

### SECOND THOUGHTS

Just when it was I do not know  
But I was full of health and pep,  
My eyes were bright, my cheeks had  
glow  
And with the world I marched in  
step.  
I do not know just when or where  
I met the nasty little germ  
That sent me to my bed and chair  
For days that seem a prison term.  
I pity those who have disease  
That topples comfort from its  
throne  
But when I'm wracked by cough  
and sneeze  
I'd rather have a fractured bone.  
Confined now to my humble hutch  
With four blank walls at which  
to stare  
I'd rather limp upon a crutch  
If with it I might take the air.  
Don't tell me that the radio  
Is company in daylight's hour,  
I've heard its programs, all of woe,  
Its mimic characters all dour.  
Between the bromide and the plug  
At start and end of every sketch  
I listen to a mournful mug,  
I listen to a weeping wretch  
I listen to a tale of tears,  
A drama steeped in miseries,  
I pity women, silly dears,  
Who daily are assailed by these.  
How else are they to keep a pace  
Of what is best in food and pills,  
Of helps to figure, hair and face  
And medications for their ills?

Who's guilty of this air-borne trend  
Of hearts a-drift and fortunes lost,  
Of complications without end  
And innocents all double-crossed?  
By whom inspired this driv-el-drool?  
I wish I knew, I'd like to tell.  
Call him a dunce, but who's the fool  
Who, hearing, makes his products  
sell?  
My mood is lachrymose, my eyes  
Run rivulets of salty tears,  
My head is twice its normal size  
And strangely throbs my tortured  
ears.  
My nostrils as twin fountains ooze  
While pain and aching ebb and  
flow,  
I cannot sleep, I cannot snooze,  
I listen to the radio.  
I hear the dramas of divorce,  
The ones of unrequited love,  
The heroines whose futile course  
Is always short of treasure-trove,  
The noble men by fate denied  
And doomed to drink the gall  
and rue,  
I hear them as with grit and pride  
Evasive goals they still pursue.

The commentators preach of duds  
I ought to wear, of foods to eat,  
They tell the worth of Slimy Suds,  
Of Whiffled Oats and Woozled  
Wheat.  
The pal of death and weighted woe  
The radio in daylight bears,  
I listen and I want to know:  
How does it ever sell its wares?

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### Wants A Crack At Dirty Japs

Pat Finnegan Has Two Brothers In Army

Pat Finnegan before joining the army was houseboy at Boyle's Hillside Inn. He is one of six brothers. Three are now in the army, one in the navy and one in defense work. The youngest will join the navy when he returns from a C. C. Camp in about two months—Editor.

Wants Crack At Japs  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Dear Post:  
I sort of figured I'd take a little time off to say hello and let you know everything is well under control here, because it really is. I'm in ship shape and raring to see some action as are all the rest of us down here.

Well to begin with I'm on stable police this week and I imagine you have a pretty good idea of what that is. Cleaning up after horses and feeding them, cleaning out stable, etc. It's really a good job but dirty and smelly as the deuce. We took two loads of dirt and trash out to the compost and it rained like the devil which means that right now I have a whale of a cold. Boy, I am telling you I sure would enjoy some of that Pennsylvania weather. At least when it's cold it stays cold. Down here it is hot one day and wet and damp the next.

By the way, I'm going to return that favor you're doing by sending me the Dallas Post, by sending you a subscription to the Fort Bragg Post. You'd ought to be getting it right soon.

So Harry Jr. is still selling papers. Tell him to get busy and sell Defense Stamps so we can have more ammunition to knock off those Japs. Boy, I hope they send me across so I can have a crack at those rats. I'm itching for an opportunity just to average those fellows at Pearl Harbor. It's funny how an attack like that can arouse the morale of our soldiers. We all feel that right now we have a mission to accomplish and we're determined to go through with it. What makes us really determined is the fine support we are getting from the American people. So I guess you will agree with me when I say: "Keep 'em Flying, Keep 'em Rolling and Keep Us Fighting America. We need your support."  
Well it is 11 o'clock and I have to get up at 4 so will say good night and good luck.  
As Ever,  
Pat Finnegan.

### Lehman Minstrel Show To Be Given Feb. 24, 25

Tuesday evening, February 24 and Wednesday, February 25, have been chosen as the dates for "Southland Minstrel" show which is being presented in the Lehman High School for benefit of the Parent Teacher Association. Mrs. Charles Nuss is in charge of arrangements. H. Austin Snyder is interlocutor and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cooper, Joseph Clouser, Clarence Boston, John Sidler, Howard Crosby, Lewis Ide, and Richard Parks, will be endmen. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dodson will be featured in a specialty dance, Henry Counsman is in charge of tickets.

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### Ted Park Breaks Ankle When He Slips On Ice

Ted Park of Idetown is confined to his home with a broken ankle which he injured when he slipped on the ice while selling apples in Kingston last week. Ted is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Park and is a senior at Lehman High School. He hopes that the swelling will go down sufficiently to put his leg in a cast this week.

### Soldiers Now Wear Gas Masks

Lee Boys Get Defense Stamps For Letters

Camp Pendleton, Virginia.  
Editor:  
The 28th Division went to Camp Beauegard, Alexandria, La., except for a combat team of which I am a part. The team is now stationed at Virginia Beach supplementing the coastal defenses of Norfolk and Chesapeake area. It is "ok" to publish where some men are located so long as no unit or designation is used that would give the enemy any information regarding troop movements.

With the defenses that I have seen here an invading force would run into trouble. We are on "alert" and wear our gas masks and carry rifles with us whenever we are on duty. By gas masks I mean we carry them around our necks in their containers, not on the face.

When I came home on my last furlough, I offered my boys, Henry and Dana, a 25c Defense Stamp for every two-page letter I got from them. At present writing it looks as though I'll have to hire a secretary to keep up with their letters—not to mention the need for a fatter pocketbook. But it's all for a good cause and maybe the boys will learn to write a nice letter.

Regards,  
Capt. Larry Lee.

### Malcolm Arnold Goes To Denver Airport

Malcolm Arnold who has been stationed at Oldstead Field at the Middletown, Pa., air depot has been given an advanced mechanic's rating and transferred to Denver, Colorado. He is the son of Guy Arnold of Harvey's Lake. He and Mrs. Arnold, the former Ruth Stevenson, will break up their home in Middletown until Mr. Arnold is settled in Denver when Mrs. Arnold expects to follow. Arnold is one of several Harvey's Lake young men who some months ago took an advanced N. Y. A. course in aviation mechanics at Charleston, Virginia and at the Glenn L. Martin plant in Baltimore.

### Local Men Join Marines

Elwood Davis, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis of Anderson and Millard Kocher of Idetown, son of Atlee Kocher of Harvey's Lake, have enlisted in the Marine Corps. They will leave Tuesday for the Marine training station at Parris Island, South Carolina.  
Davis attended Meyer's High School and Wyoming Seminary and has been employed by Commonwealth Telephone Company and Harvey's Lake Light Company for the past three years.

### Danny Boyle To Serve In Uncle Sam's Army

Danny Boyle of Hillside Inn expects to leave for service in the United States Army shortly and has turned the management of the Inn over to his father, Barney, for the duration. Barney is well known throughout Wyoming Valley and the Back Mt. Area and undoubtedly do a job of "keeping the home fires burning" while Danny cleans up the Japs.

### NOXEN

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bigelow of Virginia have taken charge of his father's farm, just outside of Noxen. Failing health has made it necessary for the elder Bigelow to retire from active duties.

The farm is well stocked with fine horses and cows. It is a coincidence that the son lived in the same home 20 years ago before his father purchased it. He drove a truck delivering milk to the Woodlawn Dairy in Wilkes-Barre and also engaged in lumbering at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow made many friends in those days who will welcome them back to this neighborhood.

Mrs. Lewis Hackling who has been suffering from blood poisoning for several weeks, has nearly recovered.

Her case shows how quickly such trouble can develop. She was breaking up a stick in the back yard when a small splinter punctured the skin near a finger nail. It seemed a small matter and after treatment with a bit of antiseptic, was forgotten. Days after the wound had apparently healed, the finger suddenly became painful. Remedies that are usually effective showed no results and red streaks up the arm quickly developed. Mrs. Hackling then decided it was a case for a physician. Dr. Beck lanced the finger and probed deep to arrest the spread of infection. Under his careful supervision the red streaks soon receded. While improvement has been slow, it has been steady and Mrs. Hackling is now past the stage of probable reinfection.

### FOR VICTORY



### Inhuman Treatment Of A Dog Brings Quick Justice In Susquehanna Co.

A young man from outside of Susquehanna county was recently arrested by Agent Clark C. Wood, of the Susquehanna County Humane Society on an unusual and unsportsmanlike charge of cruelty. Accompanied by a single companion, the two in early evening drove along a lonely road near Montrose when they saw a strange animal cross the road ahead of the car lights.

It would appear that there was a loaded gun in the car for upon seeing the unknown animal ahead of the car, the young man sprang out and shot in the direction of the moving object. It did not stop and the man attempted to trail the animal, which he later said he "thought was a fox." But as they were unable to trace the animal they went on their way.

The next morning neighbors along this road discovered what had every appearance of being the target of the unlucky shot of the night before. There had come to their premises a pitifully injured foxhound, shot through the nostrils, with the jaw broken so that the lower jaw hung down helplessly. The dog in this condition was unable to eat or drink.

Investigation of the license tag revealed who the owner was and he was promptly notified. A confession was obtained from the man who was alleged to have done the shooting on the previous night and he was placed under arrest for carrying loaded firearms on the public highway and for the shooting at a licensed dog. The injured foxhound was taken to the humane shelter and destroyed. The arrested man was sentenced to thirty days in the Susquehanna county jail.

Upon his release from jail, he was arrested by the Humane Society on a charge of cruelty to animals, taken before Justice of the Peace N. H. Wilmarth, of New Milford, and being unable to pay his fine, was returned to jail. He remained there for two days when relatives found money to pay his fine and he was released.

Following his final release the draft board in the New York town where he lived served papers on him to appear before them.  
—from The Montrose Democrat.

### Executive Board Of Dallas Scouts Meet At Metz Home

Mrs. George Metz entertained members of the Executive Committee of Dallas District Girl Scouts at her home, Rice street, Trucksville, on Thursday evening.

Reports were made by the various chairmen. Mrs. Warren Taylor, chairman of Community Service requested the girl scouts to save all hangers returned with garments from the cleaners. A laundry will buy all those collected and the money will be turned over to the American Red Cross. A supper meeting for all committee members and leaders will be held on February 9th, at a place to be announced later, and the yearly meeting of the Wyoming Valley Council will be in the Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre, on February 24th.

Objectives adopted for the coming year for Dallas District are Reorganization of Committeewomen, Troop growth, a better Day Camp, including a larger staff of councilors, and the formation of a friendly visiting committee.

Mrs. George Metz, Mrs. Wilbur Manning, Mrs. James Robinson and Miss Thelma Bullford attended the Defense Institute in Scranton on Thursday.

Present were Mrs. Edward Conrad, Mrs. Stanley Davies, Mrs. Russell Case, Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mrs. Warren Taylor, Mrs. Sherman Schooley, Mrs. Martin Porter, Mrs. Edgar Sutton, Mrs. Metz and Miss Thelma Bullford.

### T-B Cow Tests Are Postponed

State Unable To Supply Trained Veterinarians

The Luzerne County Agricultural Extension Association has been advised by the Bureau of Animal Industry at Harrisburg that the Triennial T. B. Test of Luzerne County dairy cattle, that was scheduled for February, 1942 will be delayed until February 1945.

The reason for this delay is due to the inability of the Bureau to secure sufficient veterinarians to conduct the test. There is also only a limited amount of Federal money for expenditure in the field and for payment of indemnities.

This delay has the approval of the Federal Bureau, providing a county has a complete area test of its cattle and that the reaction of the last test showed less than 0.2 of 1% infection of tuberculosis.

In Luzerne County when the cattle were tested in 1939 only 28 cattle reacted, or a percentage of .2 of the total county cattle population. The herds wherein tuberculosis was found in 1939, will be retested this year and herd owners who do not wish to wait until 1945 to have their cattle tuberculosis tested, have the privilege of employing their own local veterinarian to tuberculin test

their cattle at their own expense. However, before testing, they should advise the Bureau of Animal Industry at Harrisburg of the name of their veterinarian they intend to employ so that the Bureau may grant authorization of the test to the veterinarian.

In herds operating under the individual plan (owner's expense) for the Control of Bangs Disease, it is suggested that when the bang's Disease test is being made that the veterinarian also make the tuberculin test at the same time.

### Ladino Clover Meets All Tests

Pennsylvania Farmers Pleased With Results

Ladino clover in Pennsylvania is finding its greatest use in grass mixtures for hay, grass silage, intensive dairy pastures and for poultry ranges, states County Agent J. D. Hutchison. It is also being dehydrated and ground for additions to mixed feeds. Ladino clover recovers rapidly after it is cut or grazed because only the leaves and leaf stalks (petioles) are removed; the stem stays on the ground and in three to four days new leaves are pushed out which make the field look green. The feeding value of Ladino clover is very high. It is rich in minerals, protein and vitamins. This makes it one of the best legumes for pastures and ranges.

Ladino clover is lengthening the life of alfalfa fields. When the alfalfa thins out due to disease or old age, Ladino clover is seeded early in the spring along with some orchard grass and tall fescue, together with a liberal application of a phosphate-potash fertilizer. This keeps the field in a good legume sod for several more years without plowing.

Ladino clover pastures and ranges will carry two to three times the amount of livestock per acre as ordinary white clover. Cows leave alfalfa and graze Ladino clover by preference. In Pennsylvania we do not recommend that Ladino clover replace any legume we are now using—rather it is to be considered as an addition to our standard seed mixtures now in use. One pound of seed to the acre, added to any regular hay or pasture mixture, is enough in most cases. It is sown at the same time any other legume is sown. No inoculation is needed, says Mr. Hutchison.

Ladino clover is a big producer and a heavy feeder. It is a good crop for good land. It responds well to phosphorus and potash fertilizers, and late fall dressings of manure. Well treated, it will persist for years. It prefers heavy wet soils to sandy or dry soils. It is a good crop for a "spouty" piece of land. Information on Ladino clover is available at the Agricultural Extension office, 204 Post Office Bldg., Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

### First Aid Class

A Red Cross First Aid Class will be held every Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Dallas Township High School on the Kunkle Road. Men as well as women are urged to attend. Dr. W. L. Lanyon will be instructor. Any one wishing to attend these meetings will kindly get in touch with Mrs. R. D. Currie, Druid Hills, Shavertown.

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### Mrs. William Baker Is Minstrels Accompanist

By Henry Peterson  
For the minstrels to be given on March 5 and 6, Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company has secured the services of Mrs. William Baker as accompanist.  
Her musical capabilities are well known to all Back Mountain folk and will add much to the many specialties planned for the show. Mrs. Baker has been and is a necessary and vital part of Back Mountain musical activities.  
Chairman of the music committee is Leslie Warhola assisted by John Hislop and Mrs. Baker. Rehearsals are being held on Tuesday nights in the Borough high school.

### GAY-MURRAY NEWS

With our nation facing a crisis, it is more important than ever that everyone keep healthy. Visit our sports corner and enjoy your exercise with bowling shoes, skates, skis, snow shoes, archery, and other popular items.

A Bathroom and plenty of hot water are really appreciated this time of year whether it's in town or country. Alpheus Benjamin will soon enjoy these conveniences in his home at Kingsley.

Charles Preston of Wyalusing, is planning to keep the chicks warm with a Eureka Coal burning brooder. One proof of the reputation of this brooder is that more than a thousand are already in use.

Buzzing firewood is a disagreeable winter job unless you have a power outfit. Ask I. M. Taylor at Laceyville, or William Hradovy at Vernon how easy it is with a good saw frame. They know.

Pruning fruit trees is an important job which should be done during February or March. A pair of Tiffany Pruners will help you to trim them quickly and easily. We also have pruning saws and grafting supplies. A trip to our harness shop might save a runaway. We have extra parts or can give your harness a complete oiling and repair. Ted Wilson recently bought a new set of traces, Gordon Boice bought a set of bridles.

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