

State Taxes Must Be Cut

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State and local economy, always the hallmark of good government, is made more necessary than ever at this time by the vastness of the Federal war program.

Tax sources and taxpaying ability cannot stand the strain of State and local "government as usual" superimposed on the cost of the war.

Calculations made by the Pennsylvania Economy League furnish basic figures necessary for use of any voters desiring to quiz candidates for the Legislature.

The logical conclusion is that there will be a very large income in the fiscal period 1943-45 in excess of the amount required to meet State expenses unless there is drastic change in the tax structure.

Now is the time to get busy with those seeking nominations for the Legislature because the men and women who are chosen by the voters at the primary on May 19 and to be elected next November will have full say about tax reduction.

The matter of tax reduction rests squarely upon the voters. It is their job to demand reduction in all State taxes to the lowest point consistent with proper performance of essential governmental functions.

Laval

Rives Matthews, former Dallas Post columnist and now publisher of the Somerset (Md.) News, contributes a terse, biting editorial in his always inimitable style on the parallel between French and American politics.

Pierre Laval, whose name is spelt the same from right to left as it is from left to right, is a typical product of our time. He is a symbol of the weakness inherent in the democratic system when people shrug at political corruption, vote buying, and dirty deal making.

Pierre Laval was nothing more than a cheap, petty peanut politician at the start of his career in the south of France. He came from a section not unlike Somerset in character.

It is too easy to shrug our shoulders at little, corrupt, peanut politicians. It is too easy to say it would be better to go after the big fellows in Annapolis or Washington, first, and then take care of the little swindlers down here in Somerset.

Political corruption begins, as charity should, at home. Laval would never be sitting on top of the garbage heap to which he's reduced French democracy if the little people at home in the Auvergne, who knew him best for what he was, had slapped him down at the start.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

The rubber situation, present and future, being what it is, the family met in conclave and decided to buy fifty feet of rubber hose to replace the mangled remains of the eight-year-old relic.

Three home-owners of Wellington avenue appeared before Dallas Council Friday night to petition for road repairs. The street is badly rutted, they said, and almost impassible in wet weather.

Petition Council

Years ago a flat tire or an engine failure meant that a lady would just have to sit and wait patiently for some chivalrous gentleman or mercenary garage mechanic to render assistance. But then days are gone forever, if the ladies of Dallas are a fair sample of this nation's womanhood.

All things considered, with screens to be washed, porches to be scrubbed, and lawn to be sprinkled, B. B. and I decided that there was no time like the present. So we went to the hardware store and asked to look at hose.

The clerk was affable. Yes indeed, he had plenty of hose. If we had come in last week when stocks had been more complete, he would have been able to sell us a more moderately-priced piece of hose, with all the trimmings thrown in for nothing—or practically nothing. Very nominal. This week there had been a run on that kind of hose, and all he had left was some super de-luxe hosiery. Very nice stuff, and it would cost us eleven dollars and fifty cents. Sign on the dotted line, and would we carry it or should he deliver the goods?

We emitted Bronx cheers and invited him to speak our language. There wasn't that much money in (Continued on Page 8.)

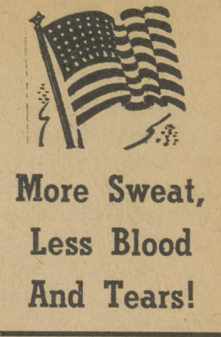
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REGION SUPPORTS MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Parade And Horse Show To Feature All Back Mountain Event At Lehman

Dallas American Legion Post Makes Plans For Flag-Raising Ceremony; Record Crowd Expected

Familiar red, white and blue automobile stickers appeared this week announcing the All-Back Mountain Memorial Day Observance at Lehman. The program this year will be expanded to include many new features and is being sponsored by a strong committee composed of outstanding leaders from every community in the region.

The hamlet of Lehman with its picturesque setting, quaint homes, prosperous farms and distant vistas of the North Mountain range of hills has again been selected by the committee because it is far from heavy holiday traffic, provides a quiet rural atmosphere and has ample facilities for the entertainment of a Back Mountain crowd.

Parade

A distinctly patriotic note will be imparted to the program because of the nation war-time mobilization. Ralph Hazeltine of Trucksville, who heads the parade committee, has asked all patriotic organizations Back of the Mountain to have units in line, all high school bands and other musical organizations of the region have been invited, Red Cross units, air raid wardens, airplane observers, American Legion, Veterans' organizations, auxiliary police—

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Ted Parks Makes All-State Band

Is Second Chosen From Lehman High

For the second successive year a member of the Lehman Township High School Band has been chosen to play in the All State concert.

Trombonist Theodore Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Parks of Lehman and a senior at the township school, was notified recently that he had been selected for the All State Band, which will play May 14th and 15th at the Millvale School of Pittsburgh. Theodore was nominated for the band on the basis of his performance in the Northwestern District Concert at Canton two months ago, in which he participated with seven other players from Lehman. Last year Betty Naugle, a clarinetist, represented Lehman in the All State concert.

Parks and six other Lehman High bandmen participated last Saturday in the seventh annual All-Master High School Band Festival at Susquehanna University. The other players from the township school were Lenora Parks, Betty Jane Naugle, Dorothy Cornell, Fred Schobert, Doris Naugle and Carol Crosby.

Dallas Housewives Don Coveralls, Take Over Oliver's For Red Cross

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Wednesday afternoon the second meeting of the Future Garage Mechanics of Dallas—or, more correctly, the Dallas Red Cross Class in Automotives—was held in Jim Oliver's garage on Main street, with Jim Besecker presiding and seven denim-clad housewives in attendance. The problem for the day was changing tires, and one by one the students wielded lug wrenches and jack handles in the approved man-

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Four New Streets Apply For Signs

Markers Are Completed For First Subscribers

Residents of four additional streets—Wellington, Claude, Jackson and Parrish—subscribed 100 per cent this week as the Street-Signs-For-Dallas Campaign continued apace, and collections for street markers on Main, Church and Baldwin are reported nearly complete.

Signs for the first three streets to be subscribed last week have been finished off by Jim Stile—local painter and carpenter who is devoting all his spare time to the project—and will be erected this week-end with due pomp and ceremony. First marker to go up will be that of Elizabeth street, with the letters outlined in gold as a tribute to the industry of Mrs. Brooke Arnold and Frank Davis, who completed collections on their street the opening day of the campaign. The Pinecrest avenue sign, decorated with silver paint, will be installed second and that of Rice street, lined with blue, is third in line. Markers for the other six streets subscribed last week will go up in order, and as soon as Mr. Stile can get to it, this week's applicants will be cared for.

Wellington

Wellington avenue was the first (Continued on Page 8.)

Firemen Report Poor Progress

Shavertown People Fail To Back Drive

The progress of the Shavertown Fire Company campaign for a \$1000 modernization fund was described this week as very discouraging by Frank Saunders, treasurer of the volunteer organization. Now in its third week, the drive has succeeded in bringing in less than \$200, and unless residents of Shavertown and other patrons of the company show more interest and cooperation the campaign will wind up as a dismal flop.

Although over 300 home-owners of Shavertown have been contacted to subscribe to the fund, in the form of one-dollar memberships and any possible additional contributions, only 40 member fees have been collected so far and outright contributions have amounted to but \$120.

If and when the \$1000 fund is raised, it will be devoted to the purchase of much-needed equipment for the fire company. While the present apparatus—a chemical truck—is adequate to handle small fires and other minor emergencies, it would be ineffectual against any large blazes and useless in fighting fires set by incendiary bombs. The fund will be used to buy a booster tank, additional hose and new implements and fire capes for the firemen.

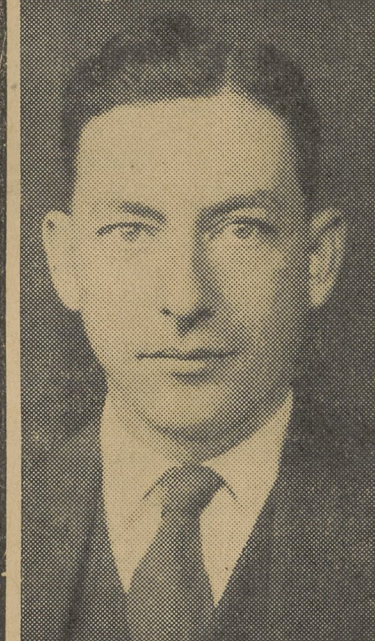
A suggestion to expand the annual Field Day of the fire company to two days and include the additional receipts in the modernization fund may be introduced at the next meeting of the Shavertown firemen Monday evening. The Field Day usually brings in \$500, and in the past this has been applied on the property mortgage of the company. (Continued on Page 3)

General Chairman



H. Austin Snyder

Organizes Parade



Ralph Hazeltine

Teachers Enroll 8000 People For Sugar Rationing

Family of 13 Applies At Lehman; Kingston Township Lists 3335

Experiencing little trouble or delay, the school teachers of this area had registered over 8000 individuals for sugar rationing by Wednesday night, and had only 2000 to sign up during yesterday's six-hour session.

Largest single registration was accomplished in Kingston Township, where 3335 rationing books were issued during the first three days at Shavertown and Trucksville grade schools. Dallas Township teachers registered 2105, Dallas Borough was third with 1337 and the Lehman faculty enrolled 1315. Biggest rush was on Tuesday, when a total of 2990 were registered in all four districts. Monday was the easiest of all, with 2334 applicants, and 2765 were enrolled Wednesday.

Lehman carried off honors for the largest family, when Mrs. Edward Kern of Idetown, who applied Tuesday afternoon, required 13 rationing books. Prof. J. A. Martin, supervising principal of Kingston Township schools, reports that several families of 12 members were registered in his district. The family of Marcus Ide of Mill street, numbering 11, was the biggest in the borough, although Carl Cundiff was close with 10. Only one family with as many as ten members was registered in Dallas Township.

Best registrar of all was Miss Dorothy Weaver, music supervisor of Kingston Township, who gave out 69 books in four hours Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Lenora Honeywell of Dallas township was second with 50 books in three hours, and Miss Julia Dolton of the borough faculty managed to register 55 Tuesday afternoon. (Continued on Page 5)

Draft Boards Prepare To Induct Men From February Registration

Third Draft Call To Get Under Way In June; Questionnaires Sent To 800 In This Region

With the lists of the first and second Selective Service registrations nearly exhausted, officials of Local Board No. 1 at Wyoming and Board No. 5 at Shickshinny prepared this week to induct men from the February 16th draft enrollment for military service. Questionnaires, both military and occupational, are being mailed out, and the first men drafted from the February registration will be called in the first part of June, according to Fred Houghwout, secretary of Board No. 1.

The placing of names from the third registration on active draft lists affects nearly 800 men in this area—522 residents of Dallas, Dallas Township, Kingston Township and Franklin Township are registered with the Wyoming Board, and (Continued on Page 8)

New Bus Service Gained For Lake

Summer Express Line To Begin June 15th

Express bus service from Wilkes-Barre and the West Side to Harvey's Lake throughout the summer months was guaranteed last week by officials of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation when members of the Harvey's Lake Protective Association agreed to sell enough ticket books to make the new line a paying proposition.

The decision of the traction company followed a conference last Thursday night with the Highway Committee of the Protective Association, which had applied for the new bus route in order to offset the effects of tire shortage and gasoline rationing on the summer season at the lake. The line will go into operation for four months beginning June 15th and will maintain express buses daily for morning and evening commuters.

The Protective Association guaranteed to sell 100 passenger books, priced at \$30 and good for 100 trips, by the 15th of this month. The tickets may be used on either the summer express buses or the local buses throughout the year, and summer and year-round residents of the Lake are urged to cooperate with the Association in the purchase of the required number of books. Books may be obtained from Attorney Thomas M. Lewis, Senator A. J. Sordani, Enoch Thomas and Alan Kistler or by application to Robert Kruse, in care of the Hotel Sterling.

Dallas-Lake Pike Nears Completion

Final Two-Mile Lap Is Well Under Way

Progressing well ahead of schedule, work on the last half of the Dallas-Harvey's Lake highway will be completed within seven weeks, it was predicted yesterday by William M. C. Butler, local superintendent for the Central Pennsylvania Construction Company.

The final lap of the new pike began to take shape this week as a crew of 100 workmen finished off more than a mile of concrete surfacing leading out from the lake shore road. The lane now under construction should be joined with the completed portion of the highway at Castle Inn by the end of next week, according to Mr. Butler, and the surfacing of the other two lanes will be finished by the middle of June. The laying of concrete was begun on Monday, April 22nd.

Traffic has been temporarily cut off on the old lake highway at Idetown, where the road has been torn up to make way for a new junction, but the thoroughfare will be reopened within the next two weeks.

When completed the new Dallas-Lake highway will provide nearly four miles of straight-away driving between this community and Harvey's Lake, with only one appreciable grade and two wide, sweeping curves, one in Dallas at the foot of Machell avenue and the other at the junction of the pike with the lake shore road, just below the bridge at Sun Set.

Total cost of the new highway, the road-bed of which has been blasted through some of the roughest terrain in this region, will be less than \$400,000. The official opening will probably be held on July 4th.

Receives Rating

Harry C. Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton, has received his mechanic's rating at the Middletown Army Air Depot and has been transferred to Augusta, Georgia.

War Mothers Urged To Apply For Gift

More than 100 mothers have mailed their names and addresses, along with those of their sons and daughters in the service, to The Post. These mothers will receive a pound box of Gales candy as a Mother's Day remembrance and as a token of the esteem this community holds for the service these boys and girls are performing for their homes and country. There are more than 200 local men and women now in service on The Post's mailing lists. Unfortunately we do not know the names of the mothers of all of these, and therefore urge that any war mother who has not already communicated with The Post do so at once.

All war mothers who have registered with us, or who have a postcard with the necessary information in our hands by Saturday noon, may receive their gift of candy by calling at Sheldon Evans' drug store in Shavertown Saturday or Sunday. The donor of the candy, a citizen of Trucksville, is anxious that no war mother of this section be overlooked on this Mother's Day.

Non-Com Becomes Ranking Officer, Serves Shortest Term In History

A couple of weeks ago Corporal Darwin Husted of Chase was placed in command of a battalion, which is a highly unique promotion for an enlisted man of no more than three months' service, even in these accelerated times. His tenure as a commanding officer was, however, one of the shortest on army records, lasting little more than an hour.

Corp. Husted's brief elevation to the rank of Colonel was the direct result of a battery competition, conducted April 23rd at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, by the 6th Battalion, 2nd Regiment, Field Artillery Training Center, of which he is a member in good standing.

As section chief of Battery D., which consists of a squad of excellent soldiers and a 155 millimeter

howitzer. Corp. Husted directed his men to a decisive victory over the other three batteries of the battalion in cannonading, close order drill, chemical warfare and military courtesy. In appreciation they elected him to lead the battalion in a review held later in the day and conducted without the services of the regular officers. Corp. Husted was further honored by having his picture taken by the side of the colonel, and then returned to the ranks, once again only two stripes away from a buck private.

Though the disparity between a corporal's rating and that of a battalion commander might easily befuddle the average non-com, Darwin carried off his short-lived ascent (Continued on Page 3)