

Our Arms Effort

Criticism of this nation's arms effort continues to mount. According to one of the latest surveys, it will be another year before our military production rivals that of England. Inasmuch as we have three times the population of Britain, and have many times the resources of all kinds, it is apparent that we are still a long way from anything resembling an "all out" armament program.

In some quarters it is believed that our actual production may be greater than official announcements indicate—that, in other words, the extent of our arms output is being deliberately played down as a matter of policy. Whether this is true or not, however, a great many authorities are convinced that some radical changes must be effected before this nation's "arsenal of democracy" dream is even partially realized.

There are three definite factions involved in the defense program. Number one is the government. Here there has been an excessive overlapping of activity. There has been too much divided responsibility. Some of the more extreme New Dealers, according to informed critics, have put their ideological ambitions ahead of anything else, at the expense of military production. A number of the much-touted experts who have been given key jobs, have proven failures. And the age-old vices of bureaucracy—slothfulness and lack of initiative—have been retarding elements.

The second factor is industry. By and large, it has responded well to the demands of the emergency. But certain important segments, consciously or otherwise, seem to have been unwilling or unable to abandon the "business as usual" idea. This segment of industry, in the opinion of its critics, has been too cautious, too fearful of losing profits. That has delayed the harsh changeover from a peacetime to a wartime basis of operation.

The third factor is labor. Here, again, an important segment has put personal power and profit ahead of the needs of the nation. Strikes in defense industries have cost the country millions of man-days of work. They have prevented the manufacture of unknown quantities of planes, tanks and other weapons of war. In these days, a strike carried on by a few workers in a vital plant, can stop production in a hundred plants. A late example is the strike in a plant which produces transmissions for motor vehicles. That brought the production of trucks, tanks, jeep cars and other motorized equipment to a standstill. This particular strike was purely a jurisdictional disagreement between A. F. of L. and the C. I. O.

It is reported that the President is considering a tremendous "victory drive" involving the spending of \$50,000,000,000 a year. Some of the more level-headed friends of labor are telling it that continued strikes will result in disaster for the trade-union movement. There are rumors to the effect that production of heavy consumer goods, such as motor cars, may come to a virtual stop inside a few months. What will come of all this remains to be seen. In any case, it is plain that the tempo of America's war effort must be tremendously accelerated if we are to produce the goods which the beleaguered Allies abroad must have if Hitler is to be stopped.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

By Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, Jr.

The youth of the nation nowadays seems to be singularly lacking in imagination. Time was when a householder viewed the approach of October thirty-first with misgiving, preparing for the festival by nailing down everything of a portable nature and lifting the front gate from its hinges to provide for it a safe harborage in the woodshed. All small out-buildings were inspected with a view to their ability to withstand a siege, and the family cow was looked in for the night with greater attention to detail than usual. Nobody even hoped to get off with a mere soaped window or a handful of beans on the front steps.

A tick-tack on the window was one of the lesser annoyances. A small boy could attach the tick-tack noiselessly, then stealthily retreat to a safe distance and manipulate the string from behind the lilac bush. One such youth climbed to the roof and straddled the ridgepole by the chimney, blissfully pulling the string that worked the tick-tack while the farmer beneath swore loudly. Unfortunately it had not occurred to him that his victim might be a poor enough sports man to follow the string. Careful diagnosis of the direction of the taut string furnished the clue, a ladder was swiftly and silently erected at the back of the house, and the perpetrator was caught redhanded in the act and his pants warmed before he knew that vengeance was upon him.

The unpopular lady of the neighborhood, the one who did not allow little boys to cross her lawn and who scolded shrilly when the inevitable can was attached to her dog's tail, or when her cat was urged up a tree by whispered, "Sit 'em, Tiger," might well tremble on Hallowe'en. For her was reserved the squash that was a little beyond its prime, a squash which could be relied upon to explode with a far-reaching splash when dropped upon her front porch.

The farmer whose wagon was taken apart in the dark of the moon, laboriously and in utter silence, and who found it mounted upon the ridgepole of his barn the next morning when he went to milk his cows, was not usually much surprised, though he never became hardened to the horrid shock. He always hoped that this time the young hellions of the neighborhood would concentrate upon the farm down the road. There was seldom time to take apart and reassemble two wagons between midnight and dawn, to say nothing of the labor involved in getting the parts to the roof. This token of affection was usually reserved for the farmer who in the boys' opinion rated it the highest. He always had plenty of help in getting the wagon down, because half-grown boys with singularly innocent faces and guileless expressions just happened to be hanging over the fence in the chilly

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F. Budd Schooley Addresses Club

Brotherhood Hears Talk On Community Building

Dr. F. Budd Schooley was guest speaker at the meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Shavertown Monday evening. Dr. Schooley spoke on the proposed community building for the Back Mountain area. Opening scripture and prayer were led by Rev. Herbert E. Frankfort. Thomas E. Hontz was made chairman of the committee of a supper to be served in the near future. Moving pictures of the United Lutheran Publication House in Philadelphia were shown. Present were: Stanley Davis, Fred Malkemes, Wilard Lozo, Leroy Stock, O. T. Williams, Howard Woolbert, Dr. F. B. Schooley, Irvin C. Davis, Samuel Woolbert, Thomas E. Hontz, Theodore Hinkle, George Adler, William Evans, Walter McMichael, E. F. Ittig and Rev. H. E. Frankfort.

Republicans Meet At Marty Walsh's

Over 140 Turn Out To Hear Candidates

A group of approximately one hundred and forty men enjoyed a delicious dinner, joined in group singing, led by Herman Kern, and enthusiastically received the many speakers at the banquet of the Men's Republican Club of the South District of Dallas Township at Marty Walsh's on Friday evening. Albert L. Jones was toastmaster and introduced the honored guests. The principal speaker of the evening was Atty. Frank Slattery, Jr. Others who spoke were Judge Andrew Hourigan, Thomas M. Lewis, Robert M. Miller, Henry Dietrich and Michael Yeosock, and many more were called on to make impromptu remarks. Much credit for the success of the evening is given to Arthur Newman, who was chairman of the largest event ever sponsored by the club.

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- 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. A community building, and public recreational facilities serving the entire Back Mountain area.
  5. Centralization of police protection in the Dallas area.
  6. More sidewalks.

Gala Parade Tonight

Mid-Westerners No Longer Isolationists Says McHenry

Want Wages Pegged As Well As Farm Prices

Farmers in the great agricultural regions of the middle west are no longer isolationist minded according to Lloyd A. McHenry who has just returned after spending a month at his former home in Kansas.

Mr. McHenry contrasted this with the opinion he held some months ago when on a similar trip he found most middle westerners "dead set against participation in international affairs." The middle westerner, today is pretty much behind the President's foreign policy," Mr. McHenry believes, "although few of them want to see another American Expeditionary Force. They are disgusted with Lindbergh, Senator Wheeler and the Isolationist bloc in Congress."

"These mid-west farmers think for themselves," said Mr. McHenry, "they are predominantly Republican and they voted against Roosevelt in the last presidential election so their change in attitude toward the European war comes not from blind prejudice or the support of a popular president but because of a changed attitude of mind."

"They believe the United States should take its rightful place in world leadership. They are for all-out aid to England, but they have doubts about the quality of British leadership and statesmanship. They can not understand how a supposed great empire like the British could have been caught so unprepared to face world events."

"Perhaps the mid-westerner has changed his attitude because he sees the evidences of America's vast military preparedness near at hand. The area made up of the corners of the states of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma is being turned into a great armament center, far away from either seaboard and protected against bombardment from the air. Kansas alone is rapidly becoming the center of aircraft production—and the middle west is no longer isolated from the rest of the country by great distances."

If the mid-western farmer has changed his attitudes toward American foreign policy, he has also taken a determined stand against further intrusion of his rights by labor unions. He is disgusted with defense strikes, and although he fears unrestricted inflation and remembers with serious concern the aftermath of uncontrolled farm prices at the close of the World War, he will submit to no pegging of farm prices until wages are also pegged. He sees his sons called to military service at low wages, he finds it increasingly difficult to obtain farm labor and he sees the war effort sabotaged by selfish unions. While he had little sympathy with labor he would not hesitate to have his representatives join up with the labor bloc in Congress to throttle any attempt to fix farm prices and wages so long as labor is allowed to go "scot free."

Generally the farmer is pleased with returning prosperity due largely to the defense effort and export of farm products to the allies. He does not want to see farm prices go so high as in the World War. His memories of the aftermath of those prices that put many farmers out of business are still too keen to be forgotten. He is deeply concerned about the mounting national debt and discusses it more freely and with more understanding than easterners. We can only meet it, he believes, by payment from England for lease-lend materials. Since England sells the products of our farms to her own people he thinks she in turn can pay the United States for them. Not now perhaps, but later and if not in money, then by some sort of union and effort between the United States and England in the matter of world leadership. The mid-westerner believes in the United States above all else. He believes in the ability of the United States to take its rightful place. If we are going to save the world—then why can't we shoulder the responsibility of keeping it safe after the war is over.

Pranksters Warned Not To Molest Dynamite

Hallowe'en pranksters have been warned by Stephen Apalosky, foreman of the W. P. A. project on Spring street, not to molest the work shanty where project supplies are housed. Mr. Apalosky said there are two boxes of dynamite and two boxes of blasting caps stored in the shanty. On three mornings this week work on the project has been delayed while workers retrieved their out-house which had been up set by pranksters celebrating Hallowe'en prematurely.

Defense Bond Sales Decrease

Dallas Postoffice Urges Citizens To Buy More

Sales of defense savings stamps and defense bonds at the Dallas Postoffice are not breaking any financial records and in fact have fallen off rather than increased during the past few months, according to Postmaster Joseph Polacky. Highest sales in the past two years were in July 1940 when \$7,500 worth of bonds were sold. Since that time the highest sales were in June 1941 when \$337 worth of bonds were sold. Lowest sales were in March, \$27.50, with April and May running close seconds with sales of \$56.25 for each month. Second high sales of the year were in August, \$225. Sales for September tapered to \$131.25. There were no sales during January and February. The Postmaster urges thrifty citizens to buy Defense stamps. They can be purchased in low denominations and later turned in on Defense Bonds.

Four Raccoons Released Locally By Game Men

S. K. Weigel, State Game protector received four raccoons this week which he released in Fairmount Township. The raccoons were trapped near Honesdale and shipped into this county where they are less plentiful than in other sections of the State.

Arriving at the Lehigh Valley station in a big box, the little animals had A. L. Culbert, agent, guessing for a while. In all of his years handling railway shipments he had never seen a live 'coon before. Although they were his guests overnight he was hesitant to strike up more than a passing acquaintance.

Mr. Weigel who has been game protector in this area since October 1938, recently moved from Kingston to a new home on Overbrook avenue, Dallas Township. He predicts a good hunting season this year with birds and ring neck pheasants more plentiful than last year and with rabbits bountiful.

Old Hickory Gun Club Hoe Down Attracts Many

Between 350 and 400 people attended the Old Hickory Hoe Down at Dallas Township High School auditorium on Wednesday night. Entertainment was provided by Herman Kern, Jane Williams and the Pritchard Trio. Pat Finley's Old Time orchestra furnished music for dancing. Peter D. Clark, Sixth District chairman of the Republican Party, spoke briefly.

Crowded Paper

Because of a crowded newspaper due to a large volume of political advertising much late copy arriving in our office after Wednesday noon has had to be held out of this issue of The Post. Also a number of announcements, usually classed as advertising by most newspapers but run free by The Post, have had to be left out.

Will Sell Soup

Members of the J. A. B. Class of Dallas Methodist Church will start selling soup, Thursday, November 6. This year the ladies will sell soup one week and pasties the next. Proceeds are used to buy coal for the church. Orders can be phoned to the parsonage.

Noxen Workers Win Election

C. I. O. Now Bargaining Agent For Tannery Men

A short-lived three-hour strike this week over a pair of canvas gloves cost workers at the J. K. Mosser plant in Noxen between \$300 and \$400 in lost time. The strike, one of the sporadic disputes that have arisen since the International Fur and Leather Workers organized the big Noxen plant, came when a worker asked the company for another pair of canvas gloves and was refused them.

The company furnishes one pair of gloves a week to each employee in the roller department. When the worker asked for a second pair within the week he was told that the company could not furnish them. This stopped all work in the plant until Union and company officials could iron out the problem.

After months of organization efforts the C. I. O. won its way into the J. K. Mosser Tannery, a branch of Armour and Company, last Thursday when workers voted 193 to 29 to grant the International Fur and Leather Workers sole collective bargaining rights. Practically all workers cast ballots in the election which was held in Sportsmen's Hall at Noxen and as soon as results were known the town was given over to a parade and celebration of jubilant workers.

Early in the year a committee was organized and eventually a petition went to the Labor Relations Board for an election to determine the right of the men to organize and establish their affiliations.

The election was ordered and the question was whether the tannery workers should establish a unit of the C. I. O. with collective bargaining powers or continue without a union. Prior to the election George Pershing, organizer for District 4, Western New York and Pennsylvania and Harry Millstone, general organizer of all other Armour Tanneries, pointed out the benefits to be derived under C. I. O. supervision.

Among the objectives for which the union is expected to work are an increase in hourly pay, a closed shop, and weekly pay in cash. The Mosser Company now pays every two weeks by check.

Officials of the local union are Holden Newell, president; Jacob Miner, secretary and Elmer Dymond, treasurer.

Township Group Offers Prizes

\$200 For Best Essay On Local Government

Students in local schools will be given an opportunity to compete for cash prizes for the best essay of 1,500 words or less on the subject: "The Importance of Home Rule and Local Government."

The contest is sponsored by the Second Class Township Association of Pennsylvania. First prize will be \$200; second prize \$100 and there will be eight other prizes ranging from \$20 to \$50. The contest will be open to all high school students.

Essays should be forwarded to H. A. Thomson, secretary, Drexel Hill, Pa., on or before January 1, 1942. Essays should be typed double spaced on one side of the sheet only.

The Second Class Township Association is composed of supervisors, school directors, auditors and solicitors of second class townships of the State. The Luzerne County branch has as its officers: Fred Seelye, president, Salem township; Mrs. E. V. Harrison, secretary, Fairmount township and Osborne Hoover, vice president, Salem township.

Atty. Don Coughlin Appointed Solicitor

Atty. Donald Coughlin has been appointed solicitor of Dallas Township School District to succeed Atty. John H. Thain. Atty. Coughlin is solicitor for the supervisors of Kingston, Jackson and Fairmount Townships as well as special counsel for the Department of Justice and has charge of all highway claims in this area.

Youngsters From Two High Schools Will March On Main Street At 6:45

School Bands Will Furnish Music; Free Cider And Doughnuts For All

There will be no "blackout" of fun and frolic tonight when 600 youngsters invade Dallas to take part in the first annual Hallowe'en parade under the joint sponsorship of Dallas Borough and Township Parent-Teacher Associations.

Pupils in all grades from the first to Senior year in high school from Dallas Township and Dallas Borough school have been invited to enter the parade and compete for many generous prizes contributed by local citizens. There will also be prizes for the best conceived Jack-O-Lanterns.

The youngsters' parents, too, can enter the parade if they choose—but there will be no awards for adults. Dallas Township and Borough school bands will provide music and there will be confetti and noisemakers aplenty to make the event long remembered.

Line of March Marchers will assemble at Sunset Hall opposite Warden Cemetery at 6:45 where they will form in line under the direction of James Bessecker and members of the American Legion. Shortly thereafter, the parade, headed by Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire truck and the Dallas Township High School Band, will move over Lake street to Main where it will pass the judges' stand in front of Oliver's Garage. Final division of the parade will be led by Dallas High School Band. At the Huntsville street intersection with Main, the parade will countermarch past the reviewing stand to Church street, thence through Oliver's Used Car lot to Lake thence along Main street and up Huntsville street to Dallas High school auditorium where prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.

Norman Smith Made A Major

Huntsville Man Is Now At Aberdeen, Md.

Norman W. Smith of Huntsville, former coach of athletics at Wyoming Seminary, now stationed at Aberdeen (Md.) Proving Grounds as head of the Morale Department has received a promotion to the rank of Major in the United States Army. Commenting on the promotion in its issue of October 22, The Flaming Bomb, tabloid newspaper of the Ordnance Department had the following to say:

Congratulations, Major! Captain Norman W. Smith, head of the Ordnance Training Center Morale Department, received a promotion to the rank of Major in the Army of the United States, last Thursday afternoon, Major C. A. Newcomb, Staff Judge Advocate, administered the oath of office to Major Smith.

Major Smith is an advisor to THE FLAMING BOMB. He is one of the most popular officers among the enlisted men. He has promoted athletics and entertainment for the soldiers and many times has received praise from the Third Corps Area headquarters, which has already labeled the OTC Morale Department as the best in the Area.

The entire Editorial Staff of THE FLAMING BOMB, for every enlisted man at the OTC, extends their sincere congratulations to Major Smith.

Lehman Boxer Wins By K. O.

Comes Back Fast After Poor Start

Tommy Dropshinski, after being knocked out last week came back on Monday night to steal the show with the best boxing he has ever done in Newark. Dropshinski was cheered for a good five minutes after the fight by a big crowd.

After being knocked down for the count of two in the first round, Tommy came back fighting to win the hearts of the fans. It was the punchingest bout on the card.

His opponent, Don Sandham, 149, of Bayonne had Tommy down in the first round, the bell coming at the count of two. In the second and third the two boys slugged away with the former Lehman boy landing the heavier blows. In the fourth Dropshinski had his opponent out on his feet and Sandham finally collapsed for a ten count.

"OH DADDY," LEHMAN BAND COLLECTS \$10 WHEN IT MEETS WEDDING PARTY

Lehman High School Band is \$10 richer than it was Tuesday morning when it went to Wilkes-Barre to play in the Community Welfare Federation Parade. It all came about as the band, marching around the square, met an automobile loaded with a joyous wedding party. Some one in the party offered \$10 if the band would play "Daddy." It responded to the delight of everybody, even playing a couple of extra bars of the popular song. And the best man laid on the drum—10 bucks.

The judges will select the most original costume, the best dressed boy and girl, and the best group of two or more marchers as the parade passes the reviewing stand but the decisions will not be announced until later in the high school auditorium. A first prize of \$2.00 and a second prize of \$1 will be awarded in each classification and there will also be a number of consolation prizes of candy.

In addition to costume awards there will be a first prize of \$2.00 and a second of \$1.00 for the best Jack-O-Lantern made from a pumpkin. All Jack-O-Lanterns should be marked with a tag on which the owners name is written and left on exhibit at Oliver's Garage before the parade starts. Owners can obtain their Jack-O-Lanterns after the parade.

Those who will act as judges are: Mrs. Fred Hughey, Mildred Devens, Arthur Newman, Mrs. Russell Case, Peter Jurchak and Raymond O. Kuhnert from Dallas Township, and T. M. Williamson, Mrs. Joseph Schmeier, C. A. Frantz, Mrs. Stanley Davies, Joseph MacVeigh, Mrs. William T. Nichols for Dallas Borough.

Many Donations The program at the high school auditorium will be informal. During and after refreshments, bands of both high schools will furnish the music with the party breaking up at about 9 o'clock. Women of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company will have charge of serving. Acme Market has donated 40 dozens of doughnuts and Joseph Schmeier and Spauldings's Bakery 10 dozens each. Fairlawn Stores have donated candy and the H. A. Whiteman Paper Company is providing 600 paper cups. Howard Risley is furnishing two barrels of sweet cider. Daniel Waters and Mrs. George Norton are providing several bushels of apples. Posters advertising the parade were made by Mrs. Antoinette Mason.

Those giving cash contributions include: Elmer Parrish, Mrs. Eugene Lazarus, Oswald Griffith, L. L. Richardson, Dr. F. Budd Schooley, Robert Roberts, Mrs. Wesley Himmel, Harry Ohlman, Henry Peterson, Peter Clark, Mrs. Machell Hildebrandt, Russell Honeywell, Herbert Smith, John Durbin, Herbert Lundy, Zigmund Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, Peter Jurchak, Mrs. Frank Dorrer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brickel, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Brown, Albert Jones, Wilson Ryman and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chamberlain. In the event of rain, the parade will be held next Monday night at the same time over the same route.