

No Apology Needed

There has been so much criticism of business men for so many years that many business men are beginning to lose faith in themselves, and the institutions they represent. Some of them avoid the use of such terms as capitalism, free enterprise, private initiative and individualism, in the belief that the public is skeptical of the whole private enterprise system. But if that belief is true, then the public must also be skeptical of the American form of government. One cannot live without the other. And if the public must be cajoled by indirection into accepting the principles of free enterprise, the outlook for maintenance of representative government is dark.

Free enterprise is not a luxury; it is a necessity. Our metal and coal mines, oil wells, power plants, railroads, manufacturing and distribution industries are private enterprises. They employ millions of independent American citizens who can tell their bosses or their President in Washington where to get off, any time they wish. They would not have this privilege under any other system. As the New York Times points out: "Men cannot lose their economic liberties without losing their other liberties. When they depend on the state for their jobs, they dare not exercise freely their nominal liberties of speech and thought, no matter how firmly safeguarded the latter might still remain in theory or on paper."

Private enterprise clearly has given this nation more than material comfort in the form of autos, radios, telephones and thousands of other conveniences. It has preserved the freedom in practice that the Constitution preserves in form. The oft heard threat that private enterprise had better do this or that—or else, is not a threat against the business man. It is a threat against the basic liberties of every man, woman and child in America. The business man should make no apologies for private enterprise. None are needed.

Zango Bango

Six hundred thousand key men in the scrap salvage campaign throughout the length and breadth of the United States this week heard the story of Donnie Besecker, and the part he played in Dallas Borough High School's scrap campaign through the medium of a Dallas Post editorial reprinted in the Scrapper, national bi-weekly publication of the War Production Board.

Naturally we are proud of that recognition . . . not for ourselves alone . . . but for Donnie, and the hard working scrappers of Dallas high school, and because the name of Dallas and its part in the salvage campaign has been carried to the far ends of the United States. SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND CIRCULATION! That is 200 times our regular audience.

One little boy with a big idea started it all.

A Different Story

Freezing labor in highly-paid industries is a far different story than freezing low-paid labor on the farm. John Brandt, President of the National Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation, points out that "farm labor frozen into its jobs would soon be taking advantage of the situation. Men forced to stay in farm jobs at fixed wages, while industrial labor enjoys high wages, short hours and luxury living, can be expected to become resentful and shirk their work."

"If American farmers are going to be able to produce enough food to win this war, it is time Washington took a realistic attitude toward agriculture and adopted a program that will be practical, workable and really helpful to the farm men and women who ask for only two things: the same consideration that labor receives; and an opportunity to help win this war by cessation of bureaucratic theorizing, regimentation and interference."

FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

With Christmas just around the corner, the house is crawling with pink elephants. The casual guest on entering the living-room would have good cause to rub his dazzled eyes and wonder if he could be seeing things. He might even lay it to something he had et. (And I do mean ET.) Or more aptly, drunk.

What started out modestly enough as one elephant has expanded into what promises to be a career.

The whole seizure can be laid to the purely personal family share in the unprecedented national baby crop. It seemed desirable to make a soft stuffed toy for Little Squawky, that wonder child from Alabama, that infant phenomenon from the Deep South.

A gingham elephant has held undisputed possession of the oxbow highchair for several years, and has been much admired and coveted by every small visitor. This elephant seemed destined by providence to act as a model for other elephants.

So B. H. dusted it off, laid it on a sheet of newspaper, and traced around its various anatomical details. With the help of a tape-measure and a red crayon, she made a workable pattern, then raided the scrap bag for material.

The first elephant was delightful. Large and soft and cuddly, with a pug-nosed trunk and huge flapping ears, the main body black and white checked gingham with bright red accessories, the eyes large and liquid and applied in such a manner that they looked straight down the trunk and threatened to meet.

One good toy deserved another. Little Squawky was now provided for, but there was a red-haired baby boy in western New York State who rated an elephant as an antidote to

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D.T.H.S. Pupils To Give Pageant Parent-Teacher Affair Will Feature Carols

"All the World at Christmas," a pageant in which all members of the school will take part under the direction of Miss Doris Vercoe, music supervisor, will be presented at the meeting of Dallas Township Parent-Teacher Association on Monday night.

Having as its setting, the living room of any or all American homes on Christmas Eve, the pageant will provide an informal presentation of group singing and spontaneous conversation.

Pupils of the first and second grades will sing, "Little Jack Horner" and "Three Little Kittens." Third and fourth grades will give Chebogar, a Hungarian folk dance. Fifth and sixth grade pupils will appear as an English choir singing "What Child Is This?" and "O, Come All Ye Faithful." The Junior High School will sing a group of representative Christmas Carols and a Plantation Christmas song, as well as a Bulgarian folk tune. They will also present a Shepherd scene with musical background and flute accompaniment.

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Few Register For 18-Year Draft Group

County Boards Are Reclassifying Men In 38 to 45 Group

Following a trend evident throughout Luzerne Co., registration of 18-year olds throughout the Back Mountain Region during the first period was the lightest ever recorded in selective service history.

Only two boys born between July 1 and August 31 registered at Dallas Borough schools and only one registered in Dallas Township. Starting today, December 18, youths born between September 1 and October 1, 1924 will be registered.

Classify Older Men

Nineteen county draft boards this week received instructions from Washington to place all registrants from 38 to 45 years of age into a new classification—4-H.

Name of the new group was announced during the week-end by the Office of War Information at Washington which issued the following list of classifications:

- 1-A Registrants available for general military service.
- 1-A-O Registrants who are conscientious objectors available for non-combatant military service when found acceptable to the land or naval forces.
- 1-C Registrants who have been inducted into, enlisted in, or appointed to the armed forces.
- 2-A Registrants who are necessary or essential in their civilian activity.
- 2-B Registrants who are necessary or essential to the war production program, excluding agriculture.
- 2-C Necessary or essential men in agriculture.
- 3-A Registrants with dependents, engaged in less essential industry or less essential agriculture.
- 3-B Registrants with dependents, engaged in an activity necessary to the war production program.
- 3-C Registrants with dependents engaged in essential agriculture.
- 4-A Registrants who before induction have become 45 years of age since they registered.
- 4-B Registrants who are deferred specifically by the law itself.
- 4-C Registrants who are Aliens not acceptable to the armed forces or who waived their rights to become citizens to avoid military service.
- 4-D Registrants who are ministers of religion or divinity students.
- 4-E Registrants who are conscientious objectors available only for service in civilian work of national importance.
- 4-F Registrants who are mentally, morally, or physically unacceptible to the armed forces.
- 4-H Registrants who are 38 to 45 years of age. New class.

Clergy in 4-D
4-D registrants who are ministers of religion or divinity students.

Express Office Swamped
Extra employees at Lehigh Valley station were swamped last Saturday by a last-minute influx of used automobile tires. S. A. Culbert, agent, estimates that more than 1,500 used tires have already been shipped to government warehouses from the Dallas office.

Members of the section gang have been pressed into service to help Mr. Culbert with the extra burden of work.

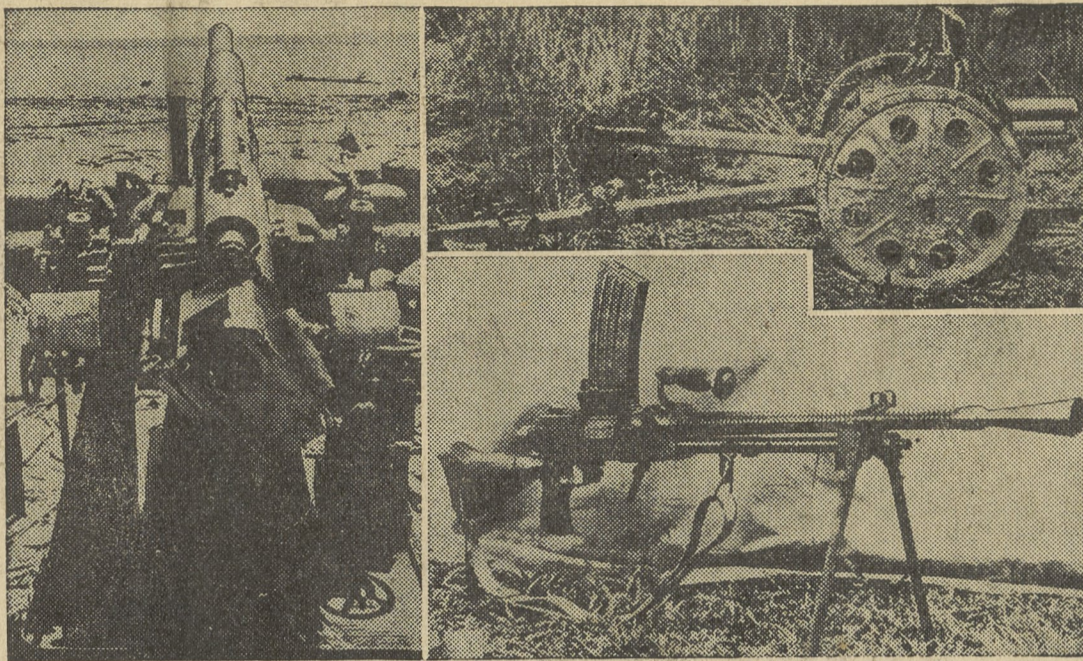
"Little Bull" Will Have To Pass New Year's Dip In Lake

Pvt. James "Little Bull" Smith, 25, whose annual winter dip in icy waters of Harvey's Lake New Year's Day has attracted lots of attention, regrets Uncle Sam will not grant him a furlough to repeat the feat this year.

Writing to David Blight, 186 Main Street, Luzerne, the former Luzerne Anthracite Colliery worker from Marcytown section of Luzerne, informed him he was all set to take his New Year's dip but that he could not get a furlough.

Pvt. Smith, who lived up to his reputation as "one of the Mountain Boys" while a private citizen, is stationed with an air base squadron at Miami Beach.

Equipment Captured By Leathernecks



Three types of weapons captured in firing condition by U. S. Marines during successful landing operations on Jap-held Solomon Islands. Upper gun is Jap 70 mm. piece captured at Battle of Tenaru River, Guadalcanal. Jap "Chatterbox," a light caliber machine gun, lower right, and three-inch anti-aircraft gun, left, were also seized on Guadalcanal.

Harvey's Lake Native Dies

George Anderson Once Captain Of Lake Boat

George M. Anderson, 73 year old native of Harvey's Lake, died suddenly last Tuesday night at his home, the victim of a stroke. Mr. Anderson was the Captain of the Harvey's Lake steamboats for many years. After the steamboat service was discontinued, he drove a Lake Township school bus until his 70th birthday, and then only stopped because of a state law forbidding drivers over 70.

Mr. Anderson's family were among the first settlers of the Back Mountain region. His father was Girtan Anderson of Beaumont and his mother, the former Martha Heffner of Stall. They settled on the farm at Harvey's Lake and there reared their family. When George grew up, he married Kitty Kocher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Kocher of Outlet, and brought her to the farm home to a house he had built himself. Here they lived, reared their children and died.

Mr. Anderson is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Harvey May of Outlet, Mrs. Edris Bevan of New York and Mrs. Ralph Kocher of Alderson; a sister, Mrs. Ruben Shaver of Dallas; a brother, Charles Anderson of Outlet; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral services held Saturday afternoon at 2 from the home, were in charge of Ahiman Lodge, IOOF of Beaumont of which he was a member. Reverend David Morgan of the Alderson Methodist Church officiated. Pall bearers were J. H. Hadsel, Charles Smith, Andrew Thomas, Glenn Clark, Earl Johnson, and Edward MacDougall. Harold Payne, Peter Siedler, Thomas Sutton and Joseph Anderson were flower carriers. Interment was in the Perrigo Cemetery, Harvey's Lake.

Kills Buck

Frank Jackson of Harvey's Lake shot a four-point buck at Cider Run on Saturday. The animal weighed about 100-pounds hog-dressed. In the party with him were George Armitage, Emil Swanson and Robert Jackson.

Housewives Desert Kitchens To Act As Plane Observers

By Fred M. Kiefer

It is interesting to note the various classifications into which the volunteers at the Air Warning Service Station occupationally segregated. It is, further, much to the credit of the entire personnel and to Chief Observer Paul Shaver, that, regardless of their regular work they serve here, well and willingly.

That they serve willingly, down the long, laden minutes of a six-hour stretch, goes without saying. That they serve well is attested to by the fact that during the month of October the Post earned, and was presented with, 5 gold stars for excellence. These stars are sent out from Army Control and are issued when no mistake of any kind has been made through the period. Each star covers one week. There are other colored stars for rating in lesser degrees.

Housewives lead all other groups and generally cover the daylight shifts. There have been, at different times in the history of the Post,

42 serving. Students, in the age category of 13 to 18, stand second to the total of 21. Insurance men, 7; laborers, 4; those of 3 each, farmers, truck drivers, investigators, carpenters, salesmen. Groups consisting of 2 each: school teachers, handymen, merchants. Of one each, caretaker, plasterer, mason, road maintenance, service station owner, painter, trackworker, auditor, ticket cashier, clerk, gardener, mail carrier, plumber, miner, steeplejack, and retired.

Chief Observer Shaver carries 112 names on the active list, which covers one 28 day month of total observation. At six hours per shift, eight watchers are needed per day. On a seven day week, 56. Since the shifts repeat only twice per month, the total becomes 112.

Should a watcher wish to be excused from a particular shift, he, of course, may be so. The C. O. asks, only, that he be notified in sufficient time to provide a substitute.

Large Flocks of Ducks Winter On Huntsville Dam

A flock of several hundred wild ducks is wintering on Huntsville reservoir. Although that body of water is frozen over with a thin coating of ice, the ducks spent their time in the middle of the lake out of reach of any poaching hunters. A few ducks have also been seen on Harvey's Lake.

Band Director Leaves For Army

Parents, Faculty And Band Bid Him Farewell

Robert Henderson, director of Dallas High School Band, left this morning for New Cumberland where he will be inducted into the United States Army.

On Tuesday evening members of the Band Parents' Association entertained in honor of Mr. Henderson at the high school and presented him with a money belt and a sum of money. About 70 persons attended.

On Sunday members of the faculty entertained at dinner at Hislop's Restaurant for both Mr. Henderson and William Moran, former faculty member who came up from his station at New Cumberland for the party.

Members of the band gave their farewells to Mr. Henderson at the conclusion of band practice on Thursday afternoon after he had completed his last day of teaching in the Borough schools.

Listed In Who's Who

Larry Isaacs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Isaacs, and a senior at Susquehanna University is among those listed in the current "Who's Who In American Colleges." An outstanding athlete, Larry has enlisted in the Naval Reserve and will go into active service at the close of the school year.

Seniors Present Mystery Tonight

Township Class To Give Recent New York Hit

"The Case of the Laughing Dwarf," a mystery in three acts, will be presented by Dallas Township seniors this evening (Friday) at eight. Two murders, a Chinese detective, a comedy policeman, suspense and thrills are just a few of the assets of this recent New York stage hit. The cast includes Shirley Goss as Georgia Devine, Edith Spencer as Tonkie, Isabelle Veitch as Fannie, Jim Harfman as Phil Hunter, Marion Jackson as Cilia Shaw, Lawrence Smith as Dr. Crane, William Colvin as Elias Grottingham, Betty Kriedler as Blanche, Robert Patrick as Inspector Britt, Harold Dymond as Wing, Irene Stofila as Myra and Chuck McManus as Dean Philips. If you like mysteries, don't miss it!

Township Will Dedicate Honor Roll On Sunday

Judge Harold Flannery Will Head Speakers At Fernbrook Dedication

An honor roll commemorating the service of more than 110 young men and women from Dallas Township who are now in the Armed Forces will be dedicated Sunday afternoon at 2 on the Goeringer plot at Fernbrook Corners.

The 8x8 board standing more than 10 feet high above a lattice work base is being erected at a cost of \$125 and is the work of George P. Steinhauer & Co., of Luzerne. It is flanked by two columns surmounted by carved American eagles.

A 40-foot steel flagpole topped with a large copper ball has been erected by the men of the township who also built the concrete foundations for both the pole and board and erected the supporting posts. County Commissioner Herman Kerster gave the flag.

Although the idea of an honor roll for Dallas Township had its origin only three weeks ago, a hard-working committee has already raised \$209 in the south district alone to pay for the entire costs of construction.

The program on Sunday will include selections by Dallas Township High School Band; Remarks by Rev. J. J. O'Leary, Rev. Austin L. Prynne, Rev. Harrison, Judge Harold Flannery and Commissioner Kersten. Herman Kern will sing several patriotic numbers and Earl Layau will introduce Bernard Whitney, general chairman, who in turn will introduce the speakers. The honor roll will be unveiled by mothers of Dallas Township soldiers and members of the Girl Scouts in Dallas Township will raise the flag.

Members of the committee who have helped with the solicitation of funds and erection of the board are: Eddie Sidorick, John Shields, Ray Williams, Thomas Moore, Russell Case, Benjamin Brace, Giles Wilson, Albert Perrigo, Milton Perrigo, Grant Alt, Iggy Kozemchak, Fred Lamoreaux, Steve Apolesky, Lewis Stritzinger, Steve Merchick, Frank Nyhard, Jr., George Prater, Earl Layau, and Bernard Whitney. Sheldon Fahringer painted the names on the board.

Widow Of William Cook Is Laid To Rest Monday

Mrs. Mazie A. Cook of Norton Avenue, 78-year-old widow of William A. Cook, and resident of Dallas for over 45 years, died at General Hospital Saturday morning after a lingering illness. Mrs. Cook was the former Mazie A. Wanick of Bloomsburg. Early in her childhood, her father died and she spent her younger years with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Courtright of Wilkes-Barre. She and the Courtright's spent many summers at a cottage near Courtright Pond in Dallas. After coming to Dallas she took active part in affairs of the Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held at the Brickel Funeral Home with Reverend Austin L. Prynne in charge. Pall bearers were R. L. Hallock, William Franklin, Paul B. Shaver, H. Stanley Dohl, Daniel Richards and F. M. Garrahan. Interment was in the family plot in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Dallas Couple Has Open House On Golden Wedding Anniversary

Neighbors and friends dropped in and chatted with Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin yesterday to help them celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Fifty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin were married in the Dallas Methodist parsonage by Reverend Jonah Underwood.

Mrs. Franklin, now 67, is the daughter of Ira and Anies Bailey Demond of Demunds Corners. At the age of three she was left an orphan and came to live with W. J. Honeywell in Dallas, where she attended the borough school. She is a member of the Dallas Methodist Church and stands watch at the local observation post of the aircraft warning service.

The late Fred and Anna Patton of Dallas. His mother came from Ireland. He attended Dallas Borough School and was employed by the Dallas broom shop for 16 years. He worked for the Wilkes-Barre Traction Company for 35 years after which he retired. He has been treasurer of the Board of Health for 7 years, a member of the Dallas I.O.O.F. for 40 years and was its secretary for 31 years, served two terms on the Dallas Borough Council, is a member of the Dallas Methodist Church and teaches the Ladies Bible Class there.

The Franklins have three children, William of Dallas, Arthur of Avenel, New Jersey, and Anna Kinsman of Luzerne; five grandchildren, and one great grandchild.