

## We Remember

### 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  
JOHN E. FRITZ, May 7, 1943  
JOHN P. GLEASON, March 30, 1943.

## Editorially Speaking:

### A Thing of Beauty

Dallas, and the young men and women who represent it in the armed services, deserve a better honor roll than the one that now commemorates their loyalty and devotion to the nation.

We have never approved the present honor roll nor its location and withheld our support at the time it was being planned and erected; for certain patriotic, though misguided people in the community, insisted on going ahead with the board without thought to beauty of design or location.

The result of this half-cocked planning is the present board. Ugly to look at, poorly located; incomplete and unrepresentative of a fine community like Dallas. Probably half our citizens pass it with a feeling of dissatisfaction and humiliation.

This is not to detract from the enthusiasm of those spirits who engineered the board or worked alone and with little community support to erect it. But it is to censure the bull-headedness of anyone who single-handed attempts to railroad something on the community as important as an honor roll. This isn't a one, or a two, or a three man job. It's a community job in which everybody should want to have a part and be downright unpleasant if they aren't given a chance to participate.

This community wants an honor roll or some form of commemoration that will reflect the pride we hold for our men and women in service and the pride we have in our town.

That means that no matter what type of honor roll other communities have, no matter how costly, or how elaborate, we must have one—costly or inexpensive—that fits our surroundings, that is in good taste and that symbolizes through its simplicity and dignity the honor we pay to our sons and daughters and the respect we owe to ourselves.

Some of the most beautiful memorials are the least costly in terms of money spent but are effective because their designers have taken into account natural settings and backgrounds; they have made the memorials part of their surroundings.

Unlike many communities in Wyoming Valley, we need no garish honor roll, out of keeping and out of harmony with our rural setting—standing out like a freshly painted beer signboard against our green hillsides. Let's capitalize on our own native beauty, let's plan something different, but not extreme and then all work together to make whatever we choose a thing of beauty and a joy for ever... a real memorial long after this conflict is over.

## FROM PILLAR TO POST

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

The continued existence of the one-room schoolhouse, popularly painted red in song and story, but far more often white or pumpkin yellow in real life, is hanging precariously in the balance, and from all present indications, may very possibly be decided by the gasoline shortage.

The trend toward centrally located schools, serviced by busy buses making long trips night and morning through the surrounding countryside, has been one which is doubtless in keeping with modern times, but which is to be regretted on several points.

So long as gasoline was plentiful, it was practical to make these extensive trips, but the present shortage poses a real problem. Gasoline for tractors and for farm machinery is no longer obtainable in sufficient quantity in some sections, though private cars still seem to manage in some unexplainable fashion, to go hurtling down the highways at a criminal rate of speed, burning up not only gasoline, but essential rubber and irreplaceable engine parts.

There seems reason to suppose that the next cut in consumption may well be in the allotment for school buses, with children from remote rural sections saved off on a limb.

Such an interruption of transportation would result in a corresponding interruption of education, or a return to the one-room school house.

Granted that a one-man schoolhouse does not possess the most modern of facilities, it has a flavor all its own. With the gradual closing of these small schoolhouses, rural districts have lost a unique institution. There is something so calorically impersonal about a large central school. The small school brought out the personality of its students in a way that is apparently impossible in the larger institutions.

There was a time when almost every young girl, upon the completion of her education, was

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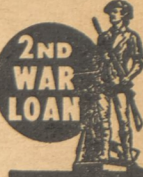
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## Rives Matthews Post Columnist Is In The News

### Conducts One-Man Campaign Against Pleasure Driving

Rives Matthews, former Dallas Post columnist, whose Somerset, (Md.) News is outstanding among crusading weekly newspapers, this week came into national prominence when both the Associated Press and United Press carried stories of the suspension of the personal gasoline ration of Maryland Comptroller J. Millard Tawes, and a special three-man panel of the Office of Price Administration ordered that Mr. Tawes' official motor fuel rations be reduced to a "minimum".

The decision came after Matthews had carried on practically a one-man campaign against pleasure driving by State officials in State-owned automobiles on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Week before last the dauntless editor devoted an entire issue of the News to the revelation that Tawes, big shot Maryland politician, had made a 2,000-mile trip in a State-owned automobile to his son's wedding in Georgia. In the same issue Matthews reproduced copies of letters he had mailed personally to high Government officials calling their attention to this infraction of the pleasure driving ban. Among them were letters to President Roosevelt, Harold Ickes, Prentiss Brown, J. Edgar Hoover; Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor of Maryland, and Maryland State O. P. A. officials.

Throughout the issue Matthews ran pictures of the State Comptroller over the single caption, "Morale Builder". On other pages there appeared small ads: "A lot of heels will be walking soon". In black face type at the end of almost every paragraph in the newspaper there appeared these lines: "Comptroller and Mrs. Millard Tawes could get enough gas to go about 2,000 miles last week (about 250 gallons)."

Typical was this one: "Last week (Continued on Page Eight)"

## Mrs. G. S. Sawyer Taken By Death

### Red Cross Nurse During World War

A brief four-week illness came to a close yesterday morning at 9 with the death of Mrs. George Sawyer of Church street.

Born in Marseilles, France, on January 3, 1893, she was Marguerite Hoffherr, daughter of the late Edward and Marie Hoffherr, members of an old French family. Her father was the manager of one of the largest breweries in Marseilles. A graduate of a French University and a trained nurse she served with the French Red Cross during the World War at which time she met her husband, a lieutenant with the American Forces. At the conclusion of the war and after he had returned to America she came to Boston where they were married at his home in August, 1920.

Later, when Mr. Sawyer became associated with the Scranton Springbrook water company, they moved to Kingston and came to Dallas on August 1, 1925. They have two daughters, Janine and Marguerite, both at home.

A delightful woman, she will be missed greatly by her friends and neighbors, whose dull and discouraged moments she brightened with her smile.

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## Three Slot Machines Confiscated In Early Morning Raid At Lake

Acting on complaints received in the District Attorney's office, County Detectives Henry Jones and John Loughney, assisted by Harvey's Lake Police, swooped down on twelve Harvey's Lake business places early last Thursday morning in a search for slot machines.

Two machines of the "iron horse" variety—one a 25 cent machine and the other a nickel machine, were

confiscated at Jack Nothoff's Grotto and another "high hand" machine apparently out of order was taken from the cafe operated at the Picnic Grounds by Mrs. Julia Edwards.

Both proprietors will be prosecuted by the District Attorney's office. Commenting on the raid, Chief Fred Swanson, of Harvey's Lake Police Force, said, "The results of the raid prove once again that Harvey's Lake is relatively clean."

## Forming Betsy Ross Company



U. S. Army and WAAC Recruiting Officers and enlisted members of the Corps participated in the opening of "WAAC Week on KYW" for the enlistment of 150 women from the Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania District to form the Betsy Ross Company of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Seated at the KYW microphone in the opening broadcast are (left to right) Major Jack B. Dunn, Recruiting Officer, Third Service Command; Captain Dorothea M. Wilson, senior WAAC officer, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, now of Philadelphia district; and Colonel Charles T. Easterday, in charge of the personnel division, Third Service Command. In the background are three members of the WAAC who will assist in recruiting the new company. Captain Wilson was frequently entertained in Dallas when she was stationed at the Wilkes-Barre WAAC Recruiting office.

## Miss Anna M. Richards Retires After 48 Years As Teacher

### Interviews Prospective Waves



Ensign Esther Odell, USNR., who has opened headquarters at the Hotel Sterling, Wilkes-Barre, to interview applicants for both commissions and enlisted ratings in the Womens Reserve, U. S. Naval Reserve. Miss Odell is receiving applications from women of Lackawanna, Luzerne and Wyoming counties.

## Beatty Dimit Speaker At Joint Session

### Jackson and Pomona Granges Hear Crop And Canning Talks

Betty Dimit, State Overseer, gave members of the Pomona and Jackson Granges Saturday afternoon four peace points for every American to think over, first, abandon hate; second, plan to heat, feed and rebuild; third, abolish racial discrimination; and fourth, demand an international relationship.

Also included in the program were a talk on canning and textile materials by Miss E. Nitzkowski; an address by Luzerne County Farm Agent, J. D. Hutchinson on the crop outlook; an accordion solo by Francis Gaytz; a comedy by the Miller brothers, of Wilkes-Barre; a solo by Joyce Kyle, "Angels of Mercy Go Marching On"; devotions by Mrs. L. W. Case; reading by Mrs. Ernest Keller, of Center Hill Grange. The afternoon session was in charge of

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## Canteen Unit Serves Meals

### Shavertown Women Are First From Area

Canteen workers of the Shavertown Unit got some valuable experience last week when they served luncheons, at cost, to volunteer workers at the Red Cross Chapter House, in Wilkes-Barre.

Between 30 and 60 workers were served each day and the Shavertown women worked in groups of 6 on different days. Next week the Dallas Canteen Unit will serve the luncheons and the following week the Truckville Unit will be in charge of meals.

Mrs. Oscar Dymond is chairman of the Shavertown Unit and Mrs. A. D. Hutchison is vice-chairman. Mrs. Harold Flack had charge of planning and Mrs. Karl Kast had charge of preparation.

Other members of the unit were: Mrs. Newton Ness, Mrs. John Henninger, Mrs. Ray Warden, Mrs. John Stenger, Jr., Mrs. I. L. Brace, Mrs. W. W. Boyes and Mrs. Fred Howell.

## Observation Post Is Streamlined

### Over Forty Observers To Receive Diplomas

The Dallas Observation Post is streamlined in more than one way. A shiny new two-toned blue interior, through the labors of Chief Observer Paul Shaver and Atlee Kocher, is one that all the observers will be glad to hear about. Now it is up to them to keep it that way.

Secondly, twenty-five observers passed the Airplane Identification tests and will receive their diplomas. The course which they took taught them how to identify fifty-four planes, and included sixteen hours, two hours twice a week for four weeks. Those who didn't attend the course still have a chance

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## Dallas Township Man Will Win Pilot's Wings At Texas Field

Pampa Army Air Field, Pampa, Texas, (Special)—Soon to receive his silver pilot's wings here at the Army's twin-engine advanced flying school is Aviation Cadet Frank E. Matukitis, 26, son of Mr. Joseph Matukitis, R. D. No. 3, Dallas, Pa. Prior to his appointment as a cadet in September, 1942, Matukitis graduated from Dallas Township

## Dress Company Is Anxious To Locate Here

### Firm Might Employ Between 200 and 300 Local Women

A New York manufacturer of women's dresses is making a survey of the Back Mountain area to determine whether there are between 100 and 200 women here who would be available to work in such a plant, if he should decide to establish his business in Dallas.

The firm has all machinery necessary to operate such a plant and has viewed two possible locations in Dallas and several in Luzerne Borough. At the present time it employs more than 200 women in New York City.

Like many other similar firms, located in large centers of population, much of its trained help has been drained off into defense industries making it increasingly difficult for them to operate. In recent months several of these firms have moved into Wyoming Valley where there is apparently an abundant supply of help that can be trained to operate power sewing machines and do the finishing on women's and girls' cotton dresses and sportswear.

In an interview this week representatives of the firm said they would prefer to locate in Dallas, if they could be assured of an adequate labor supply. There are at least three possible buildings in the community that could be used, although two of them are somewhat smaller than desired. Other possible locations are in Luzerne Borough, but these representatives said they would give Dallas the preference, because of its rural location, healthful surroundings and opportunities for future expansion.

Learners, he said, are paid a good hourly wage and, after they have been thoroughly trained, are placed on a piece work basis.

Women who are interested in such a project are asked to notify the Post by mail which will give the representatives some idea of the number of persons available for plant work. These replies will also be useful to a group of local citizens who have been working for some time to interest other firms in Dallas as a location. All replies will be held in confidence.

## Medal Awarded Missing Airman

### John Fritz Cited For Attack On Destroyer

Tech. Sgt. John E. Fritz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fritz, of Idetown, who has been missing in action since May 4, in the Southwest Pacific Area, is one of four Pennsylvanians who were this week awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievements during bombing attacks.

John was a member of the crew of a heavy bomber which attacked a Japanese destroyer in Rabaul Harbor, New Britain, last October, dropping eight 500-pound bombs from medium altitude and scoring two direct hits. According to the Associated Press, the crew members were cited for courage and perseverance in the face of adverse weather conditions.

His parents have not yet been officially informed of the award nor have they received any word other than that he has been missing in action since May 4.

## Has Tonsil Operation

Billy Wolfe of Lehman avenue submitted to a tonsil operation at Mercy Hospital on Tuesday. He is at the home of his aunt and uncle.

High school and was employed by the Hazard Rope Co., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

He received his primary flight training at Chickasha, Okla., and his basic flight training at Enid, Okla.

At the climax of his rigid training he will either be assigned to a combat unit or will become an instructor.