

KILLED IN ACTION

RICHARD WELLINGTON CEASE, January 29, 1942

DIED IN SERVICE

GEORGE UTRICH, May 16, 1942
HOWARD A. COSGROVE, July 3, 1942

MISSING IN ACTION

KEATS POAD, March 3, 1942
WALTER CEASE WILSON, May 9, 1942
CLARENCE H. MORGAN, May 22, 1942
DONALD FREEMAN, May 22, 1942
HAROLD THOMAS KEPNER, December 19, 1942

Editorially Speaking:

Two Letters . . .

Sweet Valley, Pa.
April 20, 1943.

Dear Editor,

I am sending a little contribution to help pay for the Posts for the boys. I think we should all try to help a little, as this is getting to be more than a mole hill. It's quite a mountain now with over 500 copies going out every week. So, folks, let's pitch in and help out a little. Those of us who have boys and girls in the service should be glad to do this so that our sons and daughters can get the news each week. And through the letters we all hear from many of them, too.

I wish more of the boys would write, even briefly. Boys we're interested in you, so write to the Post often. And how about those "angels of mercy". We don't hear much from them. Come on, girls, pen a few.

Sincerely,
—John Steele.

Dear Mr. Steele:

Your letter touches me greatly. Never since I have been connected with The Dallas Post . . . fourteen years . . . have my neighbors been more generous or kindly toward this newspaper than they are today. Yet, the ideals are the same that have motivated it since the beginning.

Perhaps it is easier for most of us to see, today, that a country paper can render a real community service. Not alone in sending the news to soldiers, but in helping weld together this great community that we call the Back Mountain country.

If we all work cooperatively it is possible to achieve many things through the medium of this newspaper that we have hitherto been unable to achieve . . . community buildings . . . libraries . . . better schools . . . better public administration . . . a better, more friendly spirit among us who are neighbors.

Sending papers free to our soldiers is the Post's own contribution to the men, boys and women. Many of whom may never return to these hills again. I don't believe you can imagine the pleasure we have derived from their letters . . . the satisfaction we have felt in having them call at our cramped office on our busiest days . . . when everything is bustle and hurry and a fellow has to pull a folding chair from behind the filing cabinet in order to sit down and be comfortable for a minute.

We've met a lot of fine boys we never knew before. We've heard some of their troubles . . . shared some of their joys. We've been inspired by their zeal for action. We've become acquainted with our neighbors for the first time. They've given us more than we have ever given them.

Only this week one of these boys wrote me from Africa . . . Not long ago one wrote from the Solomon Islands. Their letters won't be published. I'm glad they felt that they could write to me as they did . . . as a friend . . . new friends, but old because we are linked by a common love of this country where we've grown up . . . they a few years behind me.

Tonight you can imagine the fun I pulled out of a letter from a boy who has just obtained a divorce from a trollop he met at a U.S.O. dance and married, and who wouldn't come home with him on his last furlough. That letter might have been a winner in any contest for humorous writing. But the boy was deadly serious. His letter won't be published either.

That's what I mean when I say, "I'm having fun!" That's why I wonder that my friends don't envy me the lucky break that put me in the newspaper business where I have an opportunity to meet my neighbors through as easy and simple a medium as sending free Posts to soldiers.

Actually I paw with gusto through every mail for their letters while my wife spots the others with checks. When the mail is heavy some times it's most noon before I ask what came in and if it's help for the payroll. She gets the checks and the headaches. I get the fun.

It was kind of you to send us money. We have appreciated right along the homey happenings you have collected and mailed to us weekly. Bits of this and that that all of the boys from your community and your own son will enjoy.

I wish we could impress it on everybody's mind . . . news of home is what the boys want. It is what we want too. Yet it is impossible for us with our limited staff to gather all the detailed intimate bits . . . the neighborhood happenings that everybody knows. But every boy's family can help. We know that many people try to call us. Our telephone lines are very busy all week long, but a postage stamp will do the trick when the operator says: "line's busy."

Ours is a country newspaper. There's room within its columns for items about the dog and the cat, the arrival of puppies as well as babies, the death of a village character, the passing of a saint, the painting of a barn or the building of a mansion, the celebration of grandma's birthday or the promotion of a native son. There's nothing too trivial as long as it deals with people, animals or nature. That's country journalism. The intimate, personal kind. The only kind we know.

If our weekly contacts with the army and the navy do nothing more, I hope they will make the boys and girls who are away feel that someday they would like to settle here in a place that's neighborly and friendly . . . that needs young blood, and youthful vision, initiative and enterprise to lead us into better things to come. We hope these weekly contacts will make it just a little more difficult for these young folks to break away from this Back Mountain country when they return from war. If it does nothing more we shall have been generously rewarded. We shall have led to ourselves the only thing that can make this community great . . . its youth.

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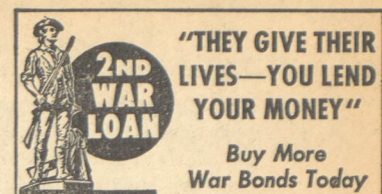
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Butter Makers Fail To Take Ration Stamps

Farmer-Slaughters Also Evade OPA Meat Regulations

In a statement issued this week members of Dallas War Price and Rationing Board said many farmers who slaughter meat and many housewives who churn butter are not complying with OPA regulations and accepting ration stamps when they sell these products.

"Large amounts of meat," the board said, "are normally slaughtered, processed, and sold at wholesale or retail by farmers, and large amounts of butter are churned and sold by their wives."

"Voluntary compliance of farmers with the provisions of the rationing order on meat and butter is essential," Mr. Kiefer said. "Every farmer who raises cattle, pigs, or sheep may slaughter, and every farmer who has a cow may produce butter. He may sell his products in the retail or wholesale market or he and his family may consume them."

"Obviously," the Board emphasized, "the farmer is outstandingly important in all phases of the meat and fat rationing campaign. He has specific rights and specific obligations which he must understand and carry out 'on his honor.'"

How Farmers Can Help

Provisions which affect the farmer are:

1. He must secure a license for slaughtering.
2. The license number must be stamped on each primal cut of meat.
3. Stamps must be collected for all meat sold.
4. These stamps must be turned in to the War Price and Rationing Board and a monthly report made on sales.

Provisions which affect the farmer's wife are:

1. Stamps must be collected for all butter sold.
2. These stamps must be turned in to the War Price and Rationing Board and a monthly report made on sales.

Farmers are asked by the Dallas Board to retain in their books red stamps for the home-slaughtered meat and home-churned butter their families use, because all meat and butter was counted as a part of the country's over-all supply and was included in the basic figures on which the ration allowance was computed. Over-consumption by the farm families means less than the proper share for others. Farm families are asked to join all other Americans in the program to "share and share alike."

State May Take Over Church St.

Flack Has Conference With Highway Sec'y

Through the efforts of Harold E. Flack, Representative in the Legislature from the Sixth District, an attempt is being made to have the State Highway Department take over the maintenance of Church street, between the intersection of the new Harvey's Lake Highway in Dallas Borough and the intersection with the Tunkhannock highway in Dallas Township.

Rep. Flack has had three meetings with John V. Shoyer, Secretary of Highways, who has promised definite action within the next month or so. Church street was formerly maintained as a part of the State Highway system but was turned back to Dallas Borough and Township for upkeep at the time of the completion of the new Tunkhannock road.

Rep. Flack believes that the road can be better maintained at lower cost by the State than it can be by either the Borough or Township road departments. The State has the proper facilities and road working machinery and since the length of Church street is less than a mile the road can be taken over without additional appropriations.

Rep. Flack is also making an effort to have a piece of road in Lehman Township taken over by the Highway Department.

CLEAN-UP WEEK PROCLAMATION

Now, April 22, I, Herbert A. Smith, Burgess of Dallas, proclaim the week of April 26 to May 1 as Clean-Up Week in the Borough of Dallas and urgently ask the co-operation of all good citizens to lend their efforts to make this the most thorough job we have ever done.

During the week properly set aside by the Borough Council of Dallas and the Dallas Borough Board of Health, we as good Americans have an opportunity not only to improve the appearance of our town and homes, but also to render a patriotic service through unearthing all scrap iron, tin cans and other war essential materials. These should be turned over to the proper collection agencies.

As a step toward the elimination of disease, and as a means of eliminating illness during the absence of physicians with the armed services, I urge every citizen to co-operate with the Board of Health in improving the sanitary condition of their properties. Sumps and septic tanks should be thoroughly inspected, sewage and garbage disposal checked, barns and outbuildings made sanitary.

Further to improve the appearance of our village and to attract other residents to our community, vacant lots should be burned with the co-operation of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company. Weeds should be destroyed and kept under careful control and wherever possible these plots should be turned into Victory Gardens which will beautify our Borough and provide the necessary food for freedom.

Signed:
HERBERT A. SMITH,
Burgess of Dallas.

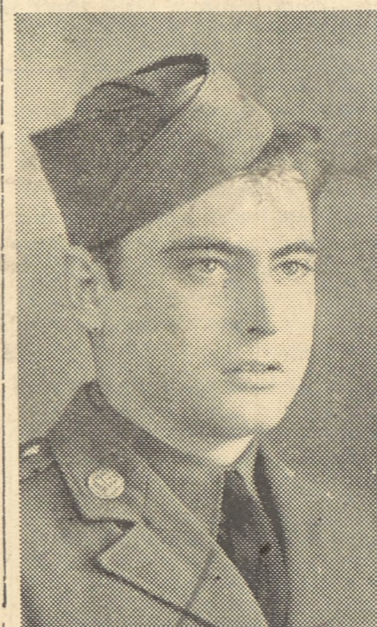
Dallas Woman's Club Exceeds War Bond Quota On Third Day

Volunteer Workers Hope To Treble Sales Before The Close Of Drive

Volunteer workers, members of Dallas Woman's Club, who are handling the War Bond Drive at their booth in Dallas Postoffice had topped their quota by \$1,750 yesterday noon and expect to double that amount before the close of the drive on May 1.

On Monday, the largest single day, the volunteers sold \$1,975 worth of bonds and \$80.25 worth of stamps. The largest single sale was a \$1,500 bond and the second largest, \$700, to the Women's Auxiliary of Trucksville Fire Department.

In African Hospital



GEORGE S. SWAN

George S. Swan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Swan of Idetown, has been a patient in a hospital somewhere in North Africa for the past two months. The reason for his hospitalization is unknown.

George, a member of the Coast Artillery, will celebrate his birthday on May 19th. He has been in the service for over a year, and was stationed in Ireland before joining the African forces.

Harry L. Barton Dies

Harry L. Barton, father of Mrs. Harry Weaver of Centermoreland, and formerly a resident of that place, died at the Scranton West Side Hospital Monday morning after several weeks' illness. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from a Wyoming Funeral Home

Former Dallas Man Dies At Binghamton

Charles A. Stevens of Binghamton, New York, at one time associated with the Raub Hotel, Dallas, was buried Monday from the Rice Funeral Home, Johnson City. The brother of Ray Stevens, he died at the Leudes Hospital last Friday following an operation. Born in Stevensville, Penna., 63 years ago, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Foley, a son, Arthur, and two grandchildren of Binghamton and another brother, Ned B. Stevens of Union, New York. Interment was in a Stevensville Cemetery.

"All's Well That Ends Well," But Smith's Attorneys Appeal Verdict

Found guilty of conduct unbecoming a borough officer in the first degree, Burgess H. A. Smith of Dallas, through his attorneys, Fred M. Kiefer and Joseph MacVeigh, has appealed the decision rendered by Squire John Yapple's Court on Tuesday night.

Both attorneys charge that Yapple acted in a manner that bordered on dishonesty when he appeared in Court garbed in a choir robe snatched from the Methodist Church by Arthur Kiefer one of the chief witnesses for the prosecution.

Both attorneys want the trial moved to some neutral area such as Dallas Borough. "Anywhere but Dallas Township," as Attorney MacVeigh puts it.

Jack Hislop, prosecutor, and his Atty. Jim Besecker said that they were satisfied with the verdict and

if anything the Court erred on the side of mercy and should have sentenced the defendant to hard labor cleaning the shores of Toby's Creek for the seven days of Clean-Up Week. Hislop appeared as prosecutor when it was learned that Warden Kunkle was so shocked by the sudden turn of events that he was ill and could not be present.

Character witnesses who switched from one side to the other during the trial were: Jim Robinson, Art Kiefer, Leslie Warhola, and James Gansel.

High spot of the proceedings came when the prosecuting attorney asked Burgess Smith what he would do if he lived in Dallas Township. His reply is thought to have turned the Court against him and influenced the final decision. The Burgess stuttered, "I, I, I'd commit suicide or run for Squire."

Ration Board Appointments Expected Soon

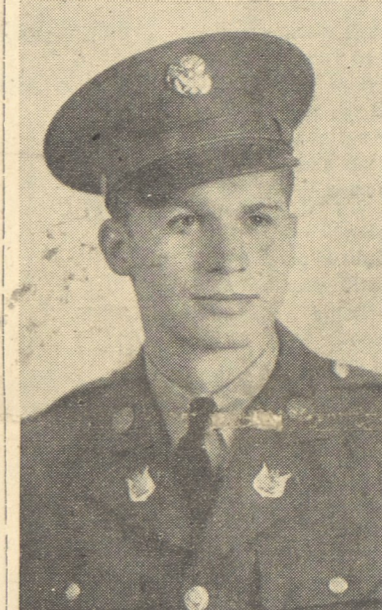
One New Member Will Probably Represent Labor

Two new members of Dallas War Price and Rationing Board will likely be appointed next week. They are a prominent Trucksville insurance man now connected with the Luzerne County Council of Defense and another citizen who will represent either the C.I.O. or the A. F. of L.

While members of the local board were reticent to give out any specific information this week it is understood that invitations have been extended to both men, but neither has yet definitely accepted. The local board has contacted central offices of labor unions asking them to recommend a man living in this territory who will be willing to accept the duties of a rationing official.

For the past several weeks, since the resignation of two of its members, the Board has been functioning with only four members.

At Randolph Field



CLIFFORD FINK, JR.

Clifford Fink, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fink of Lehigh street, Shavertown, has been assigned to pre-flight training with the Army Air Corps at Randolph Field, Texas. "Bud" is a graduate of the Class of 1935 at Kingston Township High School and was with the F. W. Woolworth Company for six years prior to entering the service. For the past two years he has been stationed at Camp Croft, N. C., Fort Dix, N. J., Camp Claiborne, La., and the past year at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Trucksville Woman Is Slightly Improved

The condition of Mrs. Ethel M. Olver of Mt. Greenwood Road, Trucksville, who is a patient in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital is slightly improved.

Apparently in good health, Mrs. Olver was stricken with a stroke some time Saturday while she was home alone. Her condition was not discovered until Miss Helen Williamson who lives with her, found Mrs. Olver lying on the floor of her bedroom when she returned from an all-day shopping trip in Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. G. L. Howell was summoned and had Mrs. Olver removed to the hospital where her condition has remained critical.

For years Mrs. Olver has been organist and choir leader at Ashley Methodist Church and is widely known in musical circles throughout Wyoming Valley where she has taught piano for two decades. She is the daughter of the late Hugh C. McDermott, district elder of the Methodist Church.

Oh, Boy!

Mrs. Oswald Griffiths hit the ceiling Wednesday when she was paged at Rooney's Restaurant with the news that her kid brother, Billy, was calling from New York. Billy, or rather Lieutenant William Ichter, flew a bomber from Tuscon, Arizona, where he has been stationed ever since he entered the service nine months ago. This is his first trip home . . . and it was a surprise! He expects to spend a few days here with his family before he flies back.

Weather Delays Spring Plowing And Slows Crops

Farmers See Little Chance This Year For Bumper Harvest

Unseasonable weather during the past month marked with snow flurries and heavy rains has delayed farmers in their spring work and has apparently jeopardized their chances for growing bumper crops this season.

Practically no plowing has been done in the Back Mountain Region. There appears to be little likelihood that farmers will be able to plant oats before the middle of May, even if they could start to break up their ground next week. Most farmers like to plant their oats about April 25 or not later than May 1.

Edwin Hay of Carverton took advantage of several fair days and planted oats, but they have barely sprouted and are very irregular in growth, and there is some chance that they may rot in the ground.

Cory Major of Lehman plowed during March but the ground froze up and he has been unable to do any of his planting.

Other farmers like Joe Schooley in Kingston Township have completed all of their winter and early spring work . . . cut fence posts, repaired fences and hauled manure to their ground but have been thwarted by the weather in all other attempts to get along with their crops.

The Pennsylvania Weather and Crop reporting service this week gave an indication of conditions throughout the State of the week ending yesterday:

Unseasonably cool, wet weather during the past week seriously interfered with farm work and plant growth. All stations reported sub-freezing temperatures, 3 degrees at Kane being the lowest. The weekly precipitation average was above normal for the first time this month. Snow fell in considerable quantities at northern stations. Plowing was interrupted and oats and potato planting delayed. Winter grains, hay crops, and pastures are very slow in starting. Below freezing temperatures were injurious to fruit crops, particularly early apples, peaches, and cherries, but it is too early to estimate the extent of the damage. Apricots and magnolias in southeastern counties are blooming. Spring-sown truck crops in the Bucks-Philadelphia area are coming up but making slow growth. Japanese beetle grubs apparently escaped injury during the winter.

Need Volunteers For Observation

Attempts Being Made To Shorten Shifts

The call for more volunteers has been sounded by the Dallas Observation Post this week. In spite of the one hundred and twenty watchers listed below, there are times when only one man is at the post.

Also, Paul Shaver, Chief Observer, is trying to break the day into three hour shifts instead of the regular six hour, because it is too long a stretch for the average watcher to be at the post. This means that he will need approximately one hundred more watchers.

Volunteers are advised to enlist during the next two weeks before the school, under the direction of Mrs. Atlee Kocher starts. Any one interested may contact Paul Shaver who will finger-print, register, and give instructions to them. After twenty-four hours of service, they will receive a blue and gold Army Air Corps Observer arm band.

The present watchers are as follows: Harold Bogart, Jack Comer, James Huston, Claude J. Wilkes, Kenneth K. Kocher, Clinton Brobst, Don Verfallie, William Thomas, Mert Swartwood, Walter Shaver, Ralph Lamoreaux, Clyde Veitch, Stephen Davis, Atlee Kocher, Joseph Adametz, Zel Garinger, A. R. Dungey, Bill Baker, James Franklin, Howard Isaacs, Dorothy E. Pereg, Emily G. Parrish, Martha Hadsel, R. D. Renshaw, Loren G. Keller, Charles Parks, Theodore L. Parks, Emma Franklin, Marie Shaver, Ruth LeGrand, Jane Williams, John New-

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