

What Makes A Soldier?

(Contributed)

Here's a little of what makes an American soldier. He's out on a twenty-five mile hike, in leggings, full pack and accessories. It's early evening. He's been up since six o'clock, put in a full day's training under the heat-livid Mississippi, Georgia or Louisiana sky.

The first five miles are on concrete. It's all right at first, until the hard pavement begins to pound the shoes right up into his feet, each step a sledgehammered blow, until the insides of his shoes become steam chambers.

He could drop out, climb into the ambulance or the Jeep that follows. He could claim blisters or cramps or too much sun from the day's work. But he doesn't. Why? Because all around him are his buddies. They did the same day's work. They've walked as far as he has. They're not dropping out.

The pavement ends. Mile after mile of dusty, muddy, rutty cowpaths drops behind him. By the time he's passed ten miles his pack is filled with lead window sashes, his sweaty clothes are heavy as a butcher's hand, his leggings are steel casing around his legs.

He could drop out now, stretch out in that Jeep, rest those weary muscles that feel like chopped steak. But he doesn't. Why? Because Uncle Joe Stilwell, 62 years old, walked 140 miles out of Burma, without a Jeep behind him.

After 15 miles the only strength left in him is his morale. Maybe he lapped up a little too much water, maybe his supper needs a rest too. He's got a headache from waist to thigh. His guts are coils of redhot neon burning their way out through the walls of his stomach. But he doesn't drop out. Why? Because somewhere he's read that a Jap can fight through jungle all day and walk 35 miles at night on a bowl of rice.

So he stumbles across the finish line. The balls of his feet are live coals. Each step springs a knife that stabs upward through his leg. He's too tired to sleep. For three days his movements will be brittle, like those of an old and sapless man. But he's made it. He can kid his buddies in the mess hall, join the line that marches behind Uncle Joe, thumb his nose at the Jap. He's an American soldier, and a damn good one.

Our thanks go to Bob Girvan of Camp Selby, Mississippi, for this week's editorial. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Girvan of Lake street.

So far as a husband's misdeeds are concerned a woman's memory is perfect.

A lot of women could do the family washing with the energy expanded in keeping their "foundation" in place.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

Counting in two borderline cases, we have six shining examples of arrested development in our neighborhood. Probably every community rejoices in a group of boys who are suffering from an acute attack of growing pains, but the symptoms have ordinarily become less distressing with the passage of years, and by the time the age of sixteen or seventeen is reached the rash of childishness is no longer visible to the naked eye.

The eight-year-old, wishing to attract the eye of the chosen female of the species, stands on his head and wiggles his legs. The ten-year-old, waxing strong and manly with the increasing burden of years, dips the pigtailed of the beloved in the inkwell. The twelve-year-old, becoming enamored of another seventh-grader, plays violent games of the you push me and I'll push you variety.

With the age of fourteen, there ordinarily occurs a blessed lull. The fourteen-year-old displays a lordly indifference to the opposite sex. He is too much occupied in football and baseball to pay much attention to girls, and his changing voice is all too apt to embarrass him in polite society. The dances which the fourteen-year-old girl takes so much delight in attending, are anathema to the fourteen-year-old boy. Any boy of this age-group who attends a dance has been delivered to the sacrifice by a well-meaning and unrelenting mother.

With the advanced age of sixteen, the normal young man puts away childish things, and the neighborhood draws a breath of relief. High School juniors and seniors, though they may render the night hideous with raucous catcalls and ill-timed whistling, can ordinarily be depended upon to refrain from acting like ten-year-olds in the matter of childish antics.

But these are abnormal times, and probably abnormal reactions are to be expected, though one would naturally assume that any deviation in a behavior pattern would be in the direction of an increased sense of responsibility and maturity.

Two years from now, the community eye in composite form will undoubtedly bedew itself with proud moisture when reading of the heroic exploits of these same boys on foreign soil and on the seven seas. Boys no older than these neighborhood pains-in-the-neck have already given good account of themselves on the Bataan Peninsula, and in the Solomons.

These are the boys who did their bit toward making the party a success by putting one car out of commission with a deflated tire, and tampering with the spark-plugs of a second car. They could not have foreseen that a guest would be taken

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Not everybody with a dollar to spare can shoot a gun straight—but everybody can shoot straight to the bank and buy War Bonds. Buy your 10¢ every pay day.

Mosier Named As Instructor

Replaces Snyder Who Goes To York County

Sheldon Mosier, vocational-agriculture instructor at Laceyville for the past four years, was appointed to a similar position in Dallas Township schools at the meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday night. Gerald Snyder, present instructor, resigned last week to take a position in York County. Mr. Mosier is the son of Mrs. Melvin Mosier of Dallas Township. He attended Dallas township grade schools and is a graduate of Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre, and Pennsylvania State College where he was a member of the four-man undergraduate judging team which participated at the St. Louis and other famous agricultural and livestock exhibitions.

He majored in animal husbandry and after graduation gained several years of practical experience in a supervisory capacity with some of the best dairy herds in Luzerne County. After his marriage to Miss Hilda Ruggles, a former Dallas Township teacher, he taught for a time at East Berlin in Adams county, leaving there to accept the position at Laceyville.

Exhibits by his students have repeatedly won first awards at Wyoming County and Bloomsburg Fairs and at the Pennsylvania State Farm show. The Mosiers have three children. Last summer they built a home in Dallas township.

Mr. Mosier will start his new duties as soon as an instructor can be found to fill his position at Laceyville.

Army Chaplain Now In Ireland

Writes, "The American Spirit Can't Be Sunk"

Mrs. Charles VanBuskirk of Meeker received an interesting letter from Chaplain Donald L. Warmouth, formerly of Shavertown, this week. Warmouth is located in northern part Ireland. He enthusiastically praises the training our boys are receiving over there and the fine spirit prevalent among them.

"Our trip across was uneventful," he writes. "Most of the German talk about sinking our ships is ballyhoo. They haven't yet learned that the American spirit can't be sunk."

"We still have the best navy in the world and the United States surely knows how to look after her nephews and nieces. We don't expect to come home until this job is completely finished, nor do we want to have to repeat it in another generation."

Chaplain Warmouth was promoted to the rank of captain August 1. Folded in the letter sent to Mrs. VanBuskirk was a real shamrock.

Service Men On The Beam

All We Need Now Is Addresses Of Girls

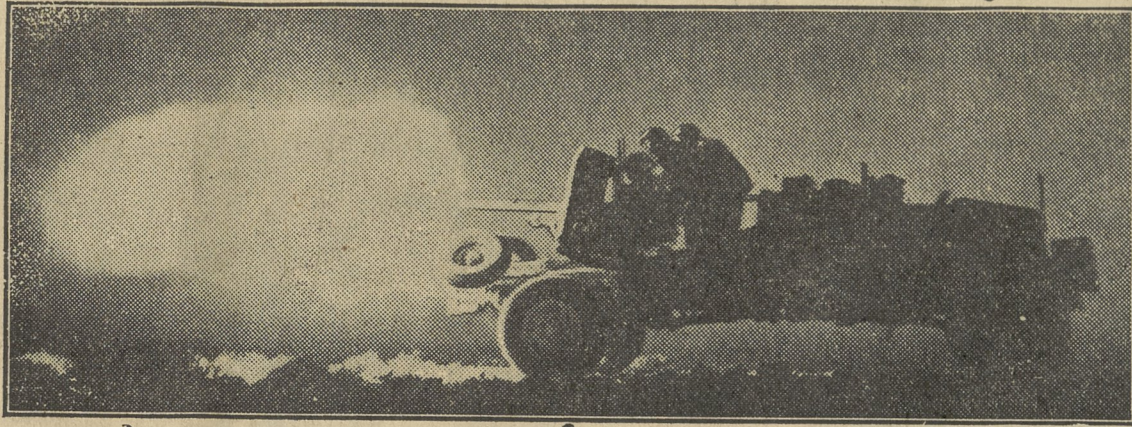
Blanks of all sorts have come in from the service men to the Script Club. Blonde soldiers, brunette marines, and red-headed sailors, have followed our tip. Big athletic fellows and the little bookwormish ones. All sorts—to suit any girl. Now all we need is blanks filled in by girls.

Can you imagine the catastrophe if we gave the name of a redhead to a fellow who just abhors redheads, or the name of a six-foot, ninety-six pound girl to a four-foot eight, two hundred pound soldier. Uh! Uh! It wouldn't work. A girl wants someone who has the same education, who is trifle taller and who goes in for the same things as she does.

It doesn't make any difference in the letters, of course, but you might meet the fellow some day, and then what?

Help us avoid unnecessary heartbreaks! Fill in the blank when you send in your name.

Hunting Nazis In North Africa



Many British two-pounder anti-tank guns are now mounted on fast trucks so they can move quickly around the desert. As shown in this dramatic picture, the gun's crew fires without unlimbering. They make daring forays behind the enemy's lines to play havoc with supply columns and lightly armored vehicles, even taking toll of heavy Nazi tanks.

Boys And Girls Of Junior Army To War On Scrap

Great Mass Attack Will Start October 5th Against Enemy

The boys and girls of the Back Mountain region are part of a national junior army which on October 5 will begin a great attack.

The attack is against the worst enemy within our borders today. The enemy could stop our factories from making guns and ships and tanks and planes. The enemy could prevent those weapons from being made by preventing manufacture of the steel out of which parts of those weapons are made.

That enemy is starvation of the steel mills. But the school pupils of our nation, organized in a great junior army, are going to feed the mills. They are going to find and bring together the things out of which tanks and ships are made—things like rusty pipe, broken bed springs, air guns that won't shoot any more. Around Dallas and Back Mountain country that is junk, scrap. But after it has gone through the mills it is bombs for the Nazis and bullets for the Japs.

Commanding General of the Junior Army of School Boys and Girls is Dr. Francis B. Haas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Harrisburg. The regiment in Dallas is headed by Colonel T. A. Williamme. County Superintendent A. P. Cope is Colonel of the Luzerne county regiment.

Each school principal is major in the junior army. Under each major come the captains, the teachers. School boys and girls of each school room will be the lieutenants, sergeants, corporals, and privates of the junior army. Those who do well will be promoted, just like real soldiers in the fighting army.

A fighting army uses maps and scouts every foot of the ground. Members of the junior army will scout the same way for the pieces of junk. From map plans, each will be given a place to scout. So the junior army will scout all of America, each street and road, each city block and country farm, finding junk.

For, so long as the junk lies un-gathered, it is part of the starvation enemy of our steel mills, our war factories, and our fighting men. The boys and girls of the Back Mountain Region are going to find and take prisoner all of that enemy in this part of our nation.

Howard Warden Makes Brief Visit Home

Howard Warden spent Monday at his home here. Howard drove down from East Hartford, Conn., after completing his shift at United Aircraft where he is helping to build Pratt & Whitney motors. He arrived at 12 a. m. and left Monday night shortly after 10 so that he could be back on the job on Tuesday.

There are approximately 30,000 employees working in three shifts at the big plant which has grown tremendously since the advent of war. The proportion of women is increasing weekly as they take jobs of single men called into army service.

Howard indicated that living expenses are very high and that it is almost impossible to obtain a home or rooms within miles of the United Aircraft plant.

ALL CITIZENS MUST BE READY FOR A BLACKOUT AT ANY HOUR OF NIGHT

Luzerne County has been certified to the Third Civilian Defense Region through the State Council of Defense as having reached a degree of efficiency in its Civilian Defense Organization that will permit surprise blackouts. All further air raid drills and blackouts will originate with the First Fighter Command at Mitchell Field, N. Y. Robert D. Currie, zone warden for the Back Mountain area, has stressed that no official of the local or county organization will have advance knowledge of the drill. Until the signals are received from Mitchell Field no one will know whether they indicate a test blackout of an actual air raid. Consequently all individuals as well as air raid wardens are urged to be on the alert at all times, and the public must be ready to obey all rules and regulations at a minute's notice.

Township Will Keep Football

Coach Will Build Team Around Veteran Backs

In spite of gasoline rationing and tire shortages which for a time threatened to remove football from its athletic program, Dallas Township High School athletic authorities have announced a curtailed though nonetheless complete football schedule.

The Township's season, which will open and close at contests with Kingston Township High School, will include a number of old rivals on the schedule.

First game is at home on October 6 with Kingston Township followed in order with games with Clarks Summit, away, on October 17; West Pittston, at home, October 24; Pittston Township, at home, October 31; Tunkhannock, away, November 6; Kingston Township, away, November 26. The long gap between Tunkhannock and the final Kingston Township contest may yet be filled by other games.

A squad of more than 25 candidates has responded to Coach Robert Dolbear's call for practice. Most of his last year's line has been lost either by graduation or to the army and defense work but he hopes to build a powerful team around such veteran backs as Martin, Bittenbender and Morris. He knows that he will have a hard time without such stalwarts of last year as William Girvan, Bernard Breza, Wojcik and Redington. He is also handicapped by lack of an assistant, Coach Rosser having joined the army.

Will Build Barn

McKinley Long of Sweet Valley has received a construction permit to build a new 60x70 barn to replace the structure destroyed by fire on August 26, 1941.

First Frost

A frost, the first of the season, visited this area on Monday night. In many sections destruction of flower and vegetable plants was heavy, while in others there was little or no damage. In Dallas ice was frozen on automobile windshields.

5 Questions For Home Owners On War Co-Operation

V-Home Stickers Will Be Awarded Those Who Comply

Home owners in the Back Mountain region will be asked five questions shortly by their Air Raid Wardens to determine if they are co-operating fully in the war effort and thus are eligible to display the new V-Home sticker. The question, drawn up by the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense and distributed along with thousands of stickers by the State Council of Defense, are:

1. Does your home follow the instructions of its Air Raid Warden, in order to protect life and property against attack by air?
2. Does your home conserve food, clothing, transportation and health in order to hasten an unceasing flow of war materials to our men at the front?
3. Does your home salvage essential materials that they may be converted to immediate war uses?
4. Does your home refuse to spread rumors designed to divide our nation?
5. Is your home buying war savings stamps and bonds regularly?

In connection with question No. 1, citizens will be asked if they have prepared a safety room and blackout room in their home; if they have made preparations to fight fire bombs; if they have cleared inflammable materials from their attics, basements and closets; and if they know what to do if someone in their home is injured in an air raid.

The V-Home sticker, according to the OCD, should be considered a badge of honor, and "the display of this certificate should indicate that the home not only has complied with the requirements of a V-Home in the past, but that these war services will be maintained for the duration."

Dallas Flowers Win Top Awards

Local Vegetables And Roses Take Ribbons

Mrs. Thomas Kingston of Tarlton avenue, and Frank Jackson of Harvey's Lake, brought distinction to the Back Mountain area last Thursday when they walked away with a large number of first, second and third prizes at the Flower Show sponsored by the Cambrian Club in the Y.W.C.A. building in Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. Kingston was awarded a special prize for a basket of six red roses, 11 first prizes, 5 second prizes and three 3rd prizes. She exhibited snapdragons, asters, delphiniums, dahlias and chrysanthemums. Mr. Jackson was given a special award for a unique arrangement of vegetables. Small pumpkins, cucumbers, mangos, etc., topped with a gay sprig of blackberries were shown in a handcarved wooden wagon. The wagon was made by his nephew, Robert Jackson. He won six first, 8 second and 2 third prizes.

The show was open to all amateur flower growers and exhibits were entered by people from all over northeastern Pennsylvania.

Board Of Three Will Ration All Farm Machinery

Farmers Must Prove Inability To Repair Or Borrow Equipment

The recent order issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, effective September 17, temporarily "freezing" all farm machinery in the hands of dealers and setting up a county rationing committee to control the distribution of the limited supply now on hand, was termed by Nelson Lewis, Carverton, chairman of the Luzerne County USDA War Board, as necessary to insure fair distribution of available equipment and its placement where it will do the most good in wartime farming production.

Administration of the farm machinery rationing program was delegated by the War Production Board to the Office of Price Administration, and re-delegated to the Department of Agriculture. County rationing will be handled by a county rationing committee composed of the County AAA Chairman and two farmers appointed by the County War Board. Two alternates will also be appointed.

Farm machinery in one classification (Group A), which is scarce and especially needed to meet current agricultural needs, may be sold only upon approval by the county farm machinery rationing committee. Machinery in a second category (Group B), including items somewhat less scarce, may be sold upon certification by the farmer to the dealer that it is required to meet current agricultural needs. A third classification (Group C), includes the smaller items that may be sold without restrictions.

Group A includes combines, corn pickers, disc harrows, feed grinders, fertilizer spreaders, grain drills, grain elevators, hay balers, lime spreaders, manure spreaders, milk coolers, milking machines, pickup balers, potato diggers, shredders, and tractors (including garden tractors).

Group B machinery, which can be purchased upon certification to a dealer that it is needed for current production, includes most other farm equipment and machinery.

Group C, which is exempt from any form of rationing control, includes hoes, rakes, forks, scythes, shovels and all hand-operated and one- and twohorse drawn farm machinery and equipment not included in Group A.

There are no restrictions on sale or transfer of used farm machinery, equipment or repair parts.

Eligibility requirements for Group A purchases include inadequacy of present equipment and inability to meet farm production goals by repairing, or by purchasing or renting used machinery, or by custom or exchange work. A purchaser must turn in replaced equipment and agree to rent or let others use the new machinery on specified terms and conditions. The purchaser must present a satisfactory reason if changing from horses or mule power to motor power, or from hand labor to machinery.

Applicants who are refused certification for machinery purchase may appeal to the State USDA War Board and then to the Special War Board Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture.

A list of applicants receiving certificates and the equipment which they purchase will be kept available for inspection in county offices and will be made available for publication in local papers.

Equipment in Group A must not be purchased later than October 31, 1942.

Visit Military School

Mrs. Karl Kuehn, in company with Gertrude Wilson and Jackie Quail, drove down to Valley Forge Military Academy on Saturday to see her son, Frank, who is enrolled there as a student this year. Frank is enthusiastic about the school but says that he can understand now why there are posters in postoffices urging people to write to soldiers. "Gee, when you line up for mail and you don't get a letter, you just feel that everybody has forgotten you, even in military school."