker expressed willingness to deal with a grievance committee appointed from Noxen employees, and recently Michael Brennan of Williamsport, general superintendent of the Armour Leather Company's three plants at Noxen, Williamsport and St. Mary's, made a similar statement of policy.

An election to determine whether or no the CIO Leather Workers' Union will be established as bargaining agent for workers in all three plants will be held within the next two weeks, both at Noxen and in the other two tanneries, according to officials of the local union.

The initial objective of the union if the election is successful will be a five per cent wage increase for workers of the Noxen plant, where the scale varies between 58 and 80 cents an hour, and the creation of a wage parity in all three tanneries. At present there is a considerable difference in wage scales between Noxen and Williamsport. In one worker classification, the local wage is 69 cents an hour as compared to 83 at the Williamsport division.

All the demands which will be made by the new union have not yet been decided, but the general goal is an all-around wage increase

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## Soldier-Banker Is Also Farmer

## Col. Dorrance Reynolds Is No Kentucky Colonel

Soldier, country gentleman, and head of a great financial institution, Colonel Dorrance Reynolds was born in the old brick house at 92 South River St., Wilkes-Barre, on September 9, 1877. He still spends his winters in the home that will be 100 years old in 1942, but if you ask him, he "lives" among the rolling fields and wooded lots of Goodleigh Farm in Dallas Township . . . and life begins with the first stir of opening buds in spring and continues right around the seasons.

As a young man he attended Harry Hillman Academy and prepared for college at Hotchkiss School. He was graduated from Yale in 1902. An old teacher recalls that when as a young man Dorrance Reynolds was brushing up to take the examinations for Harvard Law School, the only time the two could work together was between 12 o'clock midnight and 2 o'clock in the morning. For months during one winter after the young man had graduated from Yale, student and instructor, studied during those impossible hours with Reynolds avidly seeking the knowledge that would fit him for life. He was graduated from Harvard Law School in 1905.

Colonel Reynolds has always been a lover of the country and the out of doors. In 1900 he and Mrs. Reynolds bought the old Marshall Martin farm in Dallas Township and began farming, gradually creating the farm now known as "Goodleigh Farm." He has designed the farm, its buildings, road system, fields, fences and landscape. He has been foreman, transit-man, engineer, architect and farmer. Those who know him are amused at his phrase as he reaches the top of Chestnut Hill, the main entrance to the farm, "Isn't it nice over here."

In 1926 he became interested in Guernsey herds in Pennsylvania. The aim and ambition of Goodleigh Farm has been to produce the finest bottle of milk for the children and people of Wyoming Valley. This became a reality in 1932 when the Dallas Dairy, owned by A. N. Garinger, started distributing this milk. The herd has consistently grown. It has taken the blue ribbon for the highest butterfat test for eight consecutive years in the Luzerne-Columbia County Cow Testing Association. Every possible precaution has been taken to insure the health and well being of the cows. They are frequently inspected by Dr. Ernest W. Hogg of Wilkes-Barre and Dr. Earle V. Hopper of New York. The Goodleigh herd was one of the first in Luzerne County to be blood tested. At the present time it is composed of 101 registered pedigreed animals. Colonel Reynolds is visibly proud of his Guernseys; their increasing production, their growing quality and numbers. "But," he says, "this herd has been created, invented and built by Miss Mary

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## Thirty-Three New Dallas Names Added Tuesday To Draft Rolls

## Registration Five Per Cent That Of Last October; Board No. 1 Gets 147 Applicants

Cheerfully and in some cases even enthusiastically, 33 young men from the Dallas area registered Tuesday for Selective Service . . . while all over the State some 65,000 boys who had reached maturity since last October formed a part of the new draft army.

Total registration for Local Board No. 1, of which this section is a part, was 147, and in all of Luzerne County 2,275 new names went on the Selective Service Rolls . . . an estimated five per cent of the 53,700 who registered last fall.

## Dallas Woman's Grandson Badly Injured In Fall

## Boy, 10, Plunges Into Hastings Quarry; Mrs. Holcomb's Relative

Little Norman Keesler, grandson of Mrs. A. R. Holcomb of Dallas and a cousin of Glen Ide, employee of The Post, was seriously injured Monday when he plunged into an 84-foot abandoned quarry near his home at Hastings-On-Hudson, N. Y.

The 10-year-old boy, whose mother, the former Miss Elizabeth Ruth, of Scranton, is well known to many Dallas people, is being treated at the Dobbs Ferry Hospital for a fractured skull, broken jaw and a possible leg injury.

Norman was playing about the brink of the old quarry with his friends when his foot slipped on a loose stone, causing him to lose his balance and topple into the abyss. He was picked up unconscious from the floor of the quarry and rushed to the hospital, where every hope is held for his recovery.

The little boy had frequently visited Mrs. Holcomb here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keesler. When news was received of the accident, Glen Ide and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ide of Dallas, went immediately to Hastings, where they learned that Norman's condition is critical.

## Borough School Calendar Listed

## Williamnee Adds Two Days To Vacation

Adopting with two exceptions the school calendar recommended by the Supervising Principals' Association and A. P. Cope, county superintendent, Prof. T. A. Williamnee this week announced the 1941-42 schedule for Dallas Borough High School, passed by the board last Friday.

Differing from the suggested calendar, Supervising Principal Williamnee has added two days to the Christmas vacation, which will begin in Dallas on Dec. 22 instead of the 24th, and has declared that Lincoln's Birthday will be a school day . . . because he believes that the "anniversaries of our great men should be devoted to an appreciation of their work rather than marked as holidays."

Sept. 3—School begins.  
Oct. 16-17—Teachers' Institute.  
Nov. 11—Armistice Day.  
Nov. 27-28—Thanksgiving Day.  
Dec. 22-Jan. 5—Christmas holidays.

April 2-6—Easter holidays.  
June 3—Class Night.  
June 4—Commencement.  
June 5—Last day of school.

Excluded from the calendar is mention of Memorial Day, which comes on a Saturday next year. If any time is lost in the first three months of school it will be made up by school days on Dec. 22 and 23, and any other school days lost will be caught up during Easter vacation or added at the end of the school year.

## ALLAN KISTLER MAELS PAPERS DURING LEAVE FROM ARMY SERVICE

Alan Kistler, a former member of the Dallas Post staff, now stationed at Fort Still, Oklahoma, dropped into the office last Thursday night just in time to take a hand with mailing the weekly copies of The Post. Alan had a thirteen-day furlough and arrived home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kistler, Sr., of Harvey's Lake, who recently motored to Fort Sill to visit their son. Alan, Jr. is stationed in the army bakers' school at the military reservation but says that he likes printing much better than baking and that the hills of Pennsylvania and civilian life surpass anything Oklahoma or the army can offer.

- THE POST WANTS:
1. Permanent and legible street markings and numerals on all homes in Dallas, Shavertown, and Trucksville.
  2. Emphasis locally on activities which will train men and women in national defense measures.
  3. The installation of fire plugs in Dallas Borough.
  4. The construction of a new, shorter highway between Dallas and Harvey's Lake before 1942.
  5. Centralization of police protection in the Dallas area.
  6. More sidewalks.

When the new records are complete and numbers assigned each selectee, another lottery will be held in Washington, D. C., and the same order number arrangement put in operation last year will obtain.

With only four exceptions, all those registering with the sub-board, which sat in Dallas Borough High School, were residents of Dallas Borough, Dallas Township, Shavertown and Trucksville . . . 29 in all as compared with 890 from this immediate vicinity in October.

T. A. Willamnee, supervising principal of Dallas High School, and William A. Brickell of Lehman Ave., voluntary registrars for the local sub-board, had no trouble of any sort with the new registrants, most of whom seemed entirely cheerful about it all . . . even though all but three of the group are gainfully employed. In fact, the longest face of all was that of Floyd Lengel, of Dallas Township, who, because he is totally blind, is not eligible for selective service.

First man to register was Edwin Eckhart of Demuns Road, a teamster for William T. Payne, who was waiting patiently at the door when the two registrars arrived at 7 o'clock, and the last two, Edward F. Gallagher of Shavertown and William A. Rhodes, Jr., of Trucksville, were registered shortly after 8 Tuesday evening.

Because of the excessive heat on Registration Day, the sub-board was moved to the cooler rooms of Dallas High School from the borough building, where it was originally scheduled to sit. On the door of the borough building Police Chief William Covert posted a sign, "All Soldiers go up to the High School," which was a trifle ominous but didn't scare off any one.

Following is the registration by towns. Although four of the registrants live outside of the board limits, jurisdiction over them will remain with Board No. 1:

Dallas Borough: Robert L. Fleming, John A. Dungey, Cyril J. Betzko, Clyde O. Veitch, Jr., Robert L. Swayze, Frank S. Mead, Willard E. Shaver, Lewis W. Ferrey.

Dallas Township: Michael Kozemchak, Harry S. Smith, Glenwood G. Ide, Albert G. Allen, Charles C. White, Harold E. Evans, Edwin Eckhart, Floyd Lengel.

Shavertown: Ernest A. Bush, Bernard R. Wilson, Sherman W. Kunkle, James M. Ruhf, Edward F. Gallagher.

Trucksville: Ernest J. Holdredge, Edward E. Richards, Stewart C. Yorks, Chester E. Hons, Arthur W. Linsley, Stanley E. Fabian, William A. Rhodes, Jr.

Kingston Township: Marvel L. Philo.

Alderson: Darrell C. Loomis.

Jackson Township: Theodore Cybulski.

Falls: Lewis Barry Furneaux.

Hallstead: Rodney L. Davis.

## Lake Police Begin Hit-Run Drive

## Week's Heavy Accident Toll Promotes Crusade

A determined crusade against hit-and-run drivers was begun this week by Harvey's Lake and State Motor Police as three automobiles were badly damaged on as many nights by speedsters on lake roads. According to Chief Ira C. Stevenson of the Lake force, this week's hit-and-run collisions, occurring Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights, brought to ten the number of cars damaged in that fashion in the Harvey's Lake area so far this year.

In all cases damage has been heavy, said the chief, and no arrests have been made so far. Although no one has been injured in hit-and-run accidents this summer, John Kuchta of Harvey's Lake was struck by an unknown driver in April, and Harold Singer of Noxen was injured by a motorist who failed to stop in May.

Henceforth every hit-and-run incident will be investigated thoroughly by Harvey's Lake police, and a severe example will be made of the first driver nabbed. Corp. Dixon of the Harvey's Lake Motor Police detachment has promised full co-operation.