

Who Will Do The Housecleaning

The booze business in this section of Luzerne County has had a swell week. Chalk up two deaths in its favor—maybe three when you read this piece. Then give it a dozen long credit marks for selling to youths who are obviously minors and you will understand why a lot of us are losing some of our zeal for personal liberty—the kind of personal liberty that recognizes no civic responsibility higher than accepting 25 or 30 cents for a drink of liquor from a minor or a man or woman so stupidly drunk that they can't walk across a barroom floor let alone drive an automobile.

It may be that these deaths had an element of poetic justice. Maybe the imbibers had it coming. Once too often they had thumbed their noses at fate—common decency and every moral obligation. But that doesn't put a halo around the head of the bartender who jeopardizes the livelihood of the decent element of his own industry and the life and liberty of the rest of the community.

We are not our brother's keeper, but we have a right to demand that our lives and those of our children and brothers and sisters are protected when they step on the highways. We have a right to curb the lust for profit of the rotter who sells booze to a minor, an obvious drunk, or to a man who is already too unsteady to drive an automobile. If the liquor dealers association can't clean its own doorstep there is an element in the community that can clean house. It's up to the dealers to decide who is going to do the housecleaning.

If a booze dealer is unable to decide whether a customer is a minor or adult—if he is unable to determine whether a customer is drunk or sober—if he knows a man becomes a fool on one or two drinks, he knows what to do or he doesn't belong in the business.

Last week four drunks—two men and two women—spent the greater part of the week touring Harvey's Lake and Dallas in a Packard coupe. Among other things they ran the car in Harvey's Lake once so that it had to be towed to Dallas for repairs. Not once in the whole episode was the driver sober, yet he was able to drink and drive, drive and drink and use the same highways all of us travel without once being refused a drink or once being told to stay off the road either by the police or by those who repaired his car.

Like the police, the repairmen, and the gasoline attendants this newspaper can be accused of keeping its mouth shut too long. We're running a temperature now, you say? Brother, it's just the kind of temperature that ushered the booze business out in 1917 and it's just the kind of temperature, if enough of us get it, to forebode a plague for the booze business in this area if somebody doesn't get inoculated—and quick.

Guard And Defend Liberty

"God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it."—Daniel Webster.

We've enjoyed courtesy and willing service so much that we sort of hate to see the depression end.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

While Dr. Kniffen carpenters my teeth we discuss matters of moment—the political situation, the scarcity of rubber and gas, the progress of the war in the Pacific. The term, "We" is probably misleading. He lectures, in a soothing monologue, while I listen with my mouth full of pillows and attached to the sink by a flexible rubber suction-tube. Under these trying conditions, my contribution to the conversation is somewhat limited, and expressed by a series of smothered gurgles interspersed by an occasional yelp.

Last week, having exhausted the present-day war news, he tuned in on the war news of twenty-five years ago. Deftly inserting three bolsters and the suction-tube (open a little wider, please) he tested his drill and got down to business.

"Thirty sets of parents around here certainly got a break during the last war," he stated. Then he inserted his head in my mouth to get a better view. I pinched his ear, whereupon he emerged with a wounded look and said, "Now don't get tough. You are the one that is supposed to suffer."

I made sounds indicating that if I was to suffer I wanted company, and that in any event it was my teeth he was working on, not my tonsils. We worked out an arrangement, in sign language on my part, whereby I was to pinch his knee if the drill got too hot. This was to be the signal for him to desist and allow the fire to die down.

"Most of the parents around here," he said, bearing down on the drill and rounding a corner on two wheels, "were worried because they thought that their fifteen-year-olds might enlist in the A.E.F. So when the Boys' Working Reserve was organized, it was a big relief to them to have their sons served up for the summer, with no possible chance of squealing out of the arrangement and going off to the wars."

I indicated that his remarks interested me, so he took a firmer grip on the drill and elaborated.

It seems that the shortage of farm help during the last unpleasantness was just as acute as it is today. Fields lay idle for lack of planting, and vegetables and fruit rotted on the ground for lack of harvesting.

To correct this condition, the Boys' Working Reserve was formed, its personnel to consist of fourteen-to-seventeen-year boys.

The thirty local boys who joined

Draft Boards Name Stations

Boys Aged 18 To 20 Register On Tuesday

Fifth registration stations for men born on or after January 1, 1922, and on or before June 30, 1924, who will register for Selective Service on Tuesday, June 30, have been established in this area by Draft Board Number 1 of Wyoming and Draft Board Number 5 of Shickshinny. All stations will be open from 7 A. M. until 9 P. M.

With the exception of the use of a grey registration card the registration procedure will be the same as in the four previous registrations.

Board No. 1 stations: Town Hall Building, Wyoming, with Prof. John Platt in charge; Dallas High School, Prof. T. A. William in charge; Kingston Township High School, Prof. J. A. Martin; Exeter High School, John Campbell; West Pittston High School, Prof. R. J. W. Temple.

Board No. 5 stations: Local Board Office, Union street, Shickshinny; Lehman High School, Lehman; Harter High School, West Nanticoke; Fortkowskiski's Store, Harveyville.

Dallas Road Oil Is Frozen By Government

A ten-thousand-gallon tank of Colas, road surfacing material, purchased by Dallas Borough Council for treatment of Dallas streets has been frozen by government order and has been placed in storage tanks at Trucksville.

The material was to have been used on Norton, Spring, Center Hill road and Church street to complete W.P.A. projects. Whether the Government will release it for use on these Federal projects is a problem that has Council baffled.

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Eight Stations Established To Aid Casualties

All Will Be Staffed By Attending Doctors And Trained Nurses

Dr. G. L. Howell, chief surgeon in charge of First Aid and Casualty stations in District 9 comprising the Back Mountain area, has called a meeting of all local physicians for Monday night at his home in Trucksville to lay plans for activities during all future blackouts. Seven casualty stations have already been established and one is in the process of organization. Stations will be staffed by an attending physician and by nurses from the Nurses' Emergency Service assisted by persons who have completed work in Red Cross First Aid Classes. Mrs. David Thomas is in charge of the Nurses' Emergency Service in this area and is co-operating with Dr. Howell in the selection of personnel for each station.

At a recent organization meeting of the Emergency Service Mrs. David Armstrong was elected treasurer and Mrs. Paul Muspratt, secretary. In order to equip supply closets in casualty stations with First Aid materials, the service had planned a series of benefits to raise about \$20 for each station for materials. The Service will go ahead with this program to meet needed expenses even though the Luzerne County Commissioners may later decide to provide First Aid supplies.

Casualty stations and personnel follow: Trucksville Hose House—Dr. G. L. Howell, physician in charge, key nurses, Mrs. Mildred Fish, Mrs. Ruth Pritchard; staff nurses, Mrs. Mary Wood Dick, Mrs. Helen Gardner, Mrs. Jennie Walter Sweeze, Mrs. Rodman Derr, Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. Jacob Beline, Miss Susan Palmer.

Shavertown Hose House—Dr. Sherman Schooley, physician in charge; key nurses, Mrs. Sherman Schooley, Mrs. Charles Wagner; staff nurses, Mrs. Esther Hoffman, Mrs. Paul Muspratt, Mrs. Blodwen Cragle, Mrs. Keiffer, Mrs. Ruth Houser, Mrs. David Armstrong, Miss Christine Kocking, Miss Arvilla Swan, Miss Helen McCord, Mrs. Fred Eck.

Jackson Grange Hall (this location will be changed for one more centrally located)—Dr. Charles Ashley, physician in charge; key nurse, Mrs. Joseph Gibbons; nursing staff, Mrs. Alvena Carey, Mrs. Geraldine Franklin.

Carverton Grange Hall—Dr. Charles Perkins, physician in charge; key nurses, Mrs. Bachman and Mrs. DeWolfe.

Lehman I. O. O. F. Hall—Dr. H. A. Brown, physician in charge; key nurse, Mrs. Ruth Simms; nursing staff, Mrs. Ruth Rogers, Mrs. Marie Wolfe, Mrs. Bryce Major.

Orange (not yet organized)—Nursing staff, Mrs. Eudora Gay Baird, Mrs. Terry.

Harvey's Lake, Daniel Roberts Fire House—Dr. F. Budd Schooley, physician in charge; key nurse, Mrs. Fay Williams; nursing staff, Mrs. Martha Elston, Mrs. Esther Donnelly, Hilda Allen.

Dallas, basement of Methodist Church—Dr. J. C. Fleming, Dr. Malcolm Borwick, physicians in charge; key nurses, Mrs. Helen Lazarus, Mrs. Mildred Johnson; nursing staff, Mrs. Daniel Sutch, Mrs. Oliver Ellsworth, Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. Margaret Coates, Mrs. Alice Borwick, Mrs. Josephine Moyer, Mrs. Benjamin Brace, Mrs. Gleason, Miss Helen Czulegar, Myra Carlin.

Mrs. F. Gordon Falls; Breaks Shoulder Bone

Mrs. F. M. Gordon of Norton avenue fell from a ladder Thursday while washing her kitchen windows and broke a bone in her shoulder. She was taken to the General Hospital where her right arm and shoulder was X-rayed and the break was found. It will be necessary for her to stay at the hospital for a few days.

Injured Cutting Brush

When an axe with which he was sharpening a brush on Tuesday afternoon slipped, Walter Kitchen of Idetown suffered painful lacerations of the wrist requiring four stitches to close. Dr. H. A. Brown of Lehman treated Mr. Kitchen.

Plane-Killers



THE 581ST ENEMY AIRCRAFT destroyed over Malta since the war began, was shot down the night of June 6th. Anti-aircraft artillery alone got more than 100 during the month of April, and this recent picture shows a crew of Scotsmen, with their Bofors gun at a vantage point above Valletta Harbor. Though they have inflicted more than 2300 bombing raids on this tiny island, Nazi air strength has been considerably cut down and the fortress is still in there fighting, harassing the Axis supply lines in the Mediterranean.

Writer Takes Exception To Use Of High Schools For Dancing

Believes Youth Can Best Be Served In Places Of Its Own Choosing

The problem of providing a suitable spot for dancing and general sociability for the High-School crowd has been successfully met in several communities, without infringing in any way upon the rights of the younger generation or the comfort and peace of mind of the adults most nearly concerned. The opening of the High-School gymnasium or auditorium is unfortunately not the solution. It seems like a shocking waste of space and tax-payers' facilities to let these large rooms stand vacant, but psychology is against their use for any dances other than those sponsored by the school itself during the school term.

CASTING A CATCHY LINE FOR A CATCHER CLAIMING HE CAN CATCH CATFISH

Harry Allen, a Harvey's Lake catcher, was the envy of every sportsman in the district when he caught two catfish on one line three different times recently. Was it a miracle? Mr. Allen says not, but we are inclined to disagree with him. His catcher's luck seems to be with him all the time for it is nothing unusual for the Allen icebox to contain a seven-pound wall-eyed pike or a five-pound big-mouth bass. "The difference between a catcher," explains Mr. Allen, "and a fisherman is that a fisherman fishes for fish and a catcher catches them."

Few Streets Are Without Signs

Seven Solicitors Have Not Turned In Reports

Practically every street in Dallas Borough from which contributions have been received now has at least one new street sign erected and additional ones in the process of completion. Residents of many streets, overlooked when solicitors were appointed, have voluntarily made collections and paid their contributions so that their streets, too, can have signs.

How Tom Robinson Got His Shiners

Tom Robinson has a good story to go with the pair of black eyes he has been exhibiting this week and what is more Tom is actually proud of the injury because—so he says—of the interesting people he met as the result of his injury.

Tom's story goes something like this. On Sunday he drove to Philadelphia to meet his wife who had been spending a few days with her mother. At the same time he decided to attend the Phillies-Cincinnati ball game. As he entered the ball park he heard someone yell from the grandstand "Hi-ya Robo". He knew by the call of that familiar nickname that it was from a Blair Academy classmate he hadn't seen for twelve years. He made his way through the crowd to his friend and had just started discussing old days, when someone near at hand called "look out!" Tom turned to look and

was hit smack between the eyes by a baseball thrown by McCormick, first baseman, in an infield warm-up. Dazed for a minute, officials and players swarmed around the Dallas man and took him to the Phillies dugout where his injuries were treated by the team's trainer and physician. Both were amazed that his nose was not broken.

After his injuries were dressed Tom met the members of the team and received a score of slaps on the back as though he were a conquering hero. To help make things even one of the players suggested that he ought at least to have the ball that hit him in the nose as a souvenir.

That's the story Tom told his wife when he turned up late for his appointment with a patch of adhesive plaster across his nose and two beautiful shiners.

Man Killed When Skidding Car Crashes Into Harvey's Lake Tree

Clyde Trowbridge, 20, Loses Life And Richard Engleman Is Seriously Injured

Clyde William Trowbridge, aged 20, of Birchardville, Susquehanna County, is dead and his companion, Richard Engleman, 19, of Noxen is in a critical condition at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital after a wild ride around Harvey's Lake that ended abruptly when their borrowed 1929 Ford coach skidded 108 feet, crashed into a tree and caught fire at Point Breeze Wednesday night at 11:10.

In company with Bill Murphy, 17, of 4 West Market street, Wilkes-Barre, Trowbridge and Engleman had spent most of the afternoon in Wilkes-Barre where Trowbridge, an employee of Banks Construction Company, drew his pay of \$19.80 and paid a few bills before returning to the Lake.

Chief of Police Ira Stevenson said Murphy later told him in a Lake establishment that Trowbridge and Engleman had borrowed his car without his knowledge about 8:30 when they had stopped in a place "for a drink." Murphy later had made several telephone calls in an effort to locate his car.

Piecing together other information Chief Stevenson learned that Trowbridge and Engleman had picked up two girls, Irene Pembleton and Dorothy Gray, and driven them to Slim's Inn on the Noxen Road, but the girls refused to accompany them further and left them there about 10:40 o'clock.

A few minutes later Robert Roberts of 76 E. Landon street, Kingston, and Thomas Watkins of 503 Market street, Kingston, saw the two youths swing their car out of the Noxen road and on to the highway around the Lake. Sensing impending disaster the Kingston boys followed the careening coach but they were unable to keep within sight of it, until they reached Point Breeze and came upon the flaming wreckage scattered over the highway.

Dr. Benjamin Davis of Plymouth and Atty. Frank Pinola were the first men on the scene, the accident occurring on the border line between their summer homes. Police said Trowbridge, the operator of the car, was thrown completely from the car, his head striking against a tree causing almost instant death. A part of his scalp was still there yesterday.

Dr. Davis and Atty. Pinola, aided by other cottagers, pulled Engleman from the flaming wreckage. After being given first aid and medical treatment by Dr. Davis, Harvey's Lake police rushed him to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where his condition was reported "critical" late yesterday afternoon.

Police disclosed that a shoe belonging to Trowbridge and missing from his right foot was lodged between the brake pedal and the ac-

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Auto Use Stamps Are Now On Sale

New Issue Valid Until June 30, 1943

Joseph T. McDonald, collector of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Scranton, has asked the Post to inform its readers regarding the Federal tax stamp for the use of Motor Vehicles.

Mr. McDonald said stamps may be purchased at any United States Postoffice or office of any collector of internal revenue. The tax is \$5, he said, and covers the period from July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943.

If an auto, truck, or any motor vehicle is used on the public highway during the month of July, the tax will be due for the entire Fiscal Year. However, if the motor vehicle is not used during the month of July, the tax is not due and no liability will apply until such time as the motor vehicle is put into use.

The tax in such cases is computed from the month during which the motor vehicle was first used to the end of the fiscal year.

Section 322.21 provides as follows: "Stamps evidencing the payment of the tax on the use of motor vehicles may be purchased at the office of any collector of internal revenue or at any post office in the United States."

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Walter Wilson Among Missing Parents Notified By War Department

The War Department disclosed this week that Walter Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Franklin street, Dallas, is one of the many United States soldiers, sailors and marines missing in action in defense of the Philippines. The letter from the War Department arrived too late for the Post to carry a more complete story in this issue.

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