

Freedom's Textbook

The most important books in a nation's life are its textbooks. The nation of tomorrow is determined by what it is studying today, for textbooks do more than impart information. They mould the very spirit of the nation for the years to come. America's passion for freedom was born out of a century of colonial education centering in one book—the Bible. The simple social structure of those days was reared upon three institutions; the home, the school and the church, in all of which the Bible was supreme.

The political structure of the United States Government designed by men trained in colonial concepts reflects the teachings of the Bible. There it is in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The attitude of the United States toward her neighbor nations has always been more like that of the good Samaritan than it has like that of the robber. Today our nation faces not only her responsibility for ridding the world of international gangsters but the next task of rebuilding the world on the patterns of her own national structure. No day in any of these war years is, therefore, any more important than Universal Bible Sunday, which may serve to remind the American people of the source of their nation's strength.

The American Bible Society has suggested the slogan "Watch Your Scripture Reading" for this year's observance. We suggest that among the other wholesome habits to which we are now being summoned as contributing to the winning of the war, that every citizen add the regular reading and study of the Text Book of American freedom.

Calvin Coolidge once said "The foundations of our Government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible, that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings should cease to be practically universal in our country." How can we have faith in them unless we know them? Let every American turn to his Text Book of Freedom.

Purely Personal

Like many another industrial organization, The Dallas Post is now working short-handed. Many of our men are in the armed service and all of us who remain must double in a half dozen jobs to get the paper out. It is impossible to pick a good printer off the street or make a high school girl or boy into a capable newsman. . . . It takes months of training along with some natural ability to turn out a capable newspaper writer.

In a suburban field such as ours, something else is required . . . an intimate knowledge of the community . . . a wide acquaintanceship, and an enthusiastic acceptance of this region's way of life.

If those of us who are left spent twenty-four hours a day on our work, we would still fall far short of providing the complete news coverage we want to have in the Post each week. We know that we have a responsibility to the hundreds of servicemen who get this paper every week and we want to give them as much of the local news as possible.

We'd appreciate it if the folks of this community would attempt to understand our problem, not for us alone, but for the fellows who look forward eagerly to the arrival of the paper from home. We'd appreciate it if folks would offer to pay for soldier subscriptions or suggesting donations ranging from \$25 to \$100 and just become a little more practical—and send us the news.

Local funeral directors might be a little more considerate and telephone us the obituaries of people who die . . . families might call us before we have to call them. Physicians might give us the names of those in the hospitals, accident patients, and the names of new parents. These are little things but they will help greatly and they will mean more to us and more to the men in service than all the generous donations that so many have offered.

Please don't expect us to rehash stories from the daily newspapers—if it isn't worth a little effort on your part it isn't worth our publishing.

. . . and while we are on the subject, see to it that your own subscription is paid to date and that your neighbor is on our mailing list. We'll take care of the soldiers.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

We call it hawwash or sheep-dip, depending upon the depth of our dejection. A recent letter from a flying field in Mississippi stated that the only redeeming feature of the mess-hall was the steaming coffee urn. The writer went on to say that he was accustomed to downing five large cups per meal, a quantity which went a long way toward washing down the army chow.

Our eyes dwelt fondly on that section of the letter, and we read it aloud two or three times to get the full flavor. Then we poured the boiling water on the evening tea leaves and inhaled the resultant mild brew with what grace we could muster.

There was a time when we drank coffee four times a day, but those halcyon days are gone forever, or at least for the duration. A year ago a pound of coffee lasted exactly three days during the comparatively light demands of the middle of the week, or two days over the weekend. And tea was reserved for summer icing.

When the great coffee shortage began to make itself felt, we did not even own a teapot. We skrimished around and found tucked away under the sideboard a two-part glass coffee-maker of an antediluvian vintage, whose bottom section could be converted into a teapot of sorts.

Maybe we just don't understand tea, but we seem to drink an astonishing amount of hot water along with it, and the effect on the family disposition is anything but elevating.

Probably Jennie had the right idea. Jennie was a Polish maid (Continued on Page 8)

Santa Visits Rotary Party

Children Receive Gifts At Annual Xmas Party

Dallas Rotary Club held its annual Christmas party last night in the Blue Room at Tally-Ho Grille. Members brought their youngsters and those that had none adopted a neighbor's boy for the evening.

There was a real Santa Claus, personified by Sgt. Thomas Swainbank; a Christmas tree and a chimney by means of which Santa arrived. Entertainment included songs, motion pictures and the opening of gifts.

Those attending were: Mrs. William Baker, Bill Rogers, Howard Risley, Sgt. Thomas Swainbank, Dr. Robert Bodycomb, Robert Jr., and Richard Bodycomb, L. L. Richardson, Tom and Bob Richardson, Dr. W. L. Lanyon, Lee Eckert, Nesbitt Garinger, Bob Beseker, L. F. Kingsley, William McIntyre, M. J. Brown, Tom Brown, Peter Jurchak, Peter, Paul, and Tony Jurchak, Carl Dick, Warren Yeisley, Peter and Bud VanCampen.

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Registration Dates Listed By Two Boards

Three Specific Periods Are Set For Youths Born On Different Dates

Registration of men required to register for selective service at the sixth registration in the area covered by Local Board No. 1 in the Back Mountain area will be as follows:

Those who were born on or after July 1, 1924, but not after August 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week, commencing Friday, December 11, and ending Thursday, December 17.

Those who were born on or after September 1, 1924, but not after October 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, December 18, and ending Thursday, December 24.

Those who were born on or after November 1, 1924, but not after December 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Saturday, December 26, and ending Thursday, December 31.

Registrations will be taken at the office of Local Board 1, in the Borough Building at Wyoming from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on any of the above named days or in the Back Mountain section at Dallas Borough High School, Dallas Township High School and Kingston Township High School. Those in charge of the three local registration places will be T. A. Williams, Raymond Kuhnert, and James Martin. Hours of registration will be from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Board 5 Registration

Registration places within the territory over which County Board 5 has jurisdiction will be as follows for the sixth registration selective service period:

Harter High School, West Nanticoke.

Lehman Township High School, Office of Local Board 5, 24 West Union Street, Shickshinny.

The hours at Harter High School and Lehman High School during which applicants may register will be Monday to Friday, inclusive, 9 a. m. to noon; 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. The board office at Shickshinny will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a. m. to noon; 1 to 5 p. m.; Saturday 9 a. m. to 12 noon.

Seven Defense Councils Meet

Co-ordination Will Be Aim On Monday Night

Seven local Councils of Defense in Zone 9 will hold a joint meeting Monday night at 8 in Dallas High School auditorium to discuss methods for the co-ordination of all defense activities and to insure a mutual understanding on all problems of civilian defense.

The meeting will be in charge of Robert Currie and Clarence Laidler with possibly several other speakers from the Luzerne County Council. The session will be in the nature of an open forum and one of the main points of discussion will be air raid sirens.

Zone leaders believe that with the proper planning, sirens can be located so that there will be no duplication of warnings, and installation costs reduced. This can only be brought about, they say, by proper co-ordination and mutual understanding between all of the Councils of Defense.

The seven Councils invited are: Jackson, Lake, Ross, Lehman, Kingston and Dallas Townships and Dallas Borough.

Father And Son Get Deer

Albert Hardisky, Demunds, a student at Dallas Township High School shot an 8-point buck weighing 100 pounds within a half mile of his home on Thursday. Albert's father, Andrew, shot a nice two-point buck at Noxen on Saturday.

Shoots Red Fox

John Hildebrand shot an unusual fine red fox in the swamp near Dallas Fair Grounds on Thanksgiving Day.



GREEK STUDENTS lead a march through the streets of Athens to celebrate Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1942. This picture, which was smuggled out of occupied Greece, shows the beginning of the demonstration. Later the students laid wreaths on statues of Greek heroes. They were attacked by Nazi and Italian police and two were killed.

Major Smith Is Hurt In Action

Huntsville Man Shot In African Fighting

Receiving what he termed: "a slight flesh wound from a French bullet," Major Norman Smith of Huntsville is the first known casualty from the Back Mountain Region with the American forces fighting in North Africa.

Major Smith, a veteran of the Dieppe battle and until recently stationed in England where he trained Commandos and Rangers, asked his wife, Phyllis, not to become excited when she received his letter from a hospital. His wound had been slight and he had been able to walk out of the receiving room after it had been dressed.

While he was walking through the hospital, Major Smith said, he had met the seriously wounded brother of Mrs. Smith's closest friend in Providence, R. I., her home city. He had not seen him before in Africa and asked her to write the boy's family and tell them that the wound was clean and that he would recover. This, Major Smith explained, might forestall the worry that a routine army message could cause.

Included in Major Smith's letter was a small piece of a blood-stained French parachute made of finest silk. It had belonged, he said, to a French soldier who was shot while landing behind the American lines.

The Major indicated that he likes the "wonderful climate" of Africa better than that of England and gave his wife a slight thrill when he spoke of the beauty of North African women.

Before entering the army, Major Smith, was a coach and physical instructor at Wyoming Seminary. He was stationed for a time at Aberdeen and Washington, D. C., and after the visit of Winston Churchill to this country was selected with a number of other officers to leave for England to train Rangers. He went to Africa before the American invasion and is believed to be stationed in Algeria.

Henderson May Enter The Army

Dallas Band Leader Has Examination Today

A military leave of absence has been granted to Robert Henderson, music supervisor of Dallas Borough schools, who will take his second physical examination at Wilkes-Barre Induction Center on December 11 for induction into the Army of the United States.

Mr. Henderson has had charge of the Dallas High School Band since the resignation of Howard Hallock, two years ago, to accept the leadership of Kingston High School Band. The school board has not yet obtained any one to take Mr. Henderson's place if he is accepted into the army after his second physical examination.

BLIZZARD MAROONS LOCAL DUCK HUNTERS ON CANADIAN ISLAND

Severe storms and blizzards last week turned a four-day duck hunting trip along the St. Lawrence River into an unplanned week's vacation for Jud Hauck, James Oliver, Dr. Charles Ashley and Hugh Jones, Edwardsville funeral director.

The quartet left here a week ago last Saturday for Wolfe Island, Canada, expecting to enjoy a few days hunting and then return. From Cape Vincent on the American side, they took a three-quarter mile motor boat ride to the island where they were met by Timothy O'Shea, guide. The party enjoyed good hunting on Monday although the weather was cold. Birds were flying again on Tuesday but in the afternoon storms broke that washed away the blinds and some equipment. The party was forced to retire to the O'Shea home and from then on there was no more thought of duck hunting. All transportation by ferries and fishing boats between the island and mainland was stopped. The storm held forth unabated until Saturday.

None of the marooned men had planned to be away from their businesses for any length of time

and as the days passed their wives kept the long distance telephone wires busy with calls on business matters. On Saturday the storm subsided somewhat and the men persuaded a local boat owner to take them across. He'd try it, he said, if they would go at once. Waves on the river were so high that the usual 20-minute ride required almost an hour and raised fears that the tossing boat would be swamped before it reached shore. It was the roughest ride any of the men had ever had in their years of experience on the river, but none were seasick.

They had hardly landed when another terrific blizzard struck making the return passage impossible for the boatmen. But the Dallas party was safe on the mainland with fifty ducks, an automobile and an urgent desire to put as many miles as possible between them and the St. Lawrence. None of the men will ever forget the trip in a forty-foot boat from Horn's Point on Wolfe Island to Cape Vincent, nor the skill of Canadian Customs Officer Horn who guided them across the angry river.

Hislop Granted License Change

Tally-Ho Grille Is Re-Decorated

The State Liquor Control Board has approved the application of Robert Hislop, Jr., for the transfer of his liquor license from the Dallas Inn to his new location in the Tally-Ho Grille on Main street. Opposition to the transfer developed when a group of local citizens disapproved the location of two liquor places on Main street.

During the time the transfer was held up, Mr. Hislop had the interior of his restaurant completely re-decorated and opened a new Victory Room in the basement which will be used for banquets, dinners and parties.

The color scheme is carried out in four shades of blue. Scenes on the walls depict ocean views. Mr. Hislop has also re-decorated a small room in the restaurant which will henceforth be known as the Blue Room and will be used for private parties and service club dinners.

Bob is now starting his eighth year as a restaurant proprietor in Dallas. He conducted Hislop's Restaurant on Main street for three years and has been proprietor of Dallas Inn for the past four years until he took over the Tally-Ho Grille when Philip Cheney enlisted in the army.

Lapp Starts Fourth Term

Clyde N. Lapp was elected president for his fourth term, and John Durbin was elected vice president at the reorganization meeting of Dallas Borough School Board this week. John Hessel was retained as solicitor.

Farmers Must Keep Records Of Slaughter

OPA Meat Order Affects Animals Killed For Others

Time was when the local farmer who killed his little pigs received a medal and a Government check for not raising them, now a local farmer may kill a pig for his own use but he will have to open a complete new set of books if he wants to sell it to his neighbor. According to new Federal meat regulations he must keep a record of the day and date he slaughters any of his animals, how much they weigh, and whom he sold them to. How long he will be able to sell any of them to his neighbors or to others was a question that remained unanswered yesterday when this newspaper contacted Luzerne County Agricultural Conservation office of the United States Department of Agriculture.

That office said:

Every person in the United States who slaughters and delivers to others even so much as one animal of the sort listed in the meat restriction order of October 1 is subject to the restrictions of the order and to its penalties in case of violation. Farmers who slaughter animals only for their own use are exempt, and are not subject to any fine. Animals covered are cattle, calves, sheep, lambs, and hogs. Delivery of meat from these animals is limited so that there shall be enough for the fighting forces of the United States and its allies.

Records of all slaughter for delivery to others must be kept and be available to inspectors of the OPA, by everyone from the country butcher, or the farmer who slaughters meat for others, to the largest packing houses. False statements of the number of animals slaughtered and delivered, or other violations of the restriction order, subject offenders to fines up to \$10,000 or ten years in jail, or both.

These facts were stated by OPA emphatically to call attention to the wide scope of the order. All slaughterers, including small country slaughterers, butchers, and custom slaughterers who kill animals belonging to others, are subject to the terms of the order, as are farmers who kill animals except for the use of themselves and their families. Anyone, to repeat, who kills and delivers to others, animals from which are obtained beef, veal, lamb and mutton, and pork, is accountable. They must keep records of all slaughter and delivery, and they must keep within the limits set by the order for deliveries to civilians. Slaughterers, other than those killing more than 500,000 pounds in a quarter, are limited to no more than the same amount of each of the kinds of meat that they slaughtered and delivered to others in the corresponding quarter of 1941. The larger slaughterers are limited to deliveries considerably below 1941 levels.

Kiefer Elected To Head Board

Three Vacancies Open On Township Faculty

Fred M. Kiefer was elected president, and Fred Hughey was made vice president at the reorganization meeting of the Dallas Township Board on Tuesday night. Donald Coughlin was retained as solicitor.

Following the election, the Board voted to change the hours of daily school sessions because Wartime during winter months causes many pupils to get up at daybreak in order to arrive at school by bus. With the resumption of school on January 4 after the Christmas recess classes will start a half-hour later at 9:20 A. M. instead of 8:50 A. M. Classes will be dismissed in the afternoon at 4 o'clock instead of 3:20. This schedule will remain in effect at least until March 1, or until such time as conditions warrant a change. Termination of the new schedule will be left to the supervising principal.

The board accepted the resignation of (Continued on Page 8.)

Pig Victim Of Deer Hunter's Stray Bullet

Edwin Kern lost a fine 300-pound pig Friday at his farm in Alderson. The animal was in excellent health when fed at noon but was dead when one of the farm help went to feed it at night. At first, Mr. Kern thought it might have eaten a nail or glass, but investigation proved that it had been struck by a stray bullet, probably from the rifle of some deer hunter in the adjacent woods. Examination showed a clean hole through the skin and quantities of blood in the stomach.