

Nation Will Observe Flag Day

Because the first American flag was made in Pennsylvania, the State holds a prominent place when the Nation observes Flag Day next Sunday, June 14, according to the State Department of Commerce.

According to some historians it was in the Betsy Ross House, still standing in Philadelphia, that the widowed seamstress put together the American banner in 1777. George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross, relative to Betsy, were appointed by Congress to suggest a standard flag for all the troops of all the colonies.

The historic house at 239 Arch Street, Philadelphia, was built about 1700 and restored in 1937. It is open to the public from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. weekdays and from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M. Sundays.

On display in the Public Library in Easton is the Easton Flag, considered by many to be the first stars and stripes in the United Colonies. It is said to have been made in 1776. Certain historians claim that when Captain Abraham Horn, Jr., and his company left the city of Easton for action in the War of 1812, they carried the flag as a present from the women of the community. The emblem is designed with a circle of 12 eight-pointed stars on a solid blue field. The 13th star is in the circle's center. In the upper lefthand corner is a rectangle of red and white stripes.

One of the most interesting collections is the group kept in glass cases in the rotunda of the Capitol in Harrisburg. These are the original flags carried by the various Pennsylvania regiments in the Civil War. There are also some banners carried in the Spanish-American War.

The State Flag of Pennsylvania is the same color as the blue field in the Flag of the United States. The staff is nine feet high including the brass spearhead and ferrule. In the center of the flag the Coat of Arms of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is embroidered in silk, the same on both sides. The edges are trimmed with knotted fringe of yellow silk with a cord and tassel attached to the staff of the spearhead. Two Pennsylvania flags always fly on either side of the American flag, from sunrise to sunset, atop the Capitol in Harrisburg.

Now Or Never

"Now or never is the time for every virtuous American to exert himself in the cause of liberty and his country; and that it is become a duty cheerfully to sacrifice the sweets of domestic felicity to attain the honest and glorious end America has in view."—George Washington.

Free And Independent

"If I have a wish dearer to my soul, than that my ashes may be mingled with a Warren and a Montgomery, it is that these American States may never cease to be free and independent."—John Adams.

Does anybody really like to be read to?

A good way to quell a domestic uproar is to turn on the radio real loud.

Gentlemen prefer the same kind of women that attract roughnecks.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

The trouble with making a stab at writing poetry is that everything about the house translates itself into a rhyme-scheme. While mashing a kettleful of potatoes and whipping them to a creamy froth with milk and butter, you find yourself feverishly trying to rhyme them with something besides tomatoes. Take it from one who knows, it can't be done. Rutabagas, by courtesy of poetic license, might fill the bill on a pinch, but nothing more inspiring than the vegetable bin has even a ghost of a chance.

An adolescent daughter appears, and the subconscious mind automatically pulls out the proper stop on the organ, the one labelled Vox Humana, inserts an appropriate record, and starts grinding forth the indicated words and music. Maternal feeling requires that the eyes glaze with a loving mist and a "These are my jewels" expression, and that the quotation, "Standing with reluctant feet, Where the brook and river meet", come springing to trembling lips.

The trouble with this picture is that she so seldom stands. She smiles, or she goes through a series of rapid-fire cart-wheels, or she flips casually to a head-stand with the garments of her sex draped about her neck. Or she makes a beautiful three-point landing in an over-stuffed arm-chair, knees across one arm, nape of the neck reposing comfortably on the other, spine describing a perfect arc.

She indulges in endless telephone conversations of the "I sez to him and he sez to me" variety. She chews gum. And I don't mean she chews gum. The distinction between chewing gum and chawing gum is that the former is done with the mouth closed.

Maybe the Greeks had a word for it, but the poets insist that she be a fragile, windblown flower. The tangled curls that sound just too ducky when spaced out in perfect iambic pentameter leave much to be desired when attached to a living and breathing High-School scalp.

There is that breathless scanning of the morning paper to foresee if possible the probable state of the weather. With the weather-man regarding the imminence of rain as something that must be concealed at

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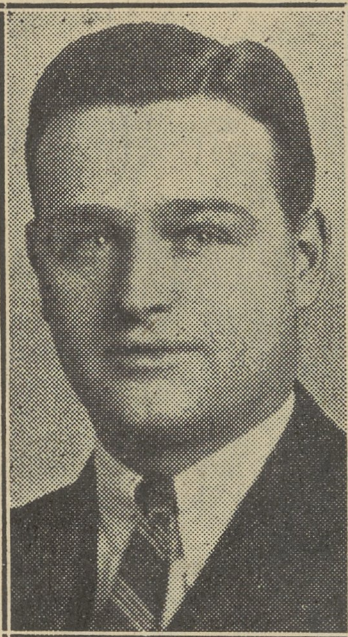
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Close Contest Marks Election Of Clark As Sixth District Chairman

Small Margin Of Victory May Indicate Decrease In Power Of G. O. P. Leader; Bribery Indicated

In an election which appeared to strongly minimize the new-won power of the State Republican Organization in the Back Mountain Region, Peter D. Clark received 37 committeeman votes to 35 for his opponent, Arnot Jones of Forty Fort, at Kunkle Grange Hall Monday night and gained his third consecutive chairmanship of the Sixth District by the barest of pluralities. The contest was closely fought from the out-set and two hours before the committeemen began to ballot there was a strong indication that it would end in a tie, since an equal number of delegates attended pre-election dinners given by the two candidates.

Re-Elected Chairman



Peter D. Clark

The final results were presaged by the election of Clark as temporary chairman by the identical vote of 37 to 35, and as the ballots were cast the two candidates were told even-steven until the final stages of the election, when Clark gained his two-vote margin.

The close vote came as a considerable surprise to political observers, who had considered Clark an easy victor on the basis of the May Primary returns, in which he

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Memorial Day Committee Dines

Former Post Editor Speaks On Bahamas

Members of the general committee of the All-Back Mountain Memorial Day Observance were the guests of Alexander Tough at a dinner Monday night at Herman Kern's Restaurant, Harvey's Lake.

There was discussion of plans to make next year's event even better than the observances of the past two years with perhaps more emphasis on the exhibition of farm draft horses. Burgess H. A. Smith read the treasurer's report showing a small balance on hand which has been deposited at First National Bank, Dallas, for use at next year's observance. There was some discussion of the need for rain insurance since the past five Memorial Days have all been marked by beautiful weather. The diners then all contributed to help swell the balance on hand in the bank.

At the conclusion of the dinner, H. Austin Snyder, general chairman, called attention to the work done by each committee member and thanked Mr. Tough for his generous invitation to the committee to be his guests. He then called upon Howell Rees, recently returned from two years service in Nassau, Bahama Islands, to tell of his experiences there.

Mr. Rees prefaced his remarks by saying that there is only one more beautiful spot in the world than the Bahamas . . . and that is the Back Mountain region in spring . . . its wooded hillsides, rolling farms and attractive homes make it not only the garden spot of Luzerne County

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Boro Band Gives Teacher Send-Off

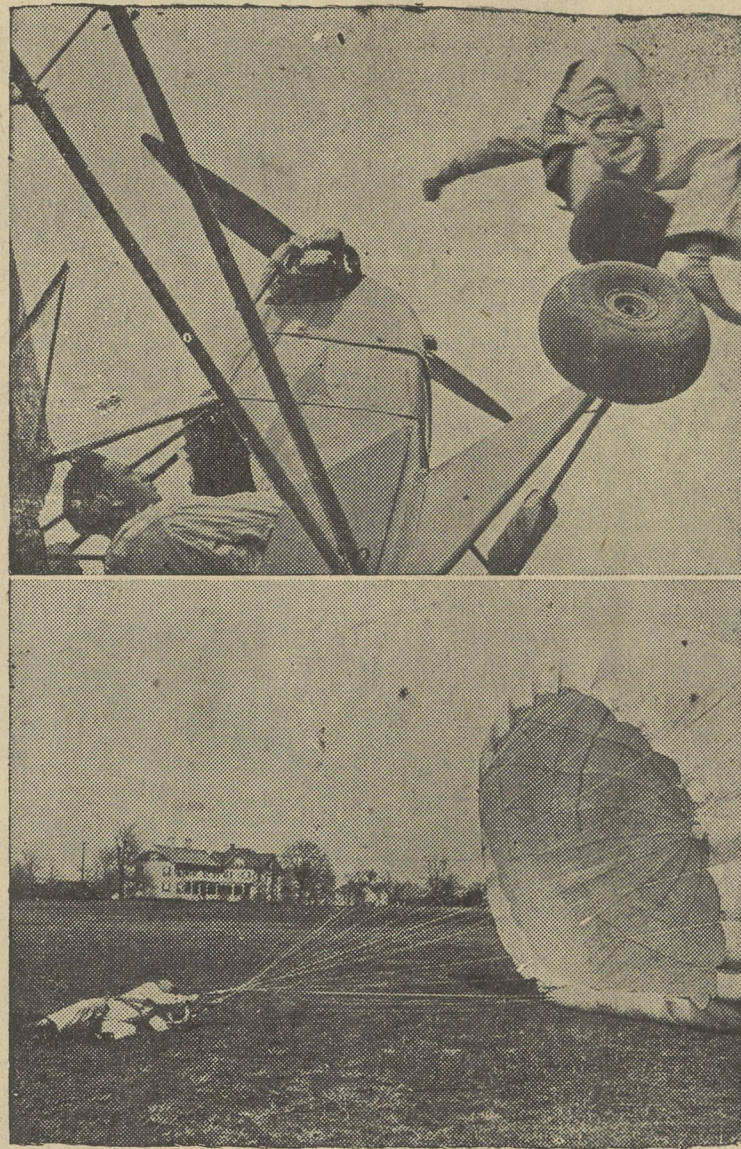
LaBar And Two Other Local Men Inducted

Private Clarence E. LaBar, until last week physical education teacher and athletic coach of Dallas Borough High School, set off for the Army Monday attended with all the pomp and ceremony his erstwhile students could muster in the gray light of dawn.

At 6 A. M. the entire Dallas band assembled at the school, struck up a martial tune, and escorted Private LaBar down Huntsville road to Main street, whence he departed from Local Board No. 1 at Wyoming, final physical examination and induction. Other participants in the ceremonies were sleepy-eyed Dallas residents, who, awakened by the enthusiastic blaring of the bandmen, dotted bedroom windows along the itinerary of the parade.

Two other men of this area—Fred Mosier Harris of Lehman avenue and Roland James Bellas of Truckville—were also called up Monday by Board No. 1, together with 20 selectees from Wyoming, Exeter and vicinity. All were sent to the reception center at New Cumberland.

U. S. Paratroops In The Making



TOP: Getting clear. Student sits in suspended plane and watches a veteran leaper take off. The chute must not be opened until the jumper is clear of the fuselage and the danger of entanglement.

BOTTOM: After landing, the chute must be deflated as soon as possible lest it drag the jumper over rough ground. The jumper lies flat and twists the lines to release the air from the silk sack.

Local Residents To Register For Sugar In Dallas

Applications For New Canning Ration Taken In Himmler Building

Special registration for the canning sugar allotment will be held here in Dallas three days next week for the convenience of local residents, who would otherwise have to travel to the rationing board headquarters at Wyoming, and registration will also be conducted in Lehman, Lake township and Sweet Valley.

The local registration will take place in the Himmler Building on Lake street Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and will be open to residents of Dallas and Kingston, Dallas and Franklin townships. Hours: Monday, 10 to noon and 2 to 5; Tuesday, 10 to noon and 7 P. M. to 9 P. M.; Thursday, 10 to noon. Registration will be held at Lehman High School Monday, from 9:30 to 4, and on Wednesday at Lake Township High School and Farver's Store in Sweet Valley.

One adult from each family desiring the canning allotment is to apply, and ration books must be brought to the registration center. A statement as to the amount of fruit to be canned, the amount canned last year and the number of pounds of sugar on hand will be required. One pound of sugar for every four pounds of fruit will be allowed, and also one pound per family member for preserves. The present ration is to be used for canning cherries, pineapple, strawberries and rhubarb and other produce now in season.

The Dallas registration was arranged by Irving O. Hunt of Wyoming, director of Ration Board 40-1, and local civilian defense workers who volunteered to do the job. These include Mrs. Thomas B. Robinson, Mrs. James Huston, Mrs. Albert Bryden, Mrs. Harold Rood, Mrs. Oswald Griffith and Mrs. Daniel Sutch.

Council Seeks Release Of Oil

Shipment "Freezing" May Doom Road Work

Confronted with a government ruling which may entirely disrupt the street repair program for Dallas, borough Councilmen determined Friday night, at the regular monthly meeting, to seek the aid of State Highway officials in gaining the release of a large supply of oil for road surfacing.

The oil in question, some 10,000 gallons, was purchased the latter part of April for the surfacing of three borough streets, and has since been stored in a tank in Trucksville, "frozen" by federal order. The petroleum, in its present state, is useful only for road work, and the Councilmen believe that steps may be taken for its release to the borough if the matter is appealed to the State. A committee was ap-

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War Labor Board Grants General Wage Raise To Tannery Employees

Noxen CIO Local Gains First Recognition As Bargaining Agent For Plant Personnel

A wage increase for all workers of the Armour Leather Company tannery at Noxen was approved Wednesday by the War Labor Board at Washington, D. C., constituting a major victory for the CIO Fur and Leather Workers Union which has sought full recognition from the tannery officials for the past ten months. The increase, granted by a

Tie Decided By Bizarre Drawing

Shaver Is Declared New Committeeman

The tie vote between Floyd Chamberlain and Merle Shaver, candidates for Middle District committeeman in Dallas Township, which was precipitated in last month's primaries by the last-minute challenge of two voters, was decided in an equally unusual manner last week.

The two candidates were summoned to the Commissioner's office in the court house Friday afternoon to draw lots for the decision. Chamberlain, accompanied by a lawyer, arrived on schedule. Shaver did not make an appearance, but was represented by a county employee.

A box, said to contain two pellets, was brought forth. Whoever drew the pellet marked "one" was to be the winner. The box was shaken and then presented to Shaver's representative, who drew, yelled "number one", and immediately replaced the pellet. Shaver was thereupon declared the winner.

Chamberlain was not given an opportunity to draw. Neither he nor his lawyer was allowed to inspect the box, before or after the drawing. He attempted to protest the drawing, on the grounds he could not be sure there were even two pellets in the box, but his protest was over-ruled. Said one of the attending officials, "What do you think we are, a bunch of crooks?"

Has Broken Rib

Byron Atkinson of Breslau, son of Bruce Atkinson of Davenport street, was admitted to General Hospital Wednesday morning for treatment of a fractured rib. He was injured when a heavy piece of metal fell on him in the Louis Cohen scrap yards, where he is employed.

Harvey's Lake Marine Boards Ship For Action Overseas Next Tuesday

Lean, bronzed and every inch a U. S. Marine, young Elwood Davis, who is visiting his parents, Squire and Mrs. Ralph Davis, at Alderson this week, is ready and anxious for the action that awaits him at the end of his furlough. On Tuesday the 25-year-old sharpshooter, long known as one of the best hunters in this region and an outstanding performer on the rifle ranges at the Marine training base on Parris Island, boards ship at Norfolk, Virginia, for an unknown destination in the War Zone.

Whether or not he'll be assigned to a combat unit has not yet been disclosed. His recent training has been in communications, and he's rated as a specialist in that field. He might find himself at the switchboard of a battle-ship, or perhaps servicing communication lines with a front-line outfit. Or maybe he'll end up in a fox-hole. "One thing about the Marines," says Elwood, "You never know what's going to happen next."

Another characteristic of the Marine Corps, apparently, is hard work. Elwood's been on the go constantly ever since he enlisted last December. At Parris Island, training center for Marine recruits—or "Boots", as the old hands call them, he was hurried through 13 weeks of instruction in just two months. Sometimes, he says, they used to be on the drill field until one o'clock in the morning. The pace must have agreed with him, however. He was outstanding in all phases of the training, and especially in marksmanship. Got a score of 224 out of a possible 250 on the rifle range, and was rated 87 per cent perfect with the pistol. That made him tops among 600 recruits, and aces high with his dad, who was his first shooting instructor.

Three and a half months ago Elwood was shipped to the Marine school at Quantico, Virginia, after he had achieved an excellent mark in a preliminary communications

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