

God Bless Americal

Two hundred men and women in uniform read this newspaper while dozens of their comrades glance over their shoulders. That's why we're ashamed to tell them in this editorial that practically everything we have attempted on the home front has been a flop.

If this war is lost, it will not be the fault of the boys and girls who have risked all they have to win. It will be lost behind their backs by us who remain at home and by the muddlers who sit in Washington.

Several weeks ago everybody registered for gasoline, furnishing the government with sufficient information to take care of gasoline rationing for the duration. Today, while teachers are on vacation, farmers in the midst of harvest, and housewives busy with gardens and canning, we are required to waste time, gasoline and rubber to register again. Our rationing boards are provided with little or no information and 15,000 people in the Back Mountain country must waste effort and valuable supplies to go to Wyoming as their rationing center.

There has been no effort to save gasoline and irreplaceable tires. You can buy all the gas you want at the stations. Traffic on the new Harvey's Lake highway over the Fourth and on Sundays has been as heavy as during any of the peaks last year. Schoolboys drive their dates out in jalopies. Drunks run their cars in the Lake.

The scrap rubber collections have been a farce. Only the angry protest of a Dallas man prevented a large gasoline company from selling parts of its rubber collection to tire retrainers. Nobody but the kids have taken it seriously.

Long queues of housewives have stood in line hours in Dallas to apply for sugar for canning because adequate provisions for rationing were neglected. . . then lied about the amount of their rationing in order to have more sugar than they needed.

Paper has been baled and waste has been collected—volunteer truckers and Boy Scout collectors have been told to take it back home when they tried to deliver it.

Volunteer registrars have worked hours on rationing boards—teachers have given their time—all of us would help if we could, but we're in a muddle. God knows all of us want to do our part—but nobody takes any of the efforts on the home front seriously. Enthusiasm has been dampened by bungling.

Defense workers boast of their high wages and proudly display their wage tickets while selfish interests attempt to get more. Merchants post price ceilings on merchandise while buyers bid for the goods. Trousers come through without cuffs while the cuff material is turned up on the inside.

Despite radio and newspaper urging and volunteer solicitation by air raid wardens who didn't know what they were talking about—our efforts to get people to put 10% of their earnings in war bonds and stamps have been futile. But one Dallas nurse at Camp Claiborne buys a bond a month out of her \$70 army pay.

Much of the indifference can be blamed upon Washington where Congressmen balk and block needed appropriations when patronage is cut off—where labor and farm bloc play leapfrog with price ceilings and efforts to control prices are sabotaged from the inside, where censors throttle the war news and newspaper man report the shenanigans of our leaders.

We have been treated so long like school children—we have heard so many beautiful fairytales—that we have come to believe that scrap campaigns and gasoline saving are not really necessary. . . that the W. P. A., old-age pensions, John L. Lewis, Wages and Hours and God knows what will somehow see us through.

If our leaders would once and for all forget that this isn't a private war—if they'd start talking in honest not big terms—if they'd omit rhetoric to deal in fact—if they'd forgo their benevolence and treat us as equals—not in talk but in deed—then we, too, might have a chance to win this war on the home front.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

The small room where I keep my sewing-machine and typewriter desk used to smell like the Elks-Club. There was a haunting fragrance of stale cigar-butts and the floor around the waste-basket was gray with a thin film of cigarette-ashes. The wastebasket itself overflowed with crumpled sheets of typewriter paper, each sheet bearing one line of discarded typing. Genius burned nightly. Sniffing suspiciously, I once asked B. B. if he were concealing an elk about the premises, but he said no. He explained at length that he was using my typewriter instead of his own antiquated machine because mine had a new typewriter ribbon while his own ribbon was worn to a frazzle. He had tried re-inking it with an ink-pad and a sponge, but the results had not been notable except in the matter of blots. If I did not believe him, I could look in my bathroom sink and inspect my face-towel. And if I would come across with a dollar for the purchase of a new typewriter ribbon he would cheerfully keep the crumpled papers and the film of ashes and even the elk in his own room.

Lake Gives Up 100 Old Tires

Youngsters Perform Thorough Salvage Job

Enterprising Harvey's Lake youngsters have salvaged more than 100 automobile tires and other scrap rubber totaling 500 pounds from shallow areas along the shores of the lake.

Most of the rubber was brought up by Harold and Bud Hoover and by James Taylor, aged 14, and his younger brother. The boys used row boats for observation and grappling purposes with other row boats in tow for the salvaged rubber. They used grappling hooks and ropes in deeper water.

Bulk of the rubber was in the form of automobile tires and tubes discarded by motorists in changing tires and by swimmers who had used the tubes for buoyancy. Rubber boots, garden hose and a variety of other rubber articles were also brought up. The rubber was sold to a local gasoline station, after the boys had completed a thorough "around the lake" search and were sure that there wasn't another piece of rubber the size of "a walnut" in the lake.

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Scores Of Local Men Are Drawn For Induction On July Fifteenth

Two Draft Boards Call 205 Men From First Three Registration Groups

With greatly increased calls from the Selective Service System for replacements, the two local draft boards drawing selectees from this area are hard pressed to fill their quotas. A total of 205 men from Draft Board No. 5 at Shickshiny and Draft Board No. 1 at Wyoming has been called for physical examination and induction on July 15. Not all of these men will go into the Army because the selectees are being called under the old system whereby all are given physical examinations at the same time and if accepted immediately inducted into the Army, or if rejected returned to their homes.

All are Class 1A men drawn from the first three registrations—the 21 to 25 age group of October 1940; the 20 to 21 group of July 1941, and the 35 to 45 group of February 1942. Difficulty in obtaining full quotas arises from the large number of deferments for men in defense work and other necessary wartime occupations and because of the wealth of detail involved in reclassifying a large number of men in Class 1B, previously deferred because of physical defects but who will soon be called to replace physically fit men in army clerical, office and other duties for active service.

All regular and occupational questionnaires have been mailed to men in the first three registrations, and occupational questionnaires have been mailed to the men in the 45 to 65 age group or Fourth Registration. No questionnaires have yet been mailed to those in the last (18-20) registration.

In all more than 10,000 are registered with Draft Board No. 1 at Wyoming, the largest board in the county. According to officials of the board it will probably be late summer after considerable reclassification before any married men will be called.

In addition to Fred Houghwout, clerk, and Kathleen Moicuk, assistant clerk, Draft Board No. 1 now has four other young women assisting in the detail of mailing and checking occupational questionnaires. They are: Ruth Morgan, stenographer-clerk; Sophie Gerlock, supervisor of mailing, and Sophie Moicuk and Eleanor Groblewski, assistants.

Called By Board 5

Among the eighty men drawn by draft board No. 5 in Shickshiny are eighteen local men. They are: Dallas—Benjamin Alfred Gale, R. D. 1; Glenn Elwood Ehret, R. D. 2; Marvin Sheldon Short, R. D. 2; John Steven Ladamus, R. D. 2.

Alderson—Percy James Higgins, Frank Halovich, Kenneth Cuddy, R. D. 1; Edward Joseph Kupstas, R. D. 1; Earl Henry Davis. Sweet Valley—Arthur Eugene McRoy, R. D. 1; Harold Ray Culp, R. D. 1; Thomas J. Swire, R. D. 1; Warren Norman Kittle, R. D. 1; John Joseph, Box 1; Harold Ephraim Kittle, R. D. 1.

Trucksville—Gilbert Dick Tough, R. D. 1; Stanley William Parsinski, R. D. 1. Mountain Springs—Malcolm Arthur Kitchen.

Draft Board One

Robert F. Reidenbach, Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas; Howell Edward Rees, 65 Lake street, Dallas; Michael Mitchell, R. D. 3, Dallas; James M. Knecht, Center Hill road, Dallas; Michael W. Cavanaugh, Hillside avenue, Trucksville; Matthew Evans, Jr., Hill Crest avenue, Shavertown; Leo Niezgodra, R. F. D. 2, Dallas; Paul M. Redmond, Pioneer avenue, Shavertown; Edwin John Rhodes, R. D. 1, Dallas; William P. Gries, R. D. 3, Dallas; Euclide P. Laliberte, Williams road, Dallas; Ernest F. King, Center street, Shavertown; Darwin Kocher Roberts, Davenport street, Dallas.

Goss Manor Included On New Bus Schedule

Dallas buses of the Wilkes-Barre-Wyoming Valley Auto Bus Company are now following a prolonged route which includes the new Harvey's Lake Highway to Center Hill road, thence east on Center Hill road to Goss Manor where they follow the new highway into Wilkes-Barre.

District Receives Check

State Treasurer G. Harold Wagner announced that having received the proper warrant he had this week mailed a check of \$196.25 to Dallas Township School District for training out of school youths.

COPPER'S NEW TOPPER SUCH A RELIEF COUNCIL ORDERS UNIFORM TO OUTFIT CHIEF

No two men could be more proud of the Dallas Police force than Councilman Joseph MacVeigh and Chief Walter Covert. Between them they have completely renoverted the appearance of the force. A few weeks ago the genial councilman presented the chief with a shining gold badge for his coat and a similar sparkling emblem for his cap. After some pondering Joe came to the conclusion that the cap wasn't living up to the standards set by the emblem and this week presented the chief with a new topper. Not to be out done Council, which had also been studying the problem, last week voted to purchase a brand new uniform for the chief.

New Hydrant Will Protect Heights

Installation Approved For Davenport Street

Installation of a new fire hydrant on Davenport street had been authorized by Dallas Borough Council. This brings the number of hydrants installed during the year to five and will afford protection for property valued at more than \$53,000 in the vicinity of Jackson, Parrish, Davenport, Water, Pinecrest and Huntsville streets.

The hydrant will be installed near the tower owned by Dallas Water Company and with the hose connections now available to Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company should provide protection for the major part of the Parrish Heights section of

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Lieut. William Cairl

Army Recognizes Cairl's Ability

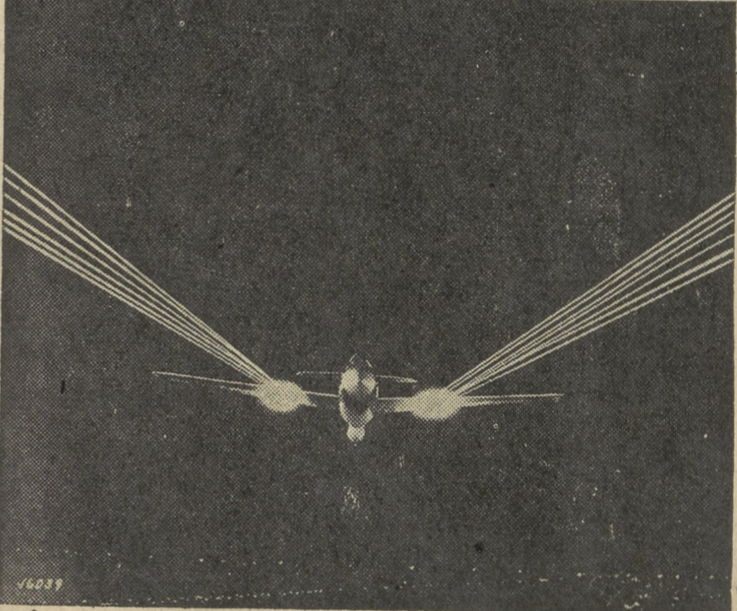
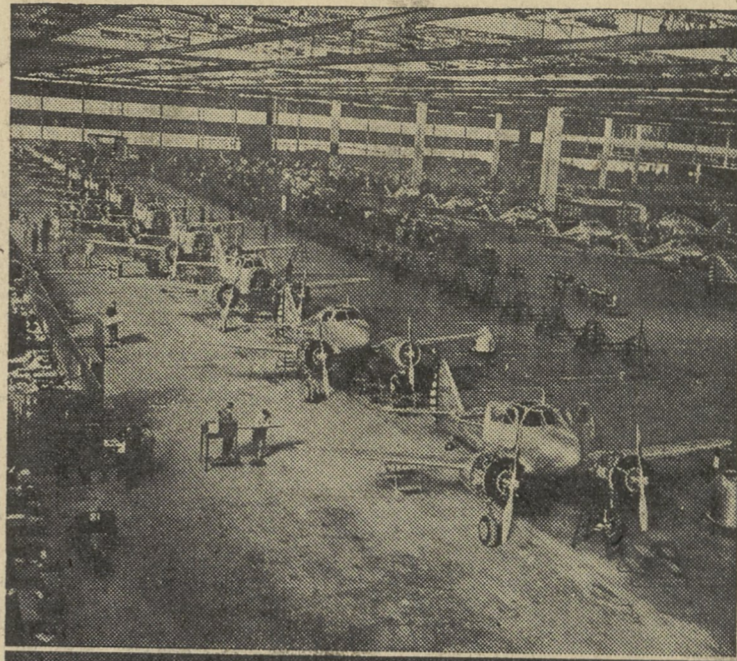
Supervises Wire Work When Strike Stops Job

William Cairl, former wire chief of the Commonwealth Telephone Company, has been promoted to first lieutenant in the Signal Corps. Lieut. Cairl entered active service on April 10 and after some time at Fort Monmouth, N. J., was transferred to Fort Mason, California, on May 18, and later to Camp Stone-man, one of the newer camps on the west coast.

When a strike tied up installation of switch boards and telephone equipment at the camp Lieut. Cairl was called in to solve the problem, supervising the work of installation himself. The new equipment was

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Sixty Thousand Planes In 1942



TOP: Scene at the Curtiss-Wright Corporation showing how America is answering the President's call for 60,000 planes in 1942. Similar factories all over the United States are on a 24-hour-a-day basis in an all-out attempt to reach or exceed this quota.

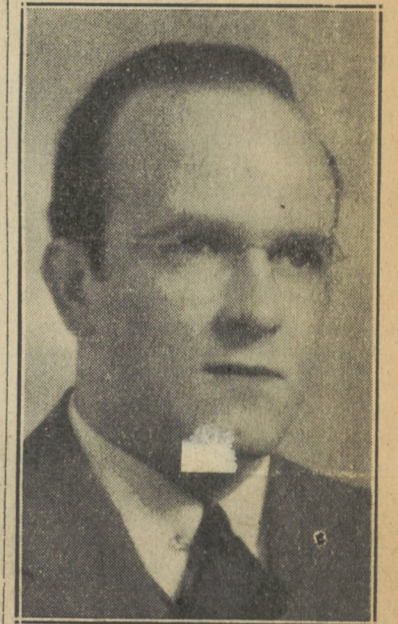
BOTTOM: An American Kittyhawk in practice. White lines (retouched in this photo) are made by tracer bullets.

Insect Bite Is Fatal To Young Dallas Soldier

Howard Cosgrove Succumbs To Rocky Mountain Fever

First of Dallas Borough youths to give his life in World War II, Pvt. Howard A. Cosgrove, Jr., 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Cosgrove, Sr., of Bulford street, died Friday morning of Rocky Mountain spotted fever at Aberdeen Station Hospital, Aberdeen, Maryland.

The young soldier was stricken June 26 while on bivouac with fellow soldiers. His symptoms were of minor nature but were accompanied by a high temperature which caused Army physicians to urge hospitalization. Although he had remained in the hospital for a week it was not



Pvt. Howard Cosgrove

Tanks And Combat Cars May Lend Military Note To Road Opening

Governor James Will Be Present For Ceremonies In Dallas on July 18

Tanks, combat cars and jeeps may add a somber military touch to the formal opening of the new Harvey's Lake Highway if requests of the general committee are approved by the War Department. The new highway which bisects the Back Mountain region will be dedicated by Governor Arthur H. James at fitting ceremonies on Saturday afternoon, July 18.

Burgess H. A. Smith, acting chairman of the general committee, and Clyde N. Lapp, chairman of the parade committee, have asked Col. Thomas Atherton and Governor James to prevail upon the War Department to have military units take part in the celebration. The War Department recently announced that wherever feasible it would co-operate in acquainting the public with the progress of its war effort by permitting military units to take part in patriotic parades.

Governor James has assured the committee that he will be present as have many other prominent State and County officials, members of the State Highway Department and Motor Club representatives. Back Mountain organizations, fire companies, service clubs, schools, township supervisors and borough officials have pledged their co-operation and the committee in charge, headed by Governor James as honorary chairman, is composed of representatives from every borough and township through which the new highway passes.

The program will start at 2:30 P. M. with a parade from the "Y" intersection, where the highway joins the Tunkhannock road, to Dallas. In the line of march will be a squadron of State Highway Patrolmen, Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Lehman High School bands; Dallas Borough, Lake, Lehman, Kingston and Dallas Township supervisors and officials, fire companies of Dallas, Shavertown and Trucksville, civic clubs, service clubs and fraternal organizations. Both Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs will have floats, also Wyoming Valley Motor Club. There will also be floats entered by businessmen including those of Ruggles Lumber Company, Thomas Reese and Dyke Brown. The committee has invited William Conyngham to act as grand marshal with John Blackman and Andrew J. Sordoni as aides.

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Sudden Storms Kill Pigeons

Less Than 25 Of 1,000 Birds Return To Lofts

Because of a number of sudden violent wind, rain and hail storms throughout the summer racing season, A. N. Garinger and many other Luzerne County homing pigeon fanciers have lost some of their best birds this year. The 500-mile race from Greenville, Tennessee, some weeks ago was a complete smash with less than 25 birds out of 1,000 entered returning to their home lofts. The following week in another 500-mile race about the same number of birds were lost. Last week in the 600-mile race from Sweet Water, Tennessee, three birds returned to Wyoming Valley lofts taking more than a week to complete a journey usually finished in a day, and on Tuesday—a week and two days later—one of Mr. Garinger's birds straggled in.

Mr. Garinger says that there have been only two good races during the whole season—one of 300 miles and one of 200 miles. All the others have been seriously marred by storms. Although racing men follow weather reports closely and have frequently postponed the races a day or two, the birds have flown into bad atmospheric conditions after being released in good weather at Tennessee points.

Hail storms such as struck Wyoming Valley on Monday or wind storms such as this section had a few weekends ago easily blow the birds off their path or kill them. Nesbitt says that he is glad the racing season is now over for the summer and thinks that the fall season, which is even more hazardous, can hold no terror for birds that have weathered one of the worst summer seasons in years.

until a few hours before his death that his condition became alarming, or that Army medical men began to suspect the nature of his ailment after he casually mentioned that he had been bitten by wood ticks during encampment. His parents were summoned to Aberdeen Friday morning but he was dead before their arrival.

Capt. William Churchill, commanding officer of the Ordnance Department at Aberdeen, and members of the hospital staff told Mr. and Mrs. Cosgrove that it was the only case of its kind on record at the Ordnance Training Center. In a letter to the family Capt. Churchill said:

"The officers and men of this organization wish to express their deepest sympathies on the occasion of the loss of your son, Pvt. Howard Cosgrove, Jr. To the best of my knowledge Pvt. Cosgrove is the only victim of Rocky Mountain spotted fever in the history of the ordnance replacement center. It is regretted that your son has not lived to see the eventual victory of the Army of the United States."

Squad Corporal Rauhauser of Aberdeen, accompanied the body to Dallas on Saturday night. Twelve members of Daddow-Isaacs Post American Legion conducted Memorial services at the Cosgrove home on Sunday evening. Funeral services were held from the home at 2:30 Monday afternoon with Rev. Francis Freeman, former pastor, and

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Band Director Given New Job

Forty Fort Board Elects Miss Knappman

Evelyn Knappman, supervisor of music and director Dallas Township High School Band for the past year and a half, has been elected to a similar position in the schools of Forty Fort, her home community. Miss Knappmann succeeded Mrs. Evelyn Haley on the Township faculty. She is a graduate of Forty Fort High School and New York University and is taking graduate work at the latter school this summer.

She has not yet tendered her resignation although her sister telephoned the news of her election to Albert Jones, secretary of the Township board, and her resignation is expected to follow shortly.