

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
THOMAS CLARK LLOYD, July 4, 1943

MISSING IN ACTION

KEATS POAD, March 3, 1942
WALTER CEASE WILSON, May 9, 1942
HAROLD THOMAS KEPNER, December 19, 1942
JOHN E. FRITZ, May 7, 1943
JOHN P. GLEASON, March 30, 1943.

PRISONERS OF WAR

CLARENCE H. MORGAN, May 22, 1942
DONALD FREEMAN, May 22, 1942
FRED WESTERMAN, April 20, 1943

725 Free Posts to Soldiers this week

Editorially Speaking:

The Last Hours Of The War

No one knows when the last hour of the war will come. But ending the war soon—pulling the end closer to us even by an hour—can mean life or death to thousands. In one hour a machine-gunner can deal out more than 10,000 bullets. In one hour an anti-aircraft gun crew can fire more than 500 shells. Every hour of the war is important but ending the war even one hour sooner can be your goal and mine.

No one knows exactly what happened in World War I, in that last hour between ten and eleven a. m. on November 11th. But throughout the morning of November 11th, according to casualty lists, 1,021 American boys were either killed in action or severely wounded.

Tonight and tomorrow, the hours you put in speeding production are the most important hours in your service to your country. They may be the most important in your personal lives. Perhaps someone you knew and loved was killed on the morning of November 11th, 1918. Perhaps someone you know and love will remain alive in the last hour of the war because you did what you could tonight and tomorrow.

FROM

PILLAR TO POST

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

With the approaching birthday of the Prince of Peace, we are entering upon our third incredible year of war. Other nations, not so fortunate as ours, are about to celebrate their fifth or sixth or seventh or eighth wartime Christmas.

But by the grace of God and of geography, our own cities might now be lying in smoking ruins, our own children homeless, our own loved ones penned in concentration camps, our own feet bleeding from the weary march of the refugee.

It is with a feeling of devout thanksgiving that we humbly realize that we as a nation are favored above so many others. The accident of birth protects our children from the suffering which is visited upon their brothers and sisters on the other side of the world.

The siren wails, we wake and wonder briefly if the light in the hall has been turned out, stumble sleepily from our blankets to investigate, and go back to bed. The children are safe. An air-raid alarm throughout the length and breadth of our country means purely and simply a practice drill. The airplanes droning overhead are friendly. They do not bear a burden of sudden, searing death. There is no sickening lurch of the heart, no headlong snatching of a sleeping child from his bed, no wrapping him in blankets and rushing with him to the nearest bomb shelter. No frantic attempt to reassure him, to provide mental and emotional security for him in a world of chaos.

On this continent, we do not yet know what war means. We are deeply grateful that this is true. We pray that we will never know. Our sons, hostages to fortune, are finding out what war means. Through their eyes we are viewing a world in flames. Their young bodies and their stout hearts are engaged in this titanic struggle for what we believe to be true freedom.

Perhaps if the struggles were on our own doorstep, we might better appreciate what it is that the world is facing. This great country was settled by pioneers, fleeing from oppression or activated by a love of adventure and a determination to found a nation whose cornerstone should be freedom of the individual. For generations the way was rocky, the odds at times almost overwhelming. But the great new land was worth fighting for, and it needed to be, dying for.

There was the colossal and epic struggle between the States, with brother pitted against brother and no family spared its soldier's grave. The wounds were slow to heal, but gradually a greater nation emerged. For a period of years we have been free of conflict with other nations, but not free of inner turmoil. It seems to be axiomatic that when a nation is at peace with the world, it turns to jealous brawls within its

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Mrs. Harold Croom, Hostess At Party

Mrs. Harold Croom entertained members of Queen Esther Society of Trucksville Methodist Church at a Christmas party Friday evening. Gifts were exchanged and packages wrapped for the Children's Home, at Binghamton, N. Y. Plans were completed for making hot pads. Two new members, Shirley and Norma Anthony, were accepted. Others present were: Barbara Hoag, Ruth and Mary Evans, Esther Blase, Dorothy Gregory, Hazel and Helen Roushey, Agnes Wheeler, Jeanne Croom and Loraine Turner.

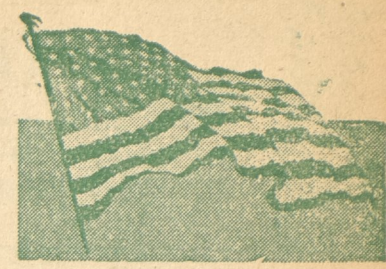
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WONDERFUL NIGHT



Later, Our Lady was aware—
Or half aware—of angels there:
Of high bright wings sweeping a floor
As Gabriel's had done before.
But in the night, the holy night,

Our Lady had no jot of sight
Save for her little lovely Son,
The verily adorable One.
Looking with a joy so new on Him,
How had she noticed seraphim?
—Sister M. Paulinus.

Army Dependency Office Seeks Typists And Clerks

Lieutenant Philip E. Anderson, recruiting officer, and Miss Beverly Booth, Civil Service examiner, have been in Wilkes-Barre for the past month recruiting clerks, typists and claims examiners for the Office of Dependency Benefits, in Newark, New Jersey. From this office is issued monthly \$250,000,000 in checks to the dependents of our armed forces.

Lieutenant Anderson stated they had met with great success, and although he and Miss Booth were returning to their home office on December 18, persons interested in securing employment in the Office of Dependency Benefits, in Newark, may apply to Miss Helen O'Rourke, interviewer, United States Employment Service, 5 East Market street, Wilkes-Barre.

The O. D. B. offers an initial salary of \$1,752 per annum, with opportunities for advancement. Assistance will be given employees in securing suitable living quarters.

Girl Scouts Induct Eight New Members

Eight new girls were inducted into Troop 54 Girl Scouts at their meeting in the High School this week. Games were played and refreshments served. It was reported that over fifty Christmas favors for hospital trays had been completed by the girls and a sizable amount of money raised in connection with the tuberculosis stamp drive. Mrs. Wilbur Davis is leader of the troop made up of over twenty girls.

An Explanation

We had planned to publish a more ambitious Christmas edition, but illness during the past week plus a series of other circumstances beyond our control have made this impossible. A number of Christmas Greeting advertisements have been left out. We have also been unable to print many news stories or to give the usual attention to make-up. We are sorry, but we know you will understand, since we have been working with a skeleton force for many months. Anyway, we wish you a Very Merry and Joyous Christmas—all we want is a restful one.—The Editors.

Need Ping Pong Balls

U. S. O. Lounge, in Wilkes-Barre, is greatly in need of Ping Pong Balls. Ping Pong seems to be the Service men's favorite game. Anyone willing to contribute said balls will kindly get in touch with headquarters.

Christmas Mass Will Mark Fifteenth Anniversary Of St. Therese's Church

Anniversary Signals Liquidation Of Parish Debt On Church Property Valued At \$115,000

St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, will celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the first mass in the church on Christmas Eve. A solemn mass of the nativity will be sung at midnight, Friday night, and will be broadcast over Station WBAX. St. Therese's parish was formed in November 1926 at the direction of Bishop M. J. Hoban. For two years the congregation attended Mass in Gabriel's Hall, Hillside. The foundation for the beautiful stone church, on Pioneer avenue, Shavertown, was started in June 1928. On Christmas Eve that year, although the church was not completed, the first mass was sung. The parish numbering only forty families in 1928, increased steadily, so that in 1928 more than sixty families were represented. At the present time there are two hundred and twenty-five families in the parish. The parish, caring for all the "Back Mountain" area serves Trucksville, Shavertown, Dallas, Lehman, DeMunds and Kunkle.

The fifteenth anniversary also marks the liquidation of the parish debt. A voluntary subscription of the members of the congregation, begun three months ago, raised a fund of three thousand dollars, which entirely rids the property of all incumbrances. The congregation made willing and generous sacrifice to meet the building costs. The church property represents an outlay of \$115,000.

Rev. John J. O'Leary, the present pastor, was in charge of St. Therese's when the work was started, but on account of ill health, had to resign and the work was ably carried on by Rev. Harold G. Durkin for seven and one-half years. During Father Durkin's pastorate the church debt was reduced by \$20,000, and witnessed the installation of many improvements. Last June, Father Durkin was appointed pastor of St. Matthew's. On account of the shortage of priests in the diocese, because of the number of chaplains entering the Armed Forces, Bishop Hefey reappointed Father O'Leary as pastor.

St. Therese's choir, under the direction of Fred Hannebaul, of Wilkes-Barre, has prepared a special musical program of hymns and carols that will precede and follow the singing of the Mass.

Reverend John J. O'Neill, of Mount Saint Mary's, Emmitsburg, Md., will preach the sermon. Besides the midnight mass, other masses will be read at 8:45 and 10:45 on Christmas Day. Masses at Our Lady of Victory Chapel, Harvey's Lake, a mission of St. Therese's, will be read at midnight, Christmas Eve and at 9:30 Christmas Day. After the 8:45 mass at St. Therese's and the 9:30 mass at the Lake Chapel, parties will be held for the Sunday School children.

Frances Bond Marries Harvey's Lake Man

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Frances Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bond, of Wilkes-Barre, and Walter J. Rauch, son of Mrs. Harriet Rauch, of Harvey's Lake. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Howard D. Thompson, at Central Methodist Church, in Wilkes-Barre, Sunday afternoon, at 2:30. Attendants were Mrs. Robert Emery, of Richmond, and Joseph Rauch, of Harvey's Lake. The bride has been employed as assistant cashier of Prudential Insurance Company. Mr. Rauch is a graduate of Laketon High School and is employed by Glen Alden Coal Company.

Following the ceremony, a reception for about fifty guests was held at the Dresden.

Dallas Students Enrolled 100% In Junior Red Cross

It is announced by Mrs. Samuel Buckman, chairman of the Junior Red Cross, that Dallas Schools have enrolled one hundred percent. The sponsor for the Dallas Borough schools is Mrs. Harold Rood. Projects carried out by the Junior Red Cross include collection of metal coat-hangers for use in the armed services where coat-hangers are at a premium in the more crowded centers, the making of holiday decorations for army camps and veterans' hospitals, and the raising of a fund for materials and relief work.

Hillsdale School, Jackson Township, under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Hazletine, has enrolled in the Junior Red Cross, and is carrying out specified projects.

Full Programs Are Prepared By All Churches For Christmas

Deeper Significance For Yuletide Will Attract Hundreds This Year

Religious observance of the holiday season will see its climax in the traditional Christmas services throughout this week in all the churches of the area. To the youngsters of the area with visions of holiday goodies and recitations and shiny toys it will be the greatest day of the year, but to the older folks, it will have a deeper significance than any Christmas in many years.

There is a joyous spirit in the air and a brave defiant attempt in home decorations and out-of-door lighting to make the season unusually festive, but there is a deeper uncertainty and apprehension that makes more mature minds seek the reassuring presence of the Christ Child. For this reason, the churches of the region as well as those all over the country, expect larger Christmas attendance than any time during the past score of years.

Dallas

Dallas Methodist Church opened the holiday season with their annual Christmas musical, given by the choir, Sunday evening. Mrs. Harold Rood was director. The program: Prelude, processional hymn, "Joy To The World", anthem, "Bell Carol", sung by Junior and Senior Chorus, accompanied by Richard Oliver on the bell lyre; solo, "Jesu Bambino", Mrs. Henry Kraybill; anthem, "There's a Song in the Air", Junior and Senior Chorus; anthem, "Lo, There Is Born a Savior", Junior Choir; hymn, "Silent Night"; anthem, "The Shepherd's Vision", Chancel Choir; offertory, "Voices of the Sky", violin, Lewis LeGrand, pianist, Mrs. Wesley Oliver, organ, Mrs. Harold Rood; solo, "O Babe Divine", Mrs. Henry Kraybill; anthem, "Ye Shepherds, Wake", Junior and Senior Chorus; hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; benediction, postlude.

Tuesday evening members of the Junior Department presented a Pageant of the First Christmas, "The Promised One". Beryl Colwell acted as reader and the following were members of the cast: Joel, a shepherd boy, William Waters; fruit vender, Joe LeGrand; Samaritan, Donald Besecker; Rebecca, Barbara Clark; Sarah, Marjorie Elkins; Sarah's children, Carolyn Shaffer and Edward Johnson; head shepherd, Glenn Roberts; Joseph, David Joseph; shepherds, David Evans, David Kunkle and Jerry Machell; angels, Ann Peterson and Mildred McNeal; Mary, Ruth Scott; group of voices, Robert Hislop, Nancy Schooley, Robert Stair, Robert Bodycomb, Wesley Brudy, Polly Lazarus, Nancy VonArx and Barbara Leonard; choir, Junior Department.

Mrs. Peter Clark and June Colwell served as pianists and Richard Weidner gave a trumpet solo.

Shavertown

Shavertown Methodist Church opened the holiday activities with a pageant, "The White Christmas", given by members of the church school, last Sunday morning.

Next Sunday, the combined choirs of the church, Adult, Junior and Girls, will present a special musical service, under the direction of Mrs. C. Wayne Gordon. Mrs. Wesley Oliver will assist at the piano. "Gloria from the Twelfth Mass", by Mozart, will be sung by the Adult Choir; "Jesu Bambino" by Yon, Girls' Choir; "Under The Stars" by Brown, Junior Choir; "Silent Night, Holy Night", special arrangement, the combined choirs. The Christmas sermon will be given by Rev. Felix Zaffiro at the evening service. Sermon subject, "The Hopeless Cog".

Lehman

People of Lehman will gather at the church Christmas Eve for their program and worship service. Recitations by the young folks and a pageant have been arranged. The program: Opening hymn, "Joy To The World"; Recitations, "Welcome", Beverly Morgan, "Little Christmas Spirits", Edith Ann Nagle, Harold Mekeel, Lenora Swan and Dana Ide, "A Little Speech", Mary Dennis, "Our Christmas Thanks", Esther Ide, "Tribute", John Nagle, "Happiness", Alma Brown, "Little Girl", Marion Elston, "Tiny Things", Jack Hendricks, Russell Major, Emerson Brown and Rolland Dennis, "Hurrah for Christmas", Joan Sidler, Alice Ide,

Trucksville

White Church on the Hill will conduct a candle-light communion service Christmas Eve. Special music will consist of: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Glory to God in the Highest", sung by the choir; "Service Music" by Eyre; anthem, "Calm On the Listening Ear of Night"; postlude, "Meditation". Offering will be for "The Fellowship of Suffering and Service" which is used for overseas relief and for the commission of Camp Activities and Chaplains.

A Christmas Cantata, "The Mystery of Bethlehem" by Willan will be sung by the Senior Choir, Sunday morning. This will take the place of the usual sermon. Special music will include, "Fantasia" on "Adeste Fideles"; offertory, "Christmas Cradle Song"; postlude, "Dulci Jubilo". Sunday evening familiar carols will be sung by the congregation prefaced by explanatory remarks by Rev. Hoag.

Idetown

Christmas program at Idetown Methodist Church consisted of two short plays, "The Glory Beaming Star" by the Junior Department and "The Christmas Fantasy" by the older folks, presented Thursday evening. They were in charge of Mrs. Leona Moore and Mrs. Charlotte Calkins. A special carol service by the choir was directed by Mrs. Helen Husted.

Sweet Valley

Children of the First Christian Church will present a program of recitations and musical selections on Christmas Eve. Special Christmas music will be rendered by the choir Sunday morning. Church of Christ's program was scheduled for Thursday evening.

Huntsville Christian

Huntsville Christian Church celebrated Christmas Tuesday evening with a playlet, "The Kings' Gold", given by members of the Intermediate Class and a Cantata, "The Music of Christmas", by the choir. Taking part in the play were: Charlotte Culp, Mildred Culp, Richard Culp, Carl Warmouth, Mary Dargoy and Arnold Price. Mrs. Walter Covert, Jr., directed the cantata and Miss Elma Major the playlet.

Monday afternoon from two until four o'clock, the children will enjoy their annual Christmas party and Wednesday evening, adults will have a congregation meeting, followed by dinner and party.

Huntsville Methodist

Huntsville Methodist Church held their Christmas service at the church last Sunday evening. A candle light tea at 5 o'clock was followed by a pageant by members of the church school and the service at 6 o'clock.

St. Therese's

A Solemn High Mass of Nativity will be sung at midnight Christmas Eve at St. Therese's. Rev. John O'Neill, of Mt. St. Emmitsburg, Md., will preach the sermon. Special Christmas music, under the direction of Fred Hannebaul, will be sung by the choir. Other Masses will be read at 8:45 and 10:45 Christmas Day. Masses at Our Lady of Victory Chapel, Harvey's Lake, will be sung at midnight Christmas Eve and 9:30 Christmas Day.