

The Promise Of Easter

Last year all over the world there was sorrow and desolation. War laid waste the foundations of our civilization. Bombs crashed through the air to shatter the earthly monuments of past glories, and the vultures of the sea laid in wait for the proud ships that bore the harvest of the world. Everywhere there were homeless, heartbroken folk, harried here and there by their relentless oppressors.

This year our own country, sucked into the vortex of the struggle by the insatiable greed of the hate-mongers, knows first-hand the bitter pains of war. Hearts are heavy and minds are fraught with trouble. Separation, anxiety, death, weigh down the spirit and the minds of countless millions.

Across this darkness falls the light of Easter—the pledge of life and of life eternal—a life in which there shall be neither sorrow of parting nor affliction of heart and soul. The pledge of the resurrection symbolized in Easter is like a light in the darkness—a ray of sunlight falling across a woodland glade, dank and cold from the devastation of wintry blasts and the melting snows of countless storms.

To the worried, Easter brings hope; to the downcast of spirit, courage; and to those who have lost all that was dear to them in life, it brings the comfort of faith. It is the triumph of good over evil—of truth over error, of life over death, of the Eternal Goodness over the forces of evil.

There is no deeper human experience than the realization of the impermanence of evil. It is that knowledge which will sustain and support us through the dark days ahead. We know that ours is the ultimate Victory for we fight on the side of right.

Sorrow there is, and suffering and pain and loss, but beyond them all is the glory of the Easter morning when the stone is rolled away. In the words of the old hymn, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Easter is the eternal pledge of the resurrection. The voice of the prophet, Job, paraphrased and set to triumphant strains of music, still rings out: "I know that my Redeemer liveth—and because he lives, I too shall live."

Banking Job Well Done

The superb work being done by the banks in these unpredictable days deserves nation-wide attention. No industry has more swiftly or efficiently adapted itself to the unprecedented demands imposed by this war.

The banks have literally placed all of their resources at the disposal of defense industries. It has been said on high authority that no needed defense work has been delayed for lack of bank financing.

The banks have done an extremely effective job—and a job which produces them no profit whatsoever—in selling Defense Bonds and Stamps to the public.

The banks have taken on and discharged many new tasks—such as cashing checks and providing bank accounts for troops at cantonments and forts.

The banks have cooperated fully with the Treasury Department in the exceedingly intricate work of freezing the financial resources of industries and individuals of enemy nations.

A full list of bank achievements would be a long one. Banking has proved its ability to gear itself to the needs of war no less than to the needs of peace.

Don't Tell MacArthur

"So live that you can look MacArthur in the eye." Leaders of the United Auto Workers have just won an arbitration decision in Detroit. It gives them double time in all General Motors plants when the men work on Sundays or holidays, even though this work is merely part of a 40-hour week.

Where would they look if they met MacArthur?—San Francisco News.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

This is the first Easter for nearly twenty-five years that has not meant gaily-colored Easter eggs, marshmallow bunnies, bright jelly-beans, and shredded green tissue paper in vari-colored splint baskets. The Easter celebrations started out mildly enough with half a dozen plain dyed eggs, working up from that modest beginning to ten or twelve dozen, dyed first with a plain foundation color and then decorated lavishly with marbled effects and splashes of gold and silver paint. The baskets grew in course of time from one plain pink basket filled with green excelsior and jelly beans to forty or fifty little crepe-paper baskets, just large enough to hold one hard-boiled egg apiece in a nest of green.

Starting with one roll each of green, orchid, pink, blue, yellow, and white crepe-paper, any number of combinations are possible. Green baskets with pink lining and a pink flower, orchid baskets with yellow lining, white baskets with blue lining, each with a braided crepe-paper handle and a matching flower, each with its lining turned down around the top in a ruffled petal effect.

The dining room window-sills, with their complement of pastel-baskets, look like beds of crocuses.

Once the eggs are dyed and heaped in a big wooden bowl, it is difficult to persuade ourselves to separate them for basket filling. It is a great temptation to leave the soul-satisfying mound in all its glory in the middle of the table, and invite casual callers to help gloat.

The baskets filled, the pain of parting is imminent. We decide which baskets can best be spared, and which baskets must be kept until the very last for our own delectation. Each hand-decorated egg is dear to us. We part with each gift reluctantly, masking our real emotions behind a poker-face and a hypocritical smile.

The crocus-bed thins out, and now there are only three baskets left—a pink one lined with baby-blue, a yellow one lined with orchid, a green one lined with white and decorated with a pink apple-blossom. This last is our favorite, and

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Dallas Sewing Project Closed Down Yesterday

After nearly seven years of continuous operation, the WPA sewing project on Main street, employing women from all portions of this area, was closed down yesterday as the WPA quota reduction for Luzerne County went into effect.

Supplying articles of clothing to needy families back of the Mountain, the local project has regularly employed 17 women, with a monthly payroll of well over \$1,000.

Nine sewing projects in all were closed down this week in the county, among them an 18-woman project at Hunlock's Creek.

Wilson's Unable To Contact Son Serving With The AEF At Bataan

No word has been received from Walter "Cease" Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Franklin street, and who has been stationed with the air corps in the Philippines since the outbreak of hostilities. The last message received from him was a cable before the fall of Manila and no letters have been received since shortly after his arrival in the islands more than three months ago. Efforts to communicate with him have been futile, but none of the letters forwarded by his family have been returned.

This week his sister, Miss Gertrude Wilson, noted an Associate Press dispatch in a daily paper telling of the receipt of a letter by Mrs. Mary Bauman of West Etna, Pa., from her son, a priest, who is a chaplain with the besieged Philippine forces. Miss Wilson wrote Mrs.

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More Sweat,  
Less Blood  
And Tears!

Liquor Agents Arrest Noxen Saloon Keeper

Raiders Discover Minors At Bar In Wilson's Taproom

Allen "Torchy" Wilson, proprietor of the Noxen Inn at Noxen, was arraigned yesterday afternoon before Squire J. P. Allen of Tunkhannock on charges of selling intoxicants to minors and breaking the Sunday no-liquor law. He will be tried on these charges in Wyoming County Court House, with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board as prosecutor.

Yesterday's hearing followed a raid last Wednesday night on Wilson's establishment, conducted by ten officers of the Liquor Control Board and the State Motor Police. Fifteen minors, found frequenting the inn, were questioned and will be subpoenaed as witnesses.

The raid was carried out after a member of the investigating party entered the establishment and found it crowded with youngsters who were being served liquor in violation of the minor regulations. Evidence that the taproom had been regularly operated on Sundays was obtained previous to the raid.

Wilson, who was absent when the police closed in on Noxen Inn, was arrested Thursday and placed under \$500 bond to appear for the hearing at Tunkhannock.

Township Man Goes To Jail

Mitchell Convicted Of Stabbing Friend

Friend A. Mitchell, 60-year-old Dallas Township resident who last summer stabbed and seriously wounded a road construction worker during a drunken bout at Hayes Corners, was committed to Luzerne County Prison last Thursday to serve a term of one-and-a-half to three years.

Found guilty of aggravated assault and battery on the person of Aaron Wandell of Wilkes-Barre, Mitchell was also directed by Judge W. A. Valentine to pay court costs, a \$500 fine and hospitalization fees for Wandell.

The stabbing, which occurred last August 13, was first discovered by Miss Gertrude Mitchell, sister of the convicted man, when the injured Wandell stumbled up to the door of her home at Hayes Corners, covering a gaping wound in his abdomen with his hands. He had been stabbed during an argument with Mitchell. Both men were intoxicated.

Mitchell was apprehended by Dallas Township police and turned over to the State Police at Wyoming. He was arraigned on charges of assault and battery and released under bail until his trial last week.

Citizen Offers To Paint Street Signs

James Stile has offered to paint street signs for all streets of Dallas Borough as a community contribution, if some organization will sponsor the purchase of materials for the signs. Mr. Stile played a large part in the construction of street signs erected in Kingston and Wilkes-Barre some time ago by the W. P. A.

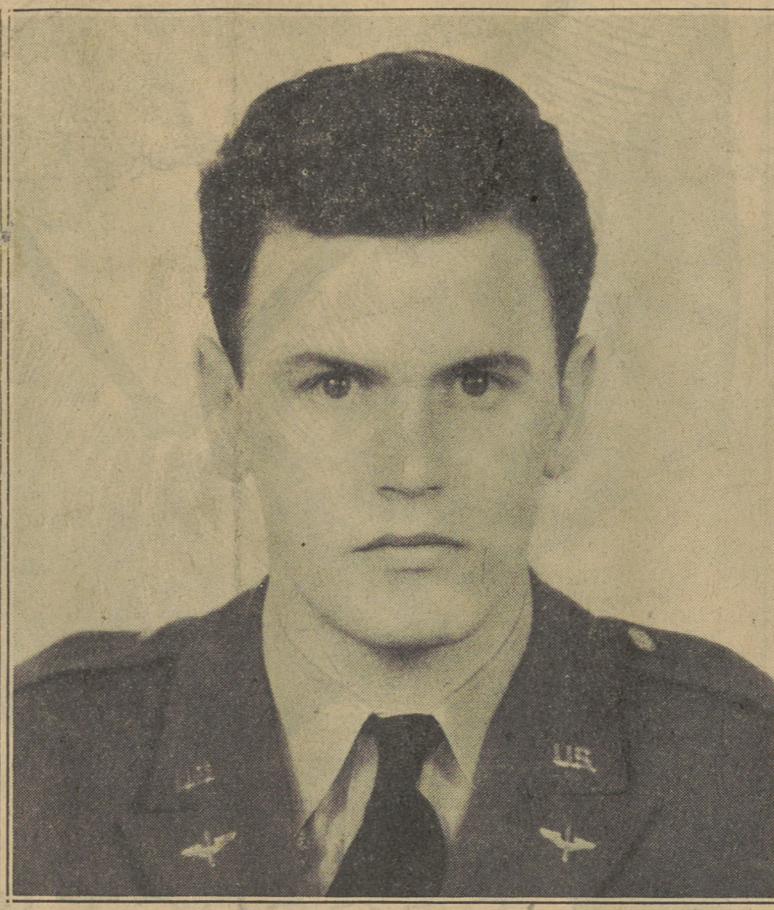
Softball League Formed

The Back Mountain Softball League was re-organized on Monday night at a meeting held at the Tally-Ho Grille with the following teams accepted as members: Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville, and Tally-Ho.

The season will open on May 5 and two games will be played each week. The league will again use the split season with the winners of each half meeting in August for the championship.

A final meeting before the season opens will be held at the Tally-Ho Grille on Monday, April 20 at 7:30 at which time the schedule will be announced. A complete schedule will be published in The Post prior to the opening of the season.

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Missing In Action--Far Eastern Theatre

LIEUTENANT KEATS POAD  
March 23, 1919—March 3, 1942

Parents Of Missing Officer Confident He Is Still Alive

"Deeply regret to inform you that Second Lieutenant Keats Poad, U. S. Army, has been reported missing in action since March 3rd in the Far Eastern Theatre. Further reports will be forwarded as received."

To Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Poad of Demunds Road, this terse message, sent them from Washington last Friday, meant that their fine young son—who had visited them here not three months ago—had gone down in action against the enemy somewhere in the Pacific.

But that Second Lieutenant Keats Poad may still be alive—perhaps stranded wherever his Army bomber was forced down, or perhaps as a prisoner of war—is a confident hope in the minds of his parents. Just "missing in action", as the telegram reported, and Mr. and Mrs. Poad feel that some day, possibly in the very near future, another advice will come from the War Department, bearing the reassuring news that their son is alive, and safe.

At the time he was reported among those "unaccounted for", Lieutenant Poad was serving as a navigator aboard one of the great new bombers of the Army Air Corps. He left this country for the Far East on February 2nd, but, although he was permitted to phone his parents just prior to his departure, he could give no information as to where he was going or in what unit he was to serve.

Keats graduated in 1937 from Dallas Township High School, where he was an outstanding athlete and student, went on to spend two and a half years at Penn State and en-

listed in the Air Corps in February, 1940.

He served as a Flying Cadet at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and was transferred from there to the Pan American Airways school at Coral Gables, Florida, to specialize in navigation. After further training at Langley Field, Virginia, concluded last May, he was assigned to a Bombardment Group and sent to Westover Field in Massachusetts.

Keats was commissioned a second lieutenant in June and sent to the Air Corps Ferry Command at Bolling Field in Washington, where he soon gained an appointment to an Ohio factory to supervise the preparation of bomber fleets for ferrying to the War Zone. Early in November he was sent to Cairo, Egypt, on a secret mission, returned within a month and was granted a leave.

When he reported back to Washington the middle of December, Lieutenant Poad became seriously ill with tropical malaria, and after hospitalization in Washington, was sent home to recuperate.

Keats bid his parents and friends here goodbye on January 18th, when he was ordered back to Bolling Field and to active service.

Now, only a few short weeks beyond that last farewell, he is "missing in action". It seems hardly possible to Mr. and Mrs. Poad that their son is no longer flying for his country and doing the job he had trained for so hard and enjoyed so well. But whatever trouble he has encountered, they know he is meeting it with all the courage and resourcefulness that a man—and a soldier—can muster.

Dick Cease Flew To Avenge Death Of Classmate In Hawaiian Attack

Mother Of Officer Who Was Killed At Pearl Harbor Writes Parents Of Trucksville Hero

The first bomb that fell on Pearl Harbor killed Lieut. Louis G. Moslener, a former cadet classmate of the late Lieut. Richard Cease, it was revealed this week in a letter from the boy's mother, Mrs. L. G. Moslener of Butler county, to Dick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Cease of Trucksville. Mrs. Moslener enclosed photographs of her son taken from Life Magazine and clippings from a Butler County newspaper revealing the circumstances of her son's death. She had visited the young air corps cadets when they were stationed in Salt Lake City and in Florida.

In part Mrs. Moslener's letter said: "I do think that Dick's death was pure murder and I think Louis' death was caused by the highest neglect on the part of our government. We are all alone now. We just had one boy and one girl and the girl is married."

"My husband wants to enlist. He is a civil engineer and he would like to be sent to Hawaii. I don't know what I'll do if he goes. Life seems cruel sometimes. Two years ago we had our family and were very happy. Now we are back where we started, with a lot of happy memories."

Mrs. Moslener then enclosed a copy of the communication she had

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Jap Houseboy Arrested At Hayfield Farm On Suspicion Of Spy Activity

Tei Takahashi Taken Into Custody By F. B. I.; Agents Confiscate Short-Wave Radio And Maps

The devious trail of Axis espionage led last week to the Dallas area when a Japanese employee of Hayfield Farms was apprehended at Lehman by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Japanese, Tei Takahashi, middle-aged houseboy of Mrs. John Conyngham, was taken into custody Friday morning by two F. B. I. men on suspicion of spy activity. A thorough search of his living quarters at Hayfield revealed a short-wave radio, a powerful camera, and several maps and pictures of Wyoming Valley. All these were confiscated by the G-Men.

Low Wage Scale Costs Lehman Two Instructors

Dodson Leaves Faculty For Mail Carrier Job; Coach Also Resigns

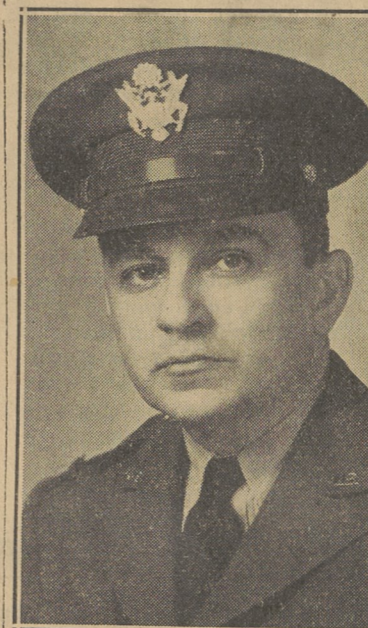
The low wage scale for teachers which prevails in the school districts of the Back Mountain Region was made painfully evident again this week as two Lehman Township High School instructors resigned to take more lucrative positions.

One of the pair, Donald Dodson, left the Lehman faculty to become a rural mail carrier at Hunlock Creek. Mr. Dodson, who had worked his way up to an annual salary of \$1,300 after three years of service at Lehman, will receive a base rate of \$2,100 as a mail carrier, and an additional five cents a mile for expenses.

The other, Henry Counsman, shop and mathematics teacher and athletic coach, goes to the Phoenixville schools, near Philadelphia, at a considerable increase in salary.

Mr. Dodson's resignation, which became effective today with the beginning of the Easter holidays at Lehman, has put Supervising Principal H. Austin Snyder and members of the school board in a difficult position. The vacated instructorship—that of physical education

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WILLIAM CAIRL

William Cairl Commissioned

Served In World War At Fifteen

William "Bill" Cairl, Commonwealth Telephone Company wire chief for the past seventeen years, has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army and has been ordered to report for active duty April 10 with the Signal Corps Replacement Unit at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Bill's enlistment in the armed service of his country is his third since he went overseas with the A. E. F. in 1918 as one of the youngest members of the Second Division. It is his second in the United States Army. From 1920 to 1923 he served a three-year term in the Navy.

Bill first enlisted in the United States Army at Philadelphia on April 26, 1918, when he was fifteen years and nine months old. He spent five weeks at Fort Slocum and two weeks at Fort Wood on Bedlow's Island. With no further training he embarked for France at New York on June 14 and fourteen days later landed at St. Nazaire, France. He was assigned to the Signal Corps Replacement unit at St. Aignan and a few days later joined the First Field Signal Battalion of the Second Division in the Soissons offensive.

One of his most interesting war experiences came during the early days of that offensive when with sixteen other replacements he was

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activity. A thorough search of his living quarters at Hayfield revealed a short-wave radio, a powerful camera, and several maps and pictures of Wyoming Valley. All these were confiscated by the G-Men.

The arrest of Takahashi is believed to have been the result of a report sent in to the F. B. I. recently by Chief Ira C. Stevenson of the Harvey's Lake police force. In this report, Stevenson submitted that the Jap had made several trips to New York City without first applying to him for permission. Takahashi, subject to a routine investigation by the F. B. I. last December following the declaration of war upon Japan, had been placed under the jurisdiction of Stevenson and was ordered to report to the Harvey's Lake Chief whenever he had occasion to leave this section.

Takahashi had been in the employ of Mrs. Conyngham at Hayfield Farms for more than a decade, and prior to that worked in New York City. He lived by himself in one of the tenant houses at Hayfield and rarely conversed or associated with any of his fellow workers at the estate. While there had been no demonstration of any sort against him at Hayfield, other employees of the farm began to resent his presence there in recent months and regarded his secret trips to New York with considerable suspicion.

Laux Sells Out Shop Equipment

Local Machine Plant Bought By City Firm

To better serve the interests of National Defense, a local machine-shop operator decided this week to merge with a larger manufacturing concern in Wilkes-Barre and dissolve a business which has thrived here for more than two decades.

The latter part of next month the entire complement of machinery in Jacob Laux's three-story plant on Pioneer avenue will be transferred to the Popky Freezer Company plant on North Pennsylvania avenue, Wilkes-Barre, where it will be devoted to work on government con-

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G. O. P. Leaders Endorse Flack

Clark Organization Chooses Candidates

Endorsing Harold Flack of Shavertown, candidate for representative of the Sixth District, and Pete Clark as district chairman, Independent Republican leaders of this section met Friday night at Kunkle Community Hall to make plans for the May primaries.

The local politics, among them officials from all the Back Mountain municipalities, heard speeches by Burgess Herbert A. Smith and Joseph H. MacVeigh of Dallas, Burgess Frank Hughes and Atty. D. O. Coughlin of Forty Fort and Tom Lewis of Wyoming, and chose the following candidates for committee-men:

Dallas borough—Joseph Jewell, south district, and James Beseker, north district; Dallas township—Walter Elston, north, Floyd Chamberlain, middle, and Earl Layson, south; Kingston township—John Earl, north, James Treblcox, middle, and Ted Hinkle, south; Lehman: Bruce Williams, north, Clyde Cooper, middle, and Frank Crossin, south; Jackson—Harold Palmer.

Cycling Hazards

Bicycling has had its drawbacks in Noxen, along with its ecstasies. Doris Traver, 12-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ruth Traver, was injured Sunday, when she was thrown from her bicycle. Marjorie VanCampen, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles VanCampen, was caught in the wheel while her uncle Elmer Race was taking her to school last week. Her ankle and leg were badly bruised, but no other serious injuries resulted.

Men To Sing

Men's Chorus will present a program at the 7:30 service at Dallas Methodist Church this evening.