

We Remember

KILLED IN ACTION

RICHARD WELLINGTON CEASE, January 29, 1942
KEATS POAD, March 3, 1942
CLIFFORD S. NULTON, November 26, 1943
ELWOOD BLIZZARD, March 1, 1944
ROBERT RESSIGUE, April 20, 1944
SAMUEL GALLETI, May 23, 1944
JAMES DeANGELO, June 22, 1944
WILLIAM STRITZINGER, July 9, 1944
FREDERICK LOVELAND, SEPTEMBER 12, 1944
HARRY BEAN, September 13, 1944

DIED IN SERVICE

GEORGE UTRICH, May 16, 1942
HOWARD A. COSGROVE, July 3, 1942
THOMAS CLARK LLOYD, July 4, 1943
EVAN J. BRACE, February 15, 1944

MISSING IN ACTION

WALTER CECIL WILSON, May 9, 1942
HAROLD THOMAS KEPNER, December 19, 1942
JOHN P. GLEASON, March 30, 1943
JOHN E. FRITZ, May 7, 1943
ALFRED E. MAURY, February 5, 1944
ROBERT A. GIRVAN, May 14, 1944
OTTO W. HARZDORF, June 1, 1944
HERBERT C. CULP, July 12, 1944
ELWOOD R. RENSRAW, August 20, 1944
JAMES B. DAVIES, August 25, 1944
IRVIN C. DAVIS, Jr., September 15, 1944

PRISONERS OF WAR

CLARENCE H. MORGAN, May 22, 1942
DONALD FREEMAN, May 22, 1942
FRED WESTERMAN, April 20, 1943
EDWARD SMITH, April 14, 1944
PETER SKOPIC, May 29, 1944
RAYMOND F. SUTTON, May 29, 1944
PAUL F. NULTON, Jr., July 19, 1944

1002 Free Posts to Soldiers this week.

Two Patriots

It seems particularly fitting that with the passing of two great American patriots, Alfred E. Smith and Wendell L. Willkie, we take note of a fact which appears again and again in American life. The fact is that America is spiritually rich precisely because her life has been nurtured by men of different races and religions. Mr. Smith was a Roman Catholic of Irish descent, Mr. Willkie an Episcopalian of German descent. Both believed in and, during their days, defended American principles.

When, in 1941, anti-Semitism was injected into the debate on foreign policy, Mr. Smith was quick to speak out against it. "It strikes," he said, "at the very basis of our national unity and, if spread, would certainly be followed by most un-American elements in our population. We have always been able to live in peace and cooperation with all Americans including Jews, and all other racial and religious groups, and I am among the many who will fight any movement to make this country believe otherwise."

Years before he said, "I believe in absolute freedom of conscience for all men and in equality of all churches, all sects, and all beliefs before the law as a matter of right and not as a matter of favor.... And I believe in the common brotherhood of man under the common fatherhood of God." That was Alfred E. Smith, the leader and wise counsellor, whom we mourn and praise.

Mr. Willkie stated his position just as strongly. In an article in the Saturday Evening Post (June 27th, 1942) he wrote, "The height of our civilization, it seems to me, has been reached not by our assembly lines, our inventions or any of our great factitious development, but by the ability of peoples of varying beliefs and of different racial extractions to live side by side here in the United States with mutual understanding, respect and helpfulness...."

Previously, in 1940, he had said, "One of the most precious elements of American life is religious freedom. In the exercise of that freedom we in the United States have lived happily and flourished for more than 150 years. This nation has been built by men of all faiths working side by side and in harmony. If we are to keep this nation intact we must preserve that principle...." That was Wendell L. Willkie, the leader and wise counsellor, whom we mourn and praise.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Willkie spoke the language of the true America. They spoke in the way Americans have always spoken. This is the way, by the grace of God, Americans will speak forever.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

Spending a night on a train with a carload of inductees has a flavor all its own. An enthusiastic five-handed poker game went on and on, far into the night, its personnel changing with the dragging hours, as each batch of newcomers was cleaned out or succumbed from sheer weariness.

The train butcher did a big business in chocolate bars, hot buttered popcorn (luke-warm), iced cocoa, (also luke-warm), potato chips, sandwiches, milk in a paper jacket.

At Richmond a delegation from the Red Cross met the train with doughnuts and coffee. It was well after midnight, but the ladies were on hand with their covered baskets. The Scouts dived headlong into the streaming rain and returned to the car with doughnuts strung on their fingers and paper cups of hot coffee ranged with painstaking care along the left arm. There was a whole-sale rush for refreshments, and more scouts braved the rain.

Two lanky youths, one from each (Continued on Page Five)

Dotty Lamour Brightens Hospitalized Youngster

Hal Wagner, eleven-year-old son of State Treasurer G. Harold Wagner, is in Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, where he is responding nicely to treatment of his right leg which has been paralyzed below the knee by infantile paralysis.

Not long ago Hal was surprised and delighted when he received an autographed photograph from screen actress Dorothy Lamour who wrote: "Dear Spanky: I have just learned that you are in the hospital. Hurry up and get well so that we can go to the movies. Love and kisses, Dotty Lamour."

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Crowds Attend Centennial Of White Church

Program Will Be Climaxed With Talk By Boston Teacher

By Mrs. Howard Ide

The Sunday morning services at Trucksville Methodist Church which opened a week of activities in celebration of the church's 100th anniversary, were largely attended.

There were many visitors from neighboring communities, among them 90-year-old Mrs. Jennie Kreller, who came alone by bus from Plymouth. Mrs. Kreller comes from a line of robust and hearty ancestors, her father and grandfather living to be 91 and 101 years old respectively.

Beautiful flowers adorned the church, impressive among them being a basket of pom poms in autumn shades, given in memory of Lt. Richard Cease by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Cease.

A history of the church, dating back to the settlement of the first village in 1809 and depicting in colorful and precise English its development up to the present, was presented by Ralph Hazeltine. Mr. Hazeltine, writer of the history, used as his sources old church records, publications, and tales he had heard his grandfather and other older natives of Trucksville tell around the fire side.

In the evening service, a pageant showing in five scenes, the growth of Methodism in Trucksville over the past one hundred years, was presented. Symbols represented the periods of progress and a narrator related the events in an interesting manner. Many of the properties used in the pageant had been close to Trucksville Church since its beginning, such as Bibles, hymn books, saddle bags, carpenter tools, spinning wheel and melodion.

Noxen Soldier Dies In Action

Memorial Services Held On Friday

Within a few hours after receiving a letter written by her husband on September 12, Mrs. Harry Bean of Noxen, a registered nurse, received a telegram from the War Department stating that he had been killed in action in Southern France on September 13, and on Wednesday she received another letter written by him on September 8.

PFC Bean, 31 was the son of Mrs. Ora Bean and the late Veltan Bean of Noxen and a grandson of the Squire Elmer J. Miller of that community. He was a graduate of Noxen High School and a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church and had been employed by the Armour Leather Company for a number of years before his induction into military service on September 18, 1943.

He took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida and had been overseas, where he saw action in Italy and Southern France, since February 22. He left this country from Camp Meade, Maryland, where his wife paid him a brief visit before his departure.

Born and reared in Noxen he enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a member of the Sportsmen's Club.

Besides his wife, the former Elva Messenger to whom he was married seven years ago, he leaves his mother and brother, Seaman Second Class, Elvin Bean, former Noxen insurance man.

Memorial services for Pvt. Bean and Pvt. Elwood Blizard, another Noxen boy killed in service, were held last Friday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

Flood Lights Installed

Flood lights, controlled by a time clock, have been installed on the Jackson Honor Roll through the co-operation of the Township Supervisors who are also assuming the monthly light bill. The roll now contains 113 names. Robert Culp installed the lights without charge.



Missing In Action - European Theatre

IRVIN C. DAVIS

September 15, 1944

Old Newspaper Clipping Tells Of Party Thirty Years Ago At Lehman

Birthday Overseas



Pfc. Fred K. Schobert

Pfc. Fred K. Schobert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anstett of Meeker celebrated his twentieth birthday anniversary somewhere in France on October 10th. This was his second birthday observance in service. Pfc. Schobert was graduated from Lehman High School in the class of 1942 and enlisted in the army on February 20th 1943. He received his military training at Fort Jackson, S. C.; Camp Campbell, Tenn. and Camp Gordon, Ga. He left for overseas early in September. While at Lehman High School, Fred was a member of the band and played on the football team.

Idetown Erects Stone Honor Roll

Dedication Planned For Armistice Day

An honor roll made of native stone and on which the names of men and women in service will be sandblasted is being erected in Idetown at the corner of the Jonathan R. Davis property along the Dallas-Harvey's Lake Highway.

The monument which is four feet two inches wide, by seven feet six inches high is being erected at a cost of approximately \$350. Plans are being made to have the dedication on Armistice Day.

Members of the committee who are being assisted by volunteer workers are: Bruce Williams, chairman; Emory Hadsel, Robert Renshaw, John Race, Roy Tryon, and Dean Shaver. Chairman of the finance committee is William Casterline.

Father Of Two Badly Wounded

Pvt. Swire Had Been Overseas One Month

In less than three weeks after his infantry regiment landed in France and within six months of his induction into the armed forces, Pvt. Amos Swire, 25, father of two small children, was seriously wounded in battle, according to a message received from the War Department on Tuesday by his wife, Dorothy Yuelles Swire, of Davenport street, Dallas.

Pvt. Swire is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Swire of Loyalville. Up to the time of his induction on March 23, 1944, he was employed as a lumberman by William Naugle on a timber tract near Pike's Creek.



PVT. AMOS SWIRE

Pvt. Swire arrived overseas early in September and was stationed in England for several days but had time to write only two letters—the last on September 28—before his wife received the message that he was seriously wounded on September 30.

Two of Pvt. Swire's brothers are also in service. Bruce is in New Guinea with the army medical corps and Thomas is with the military police at Camp Grueber, Okla. All of the boys attended Lake Township High School and spent most of their lives at Loyalville.

Pvt. and Mrs. Swire have two children, Patricia Ann, 2; and Thomas, 4. His address is Pvt. Amos Swire (933847715) Hospitalized, Central Postal Directory, APO 640, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

Plan Annual Gala Parade

Event Will Be Held Tuesday, October 31

Fourth annual Hallowe'en Parade sponsored by Parent-Teachers' Association of Dallas Borough and Township in cooperation with Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company will be held Tuesday evening, October 31st on Main street, Dallas.

The parade will be open to all children and school students of the Back Mountain region. Bands of Dallas Borough and Dallas Township schools will be in line.

Prizes will be awarded for the following classes: Best dressed, most original, most humorous and best group of two or more.

At a committee meeting on Tuesday night, Henry Peterson, chairman, invited all merchants and civic organizations to enter floats in the parade. Prizes will be given if sufficient entries are made.

Mail Christmas Boxes

Service Club of Jackson Township donated \$90, raised at a rummage sale in Luzerne recently, toward defraying the expense of Christmas boxes which were mailed to all service men and women from the township. Those who have further contributions can send them to Mrs. Florence Gansel, chairman.

No Certificates Needed

Luzerne County Agricultural Office has announced that farmers need no longer secure purchase certificates but can go directly to their dealer for farm machinery, with exception of corn pickers and crawler type tractors.

6 Crops In 1944 Top 1943 Yield; 4 Top 1942 Mark

Corn, Oats, Wheat And Buckwheat Show More Yields To The Acre

With the 1944 farm field crop harvests now virtually completed, production estimates show that Pennsylvania farmers, in the third year of the war, despite drought and shortage of experienced labor, have exceeded 1943 production with six crops, and went ahead of 1942 with four.

Increased acreage and as good or better yields per acre brought bigger harvests this year over last for corn, wheat, oats, buckwheat, and tobacco, according to estimates as of October 1, issued by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service in the State Department of Agriculture. While rye acreage was reduced 10 per cent, production this year was 42,000 bushels more than 1943, due to favorable growing conditions in the spring.

Crops which forged ahead of the bumper crop year of 1942 included wheat, buckwheat, potatoes and tobacco. However, the only crops to exceed the 10-year average production, 1933 to 1942, were wheat, buckwheat, tobacco and hay. This year's tobacco crop of almost 50 million pounds is the largest since 1941. The acreage was 6 per cent greater than last year and about 6,000 above the 10-year average.

October 1 estimates of 1944 corn production were for a crop of 53,124,000 bushels, close to 4,000,000 more than 1943, grown on an acreage 8 per cent larger than last year. Yield per acre was 38 bushels, the same as 1943.

Wheat production is estimated at 20,108,000 bushels, which is 6,831,000 more than 1943, the acreage increase being 17 per cent. Yield per acre advanced from 17 to 22 bushels.

Oats totals 23,712,000 bushels, or 8,834,000 over last year, with a 9 per cent increase in acreage. Barley increase was cut back 30 per cent and the crop of 2,332,000 bushels is 418,000 under last year. The 668,000 bushels of rye harvested is 42,000 more than 1943. Each of these showed much better yields per acre than the previous year. An increase of 19 per cent in buckwheat acreage netted a crop of 2,983,000 bushels, 475,000 over 1943, with yield per acre running 19 bushels, the same as last year.

Potato acreage was reduced 6 per cent but the average yield of 113 bushels per acre, 7 more than last year, is estimated to give 18,645,000 bushels, only 11,000 under last year.

Birthday In Hospital



Pvt. Harry Rogers

Pvt. Harry Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers of Idetown, will celebrate his thirty-second birthday anniversary on October 22 in an English hospital where he is convalescing from injuries to his wrist received in the fighting on June 18. Harry also celebrated another anniversary this month for it was just two years ago on October 14 that he landed in England. Although he was wounded more than four months ago, he is still in the hospital, but says that his wrist is coming along nicely. "It may always be a little stiff," he thinks. His brother, Willard, who was inducted three years ago on August 29, has been in New Guinea for the past two years.