

Let's Keep Our Shirts On

The past few weeks have seen a dangerous slackening of pace by the American people. Signs multiply that we think the war is practically won. Having made a slight nick in Axis power by invading North Africa, and having taken the first small steps toward rolling Japan back in the Pacific, some of us are acting as though the war is over.

Indications of this slackening are many. In New York City a strike of newspaper deliverers and handlers for several days deprived the city of most of its daily papers. One of the nation's most prominent industrialists announced that he had no intention of fighting a war to produce a quart of milk a day for the Hottentots, or to establish a V. A. on the Danube. And a prominent newspaper columnist said that we were silly to think of feeding the nations which we reoccupy, when at the same time we are being rationed ourselves.

In ordinary times, none of these events would be cause for alarm. But these are not ordinary times. The only standard by which our acts can be measured today is, does it help win the war? The newspaper deliverers' strike appears to have resulted from a dispute over wages and a demand for freezing of jobs without regard for war curtailments; the union demands may or may not have been reasonable, but strikes do not help to win the war.

Our business leaders may have their private opinions about the Hottentots, but certainly does not help win the war to tell our present and prospective allies that they can go hang as soon as the war is over, for all we care. It is to be hoped that we will have enough realism to provide oceans of milk, if that is essential to maintain a decent, stable, and prosperous peace. And it does not help to tell the peoples of occupied Europe that we'll liberate them, but after that they can starve before we'll deny ourselves a second helping of roast beef.

All three of these examples are straws in an ill wind, a wind that is blowing too many of us back toward bickering as usual. North Africa was the first crack in the tough nut that is Axis Europe—but we have a long way to go yet. Still unconquered are enemies whose power is enormous, whose ruthlessness is without limit, and who realize far better than we that their very lives are at stake.

Nor is the war progressing any too well on the home front. During the month of November war production rose only 3%, the smallest percentage since the beginning of the defense program. The gravity of the manpower problem has merely been recognized, not solved, by the recent reorganization of the War Relocation Commission. There will be more rationing, more sacrifices, more work, more casualties, and more of the hardships of war before we can see victory ahead.

The months and years to come will need every bit of spirit of unity we can muster to pull through. And when military victory is finally won, that does not mean that we have won the war. Winning the war means winning it so thoroughly, and helping to organize the world so wisely afterwards, that we shall never have to fight another one. Those who pursue their special interests regardless of the national need are not only prolonging the war and endangering victory itself, but are also helping to prepare the way for World War III.

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PILLAR TO POST

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

Say it with flowers, say it with music, say it with mince-pies. We have what amounts to an allergy to the flamboyant poinsettia, so we counteract its red flannel brilliance with dozens and dozens of tiny mince-pies at Christmas time, making them up well in advance and keeping them in a cold place to ripen before starting them on their travels.

Each little pie journeys to its destination in its own shiny little pan, encased in a cardboard container, wrapped gaily with holly paper and red tissue paper, and decorated lavishly with tinsel and sleigh bells. This year there were well over seventy of the toothsome little morsels. Which in anybody's language is a lot of pie, considering that a small pie takes just as much time, though not as much material as a large one.

There are always a few pairs of interested hands to help out in the matter of filling the shells and crimping the edges, while the chief cook rolls out the tiny crusts and painstakingly marks out the Christmas fern with a tablespoon, flanking it with two little slits to let out the steam.

That hardy perennial, the yarn about the cook who made the scalloped edge with her uppers and lowers, always gets unpacked during its summer mothballs along about the time we start crimping the Christmas pies, but we restrain Tom forcibly and hand him a fork dipped in flour. The assembly line starts to function.

One pair of hands fills the pie, another dots it with jelly and arranges the extra raisins with geometric precision, a third runs an expert finger dipped in water around the edge and applies the top crust, a fourth welds the top and bottom crusts together. While the first oven full starts browning, the second batch of crust is in the making.

Remembering what happened last year when we started to grind apples for the annual mince-meat, we were a little cagey about starting the ceremony this year. Not that we are superstitious, of course, that is no more superstitious than most people, but we kept remembering that on December the seventh last year the first squeal of the meat-cutter was drowned out by the radio announcement of the disaster at Pearl Harbor, and that the fleet

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Ration Board To Be Enlarged

Six-Man Board Now Up For Approval

Anna May Wilson of Fernbrook who recently passed civil service examinations with a high rating has been recommended for appointment as junior clerk in the office of the Dallas Rationing Board at a salary of \$1260 a year.

The names of Austin Snyder, supervising principal of Lehman Township schools, Clyde N. Lapp, International Truck Co., Walter Elston, Shady Side Dairy, and Howard Risley, editor, The Dallas Post, have been forwarded to the OPA for approval to serve on the local rationing board with Fred M. Kiefer and F. Gordon Mathers.

Distinguished Southerners Are Holiday Visitors Here

Two Kentucky cardinals were welcome visitors over the Christmas holidays at the bird feeding boxes owned by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Murray of Pioneer avenue. The pair spent two days in the vicinity of the Murray home before they took flight.

The handsome male with his fine red plumage and crested head was less timid and nibbled at the feeders while his mate watched him from a neighboring tree. About the size of orioles the cardinals are noted for their rich sweet song which makes them very popular in the Southern United States where they are common.

They are seldom seen in the North even in summer although their breeding range is as far north as Iowa and southern New York State.

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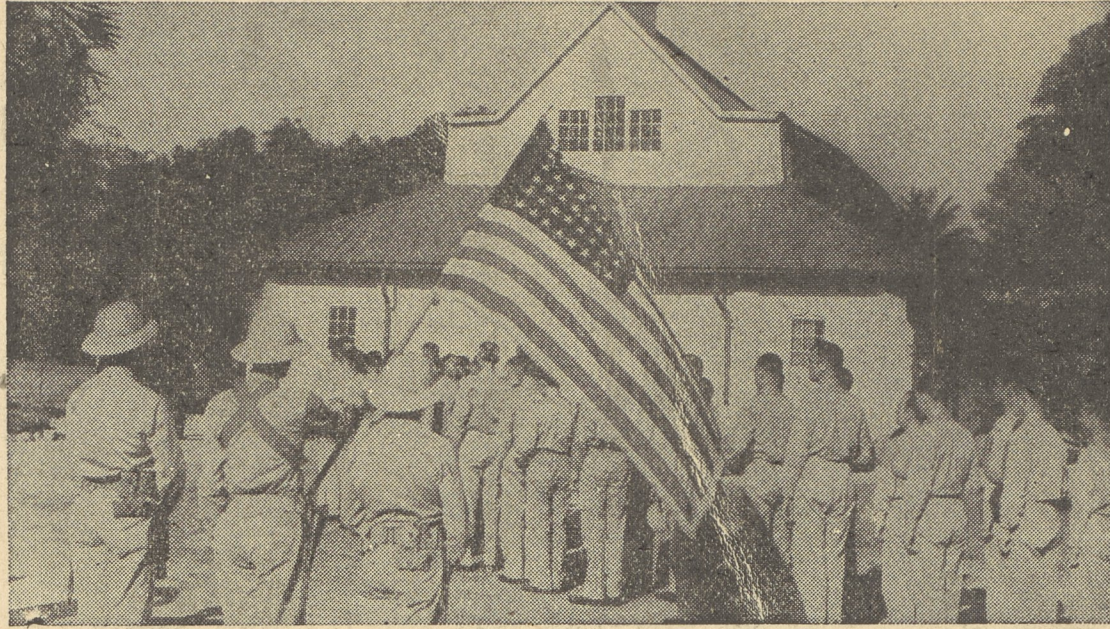
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Last Rites



AMERICAN SOLDIERS with bared heads, and a color guard stand outside a church in Leopoldville, Belgian Congo. They have gathered to attend the funeral of the first American nurse to die in service on the African continent, Lieutenant Gertrude Edwin.

Laing Firemen Will Continue Nightly Curfew

Peterson Replaces Smith As Treasurer; All Other Officers Are Re-Elected

Deciding to stand pat until it had taken the matter up with Luzerne County Council of Defense, Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company at its meeting Monday night refused to abide by a recent decision of Dallas Borough Council to abandon the nightly 9 o'clock curfew in the interests of National Defense.

Members of the organization took the position that the regular blowing of the siren at 9 p. m., every week night is no more confusing than the long alarm test every Saturday noon, and that greatest confusion comes during air raid tests when citizens are unable to determine whether the siren signals an air raid or a fire.

At a recent meeting of Borough Council, Clyde N. Lapp, chairman of Dallas Borough Council of Defense, presented reasons why the 9 o'clock curfew should be discontinued for the duration and Borough Council voted to have it abandoned. Firemen, however, contend that Dallas Council has no control over the siren since it is owned by the fire company and used during air raids as a public service on the part of the firemen.

After considerable discussion at their meeting Monday night the firemen decided to discuss the whole matter with the County Council of Defense. If other communities are doing away with their curfews, the firemen said, they are willing to co-operate and do the same, but they are not interested in abandoning it to satisfy the whims of those who are disturbed by its nightly warnings.

As an alternative it was suggested that the community purchase its own air raid sirens and thus eliminate all confusion at all times between fire signals and air raid alarms.

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Four Of Family In Armed Services

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip W. Straw of New York City were the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Georgia Straw of Overbrook avenue over the Christmas holidays. Phillip will be inducted into military service on January 10, making the fourth member of Mrs. Straw's immediate family in service. Her son "Bob," was stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill., but is now probably overseas. Warren, a second mate in the merchant marine, is now on the high seas, and Mrs. Straw's son-in-law, James L. Wiggmore is a lieutenant commander in the navy.

Supervisors To Buy Raid Sirens

Township Organizes Council Of Defense

Dallas Township Council of Defense passed resolutions requesting the purchase of four air raid sirens—one by the school board and three by the supervisors—at a meeting held Sunday afternoon at the office of Squire John Q. Yaple in Goss Manor.

Members of the Council, appointed by John Anderson, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, elected John Yaple, chairman, and Fred M. Kiefer, secretary, and voted to hold their meeting on the last Sunday of every month at 2:30 p. m. in Squire Yaple's office. The Council also unanimously passed a resolution to have its headquarters during air raids in Mr. Yaple's office because of its central location in the Township.

Other members of the Defense Council are: James Gansel, representing volunteer police; Arthur Newman, representing Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company; Russell Case and Herbert Major, representing the air raid wardens; John Anderson, Charles Martin and Edward Husted, supervisors, and Robert Prutzman and Wilson Ryman, members-at-large.

The Council hopes to have the first siren installed at Dallas Township High School and after giving it thorough tests for range and sound carrying qualities, have the three other sirens installed at DeMuns, Kunkle and Fernbrook so that there will be no overlapping and so that all parts of the township can be thoroughly covered.

The Board of Supervisors will meet Monday, January 4, and will purchase three sirens at that time. The School Board will purchase its siren at its meeting on the following Tuesday night.

Dallas Township Council of Defense is one of several similar Councils which are being organized throughout the communities of the Back Mountain region known as Zone 9.

Poultry Prices High

Wyoming Valley dealers faced with a shortage of poultry for the New Year's market scoured the Back Mountain region this week with offerings as high as 32c per pound for quality birds.

Earl Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams of Trucksville was home from Savannah Air Base for the Christmas holidays.

Few In Area Have Had Car Tires Checked

First Inspection Ends January 31. — Many Stations Approved Here

Only a small percentage of Back Mountain motorists have taken their cars into official inspection stations to have their tires checked and recorded.

Deadline for the first inspection period is January 31.

A list of official tire stations has been approved in this area, while there are several hundred others throughout the county.

Motorists desiring to go to an official station nearest their homes, are asked to visit the local headquarters for the information.

In order to have tires checked, motorists must furnish the inspector with Part B of the mileage rationing form, which was returned following the gasoline registration period. This form will be used for periodical check-ups and must be carried by the motorist in his car.

Last week was the last for registration of persons who have not, for any reason obtained their War Rationing Book No. 1, which is now being used for sugar and coffee.

Every person must possess a No. 1 book to be eligible for Book No. 2, the all-purpose ration book which every one will be required to have to purchase commodities to be added to the rationing list.

Must Keep Food Records

Chairman Kiefer reminded restaurateurs, and all institutional users of sugar, that they must keep separate records of certain food commodities served to patrons during the month of December, according to OPA regulations.

Each owner of an establishment registered as an institutional user under the sugar or coffee rationing regulations, has been furnished with a list of commodities on which the OPA is seeking information.

Institutional users are requested to count the number of persons served, including those who eat more than once in each establishment; gross dollar revenue from service of food and non-alcoholic beverages; the amount used of each commodity listed; the amount of each commodity on hand at the close of the business.

Appeal Forms For Truckers

Appeal forms for truckers who have made mistakes in filing for commercial vehicle mileage rations will soon be in the hands of local boards. The appeals may be mailed to the Scranton office of Defense Transportation, District Manager William H. Boyd has announced.

It has been estimated that more than 1,000 errors in grants were made to Luzerne County truckers, but it will not be necessary for them to waste tires and gasoline in going to Scranton to have the mistakes rectified as in the past.

Sells Spaniel Pups

Burgess H. A. Smith sold his four Spaniel puppies during the week before Christmas and says the demand was so brisk for puppies that he could have sold fifteen.

Babson Sees Gains In Character Far Offsetting Sacrifices And Losses Of Global War In 1943

Noted Economist Predicts 5% Increase In Farm Income And Retarded Retail Trade With Defense Production Up Sharply 50%

Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 31.—Events are moving at breath-taking speed. Never before has the world been in the midst of such a far-reaching turmoil. Within the next hour news might break that will change the whole course of history. Nevertheless, it is vitally important to keep your perspective. To change your business or investment program with every piece of war news is utmost folly.

A good example of this was portrayed when the United States opened up a second front in North Africa. That morning many thousands of self-appointed commentators were convinced that the war was going to last at least five years. Yet by midnight of that same day these same commentators could see nothing but a short War and a quick victory. Let us now, therefore, confine this Outlook to probabilities.

SUMMARY OF BABSON'S 22nd ANNUAL FORECAST OF NEW YEAR'S OUTLOOK

- 1. **Total Business:** Defense production will be up sharply (plus 50%); non-defense down sharply (minus 33%), accompanied by a drastic standardization of products.
- 2. **Employment:** The above also applies to employment, if we do not include the armed forces.
- 3. **Farm Income:** Will be up 5% in 1943 over 1942.
- 4. **Dividends and Business Earnings:** Have passed their peaks and will be lower in 1943 than in 1942.
- 5. **Labor:** There will be practically no strikes until the end of the War and wages will gradually become stabilized.
- 6. **Commodity Prices:** Will strengthen somewhat, especially the prices of manufactured goods. Commodity price indexes will indicate far less than the actual advance.
- 7. **Taxes:** Will be felt severely, especially by the white-collar group who can expect no pay increases.
- 8. **Retail Trade:** Will be 12% off in physical volume in 1943 compared with 1942.
- 9. **High-grade Bonds:** Should decline, but good Stocks should sell higher.
- 10. **Creeping Inflation:** Will continue throughout 1943.

Retail Trade

The first quarter of 1943 should equal the first quarter of 1942; considering the entire year, a decline of 12% is probable. Just what will happen depends on two things; first, upon the quantity of goods; and second, to what extent consumers are willing to take substitutes. Washington talks about 300,000 retailers being put out of business; but I believe this is entirely unnecessary. If landlords will be easy on rents, as sensible ones should be, practically all retailers can run on a skeleton force and keep alive until the War is over when business again should be good.

The hope of America lies not with big concerns, but with small businessmen. These small businessmen must be protected in order to preserve democracy. I go further and say that the preservation of democracy depends on small and so-called inefficient manufacturers and retailers to "clutter up" the economic situation. Large units lead ultimately to tyranny. As this is becoming recognized, I think 1943 will see some real help given the small retailers. Of course, no general forecast will apply to all parts of the country. The industrial and agricultural sections should hold up to 1942 figures; but retailers in certain other sections are bound to suffer. After paying their tax bill in 1943, the American people will have left out of their income \$36 billions more than they had after paying their taxes in 1940. City restaurants and amusements will prosper most; while filling stations, garages, lumber yards, household appliances and hardware stores will suffer most.

Commodity Prices and Living Costs Prices of practically all commodities are at their low with the exception of certain ones that are now imported from India, the Far East and Africa. As we are shipping loads of men and supplies to these points, ships may bring back supplies of cocoa, coffee, olive oil, dried fruits, cork, antimony, lead, manganese, hides and skins, mercury, molybdenum, zinc and other commodities. Throughout 1943 there will be a continued pressure to pierce price ceilings. These ceilings will be kept down fairly well on goods which the armed forces need. Thus far the OPA has made no

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Babson's Career Is Colorful One

Millions Are Familiar With His Forecasts

American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally-known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of religion in business.

Born in 1875, reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Mr. Babson went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating in 1898, he turned instinctively to financial and business activities.

His exertions, however, undermined his health; he contracted tuberculosis and he was sent West "as good as dead!" It was while he was

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Huntsville Christian Church Names Officers At Congregation Meeting

Election of officers and organization reports for the past year were interesting features of the annual congregation meeting at Huntsville Christian Church Saturday evening.

Supper was served at 6:30, the business meeting followed and the evening closed with the adult Christmas party and exchanging of gifts.

Church officers elected were: elders, H. J. Major, Harvey Moss and Milton Culp; trustees, Milton Culp, H. J. Major, and A. N. Garinger; deacons, Robert Culp, Charles Elston, Royal Culp, Carlton Hadsel, Lewis Culp, Oscar Culp, and William Davis; deaconesses, Mrs. Frances Culp, Mrs. Jack Roberts; secretary and treasurer, William Davis, first assistant, Mrs. Ralph Frantz and second, Jack Culp; Missionary Treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Frantz; pianist, Mrs. Walter Covert, Jr., assisted

by Mrs. Elva Warmouth; auditors, Mrs. William Eckert and Mrs. Walter Covert, Jr.

Sunday School officers: Adult Superintendent, Elma Major, assisted by Milton Culp; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Maude Major; pianist, Mrs. Elva Warmouth, assisted by Patricia Clark; Junior Superintendent, Hannah Culp, assisted by Betty Jones; pianist, Mrs. Walter Covert, assisted by Patricia Clark.

Ladies' Aid report showed \$111.08 on hand at the beginning of the year; receipts during the year of \$358.10 and expenses of \$375.05, leaving a balance of \$94.13 for the new year. Missionary Church offering was reported as being \$171.56, \$41.56 more than last year. Thanksgiving offering as reported amounted to \$385. The new lot behind the church purchased for \$550 was covered.