

SWEET VALLEY

Mrs. Harold Cragle and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith recently entertained members of the Ladies' Aid of the First Christian Church.

Patrick Loftus visited over the week-end at the Christian Church parsonage.

All who failed to register for Civilian Defense can do so any Thursday evening at the Christian Church Hall between 7 and 8 o'clock.

William Ferry and Miss Doris Long spent Monday in Berwick.

Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Christian Church was held Saturday afternoon and the following officers elected: Jesse Hann, treasurer; Mrs. Jesse Hann, secretary, assisted by Mrs. Charles Long; Mrs. Andrew Adams, stewardess and Mrs. Harold Cragle, assistant; deacon, Arthur Cragle; finance committee, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Harry Edwards and Charles Long; pianist, Doris Long; assisted by Dylis Hunter, Doris Cragle and Mrs. Elmer Dennis; musical director, Paris Callander; usher chairman, Harold Cragle; janitor, Mrs. Loren Cragle. The church granted Patrick Loftus, a local preacher, license for the coming year. It also voted to return the pastor, Rev. Ira Button, for the seventh successive year.

Sunday School Officers

The following Sunday School officers for First Christian Church were elected for the coming year: superintendent, Fred Updyke, assisted by Loren Dodson; secretary, Dayton Long, assisted by Charles Long; treasurer, Renald Morris, assisted by Mrs. Albert Morris; superintendent of home department, Eleanor Doberstein, assisted by Mrs. Willard Bonning; missionary superintendent, Mrs. Frease Morris, assisted by Freas Morris; cradle roll superintendent, Mrs. Charles Long; librarian, Loren Cragle Jr., assisted by William Smith.

KUNKLE

Mrs. Mame Dymond is the guest of Mrs. Stella Isaacs.

Rev. David Morgan will speak on "Your Child's Spiritual Needs" at the Dallas Township PTA meeting Monday, January 19.

Miss Emily Shoemaker and Mrs. Melvira Shoemaker were dinner guests of Mrs. Amanda Herdman recently.

S. S. Awards Made

Kunkle Sunday School awarded pins and bars to the following for perfect attendance on the last Sunday of the year: Robert Hess, seven years; Robert Henney, Joan Kunkle, Gertrude Smith, Florence Klimech, five years; Barney Klimech, Phyllis Kunkle, Wilma Hess, Grace Klimech, four years; Alan Kunkle, Mabel Miller, two years. Mrs. Frank Hess was elected superintendent and Harold Hess secretary for the new year.

War Relief Work

Change of policy will be instituted for the new year at the Silver Leaf Club meetings. Instead of social the entire time will be devoted to war relief work with the members completing the work started at each meeting in their homes.

Celebrates Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hess entertained recently in honor of their son Robert, who celebrated his sixteenth birthday anniversary: Jean Henderson, Mildred Schoonover, Pauline Race, Evelyn Kaufman, Dorothy Ruff, Ruth Haeckling, June Libenguth, Mabel Rogers, Layiah Winters, Ada Jackson, Evelyn Taylor, Helen Elston, Lena Elston, Nona Winters, Dorothy Winters, Ethel DeRemer, Geraldine Howell, Doris Hess, Wilma Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Howell, Charles Kunkle, Lawrence Smith, Robert Ashburner, Guy Rothery, Howard Leibenguth, Harold Hess, Nile Hess, Keith Harding, Dorrell Harding, Franklin Smith and Harold Frantz.

MEEKER

Mr. and Mrs. George Weintz and James Davenport attended the funeral of Mrs. Blanche Drumheiser in Wilkes-Barre, Tuesday evening.

Miss Esther Decker, a student nurse at Stroudsburg Teachers' College, has resumed her studies after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foss entertained New Year's Day Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ehret of Lehman and Mr. and Mrs. Corey Foss of Sweet Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Valentine entertained recently at a family dinner Judge and Mrs. W. Alfred Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fraley, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Valentine, Miss Margaret Valentine of Wilkes-Barre and Miss Mary Valentine of Coatesville.

Band Of Hope Class

Girls Band of Hope Sunday School Class was entertained at a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Edna Karschner Monday evening, December 29. An enjoyable evening was spent and refreshments were served to Mesdames Russell Steele, Arthur Hoover, James Davenport, Floyd Rogers, Harry Decker, Charles Van-Buskirk, Wayne King, George Weintz, Karl Rebennack, Martin Sites, John Hildebrand, Harlos Condiff, Edith King, Eugene Robinson, Edna Karchner, Misses Maude Wolfe, Letha Wolfe and Beatrice Cornell.

Men's Bible Class

Men's Bible Class entertained at the home of Stephen Wolfe Monday evening to help him celebrate his 86th birthday anniversary. Mr. Wolfe has been teacher of the class for several years. Present were: Russell Steel, Lawrence Wolfe, Roy King, William Drabick, David Sites, James Davenport, John Hildebrand, Martin Sites, Walter Wolfe and the guest of honor.

In England And Australia



(TOP) In spite of war, the old customs carry on in England. Here, amid the pomp and circumstance of the law court, the annual rent for a strip of territory in Shropshire is paid to the crown. The rent, a hatchet, bill-hook and couple of knives! It all started because of service rendered by a feudal lord to His Majesty, the King.

(BOTTOM) Australia's "Citizen Army" parades in Melbourne. These Home Guard troops do not possess the newest uniforms of the overseas "Aussies," but they train in the puttee and plumed hat outfits of World War I.

This Week, This World

Time has proved Gen. Billy Mitchell, who over a decade ago dramatically directed America's attention to the need of creating a great air force, as having been both right and wrong. Mitchell urged that the United States achieve world wide air superiority. In that, experience has proved him right. But he also demanded that a separate air force be created. In that, he has been proved to be wrong.

The sinking of the battleships "Prince of Wales" and "Repulse" by the Japanese has been the clinching evidence that, to be effective, air power must move and act with, rather than independent of, land and sea power. No one will deny the bravery of the RAF but, if instead of an independent air force the British had had an air arm operating as an integral part of its Far Eastern Fleet, the two battleships would never have been sunk.

Criticism of the commanding admiral aside, since he was apparently not equal to his job, the real weakness of the British was the insufficiency of RAF training in naval warfare. Too many past instances of RAF fighters bombing their own warships when suddenly called upon to aid in naval action, prevented their being brought into the Far Eastern battle. To work effectively with naval forces, aviators must know and belong to their navy.

Profiting by experience, the British are about ready to abandon the separate air force idea and pattern their aviation after the United States.

An adding machine will help convince you as to who will eventually win this war, if you need any convincing!

Allied armies, at the moment, number 15,200,000; Axis armies total 12,800,000. Potential Allied forces, however, can be drawn from a manpower of 163,887,000, while the Axis can reach out to only 28,560,000. In sea power the Allies have 1,500 war vessels of all types, built and building; the Axis less than 700. Merchant marine tonnage show the United States and Britain leading with 32,500,000 tons against Japan's 5,600,000 tons, with Germany's and Italy's shipping sealed up by blockade. Allied and Axis air power is about equal at the present. German factories are turning out between 2,000 and 3,000 planes a month. Italian and Japanese production is small. The British are now producing 2,000 planes monthly, and the United States about the same. But British air production is not yet at its peak, and by June the United States will pass 4,000 monthly.

As for raw material resources from which the weapons of war are made and which keep them going, the Allies control 86% of the world's supply of oil, the Axis only 3%; 67% of the coal, the Axis but 20%; 64% of the iron ore, the Axis only 27%.

Finally, Germany, Japan and Italy have already reached 80% of their maximum industrial production—the British 45%, and the United States only 15%!

Add up the foregoing, multiply it by the time-element, in which the Allies are much more favored than the Axis, and the sum total is

"Allied Victory!"

Shortly after the attack on Russia by the Germans, this commentator said that in spite of prevailing doubts, the Soviets would carry on the struggle, come what might. Of interest is information given to us by an associate of Stalin just back from Russia:

"Stalin is determined to fight the war against the Nazis to the bitter end. He knows that on the issues of this war depend not only the existence of his government and his country but also his own life."

"Unfortunately, Stalin does not yet entirely trust the democracies. He cannot forget the abuse heaped on the Soviets for years past. And he has not entirely rid himself of the fear that the democracies might give up, or make a deal at his expense. Stalin shudders at the possibilities of a second Munich."

"Russia's current inactivity in the Far East is easy to explain. Stalin knows very well that the Japanese intend eventually to attack him. But he has his hands full with the Germans and for the present does not want to add to his military problems. When and if his armies succeed in wearing down the Germans he will turn to face Russia's traditional enemy, Japan, and no punches pulled!"

But Stalin also wants to make sure that the ABCD powers intend doing their full share in fighting the common enemies. The final attitude of Stalin is dependent on the all-out effort of the democracies. The Russians are ready for full collaboration on all fronts, but as the Soviet ambassadors, Maisky and Litvinov have made clear in London and Washington, Russia expects Britain and the United States to come through to the hit."

Plans are afoot in Washington to organize an "American Air Cadet Corps" for boys between the ages of 12 and 18. Suggested to Under Secretary of War for Air, Lovette, by Reagan McCrary, a New York newspaperman, the uniformed force of youngsters is to be trained in gunnery, ordnance, meteorology, aerodynamics and simple military drill—everything but actual flying, which intended to follow when the youngsters reach selective service age.

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ALFRED I. DUPONT. The Family Rebel. By Marquis James. Bobbs-Merrill. \$4.50.

At 13, Alfred I. DuPont was worth something under a hundred thousand dollars, which his father had bequeathed him. In 1935, when he died, at the age of 71, he was worth between fifty-five and sixty-five million. Various charities and relatives received much of this gigantic monetary legacy. But Alfred I. DuPont left another legacy, which anyone may claim. This other legacy is his philosophy of life, gained after many years of hard-work, near blindness, almost total deafness and other tribulations which his great wealth in no way could ease or comfort.

"My philosophy of life," wrote DuPont, "is exceedingly simple: be fair to everyone; do as much good as you can; be honest with yourself, which means, honest with everybody; and, to put it mildly, be most disagreeable to anyone who seeks to do you injury. This last, I know, is contrary to Biblical admonition, but it is the only practical way to get along in this world. . . . As for my philosophy for the future, it is equally simple. One's proper discharge of one's duties and obligations in this world will insure proper recognition in the next. . . ."

Alfred I. DuPont inherited something more than money, himself. From his father he inherited a fondness for machines, a sense of humor, and a spirit of independence; an explosive mixture, which various DuPonts learned to their chagrin.

As a boy, Alfred, for all his affluence, was no namby-pamby. He belonged to a "gang," excelled at games, with the notable exception of baseball, broke windows, snow-balled his teachers, and went swimming in the "crick." When he was 20, Alfred went to work in the family powder mill, on the Brandywine, at 83 a month. While this wage was more than that received by other unskilled hands, DuPont was not excused from being on the job, with the others, at 6:50 a. m. each day. It was nearly two years before he became assistant superintendent, at about \$125 monthly.

In his youth, as in his manhood, Alfred was always proud of the DuPont family heritage, even if there were times when he wasn't so proud of individual members of the far-flung tribe. Clannish, Alfred rebelled at the idea of selling the DuPont holdings to outsiders. With the aid of two other DuPont "progressives", Coleman and Pierre, he succeeded in keeping the business empire that was DuPont in the hands of DuPonts.

As has been indicated, "The Family Rebel" is primarily the story of Alfred I., but herein can be found also the story of all DuPonts. And in the background are the amazing deals, the breaks, the coups, the hard-work that helped to make DuPont what it is today.

Under the skillful handling of Marquis James, winner of the 1940 Pulitzer Prize with his "Life of Andrew Jackson," the multi-faceted picture of a great and unusual man emerges with clarity and vividness against a background of broad and unusual scope. "The Family Rebel" is a valuable, information-packed biography of one of America's titans.

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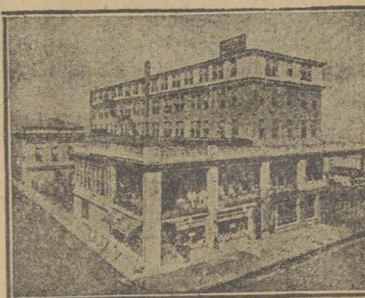
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