

## We Remember

### KILLED IN ACTION

RICHARD WELLINGTON CEASE, January 29, 1942  
 KEATS POAD, March 3, 1942  
 WALTER CECIL WILSON, May 9, 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  
 EDWARD METZGAR, October 12, 1944  
 CHARLES KINSMAN, November 5, 1944  
 DONALD L. MISSON, December 11, 1944  
 WILLIAM J. GAREY, December 12, 1944  
 JOSEPH YANEK, December 22, 1944  
 JOHN LAITY, January 1, 1945  
 WILLIAM SNYDER FRANTZ, January, 1945  
 THEODORE SCOUTEN, January 12, 1945  
 CHESTER GORCZYNSKI, January 10, 1945

### DIED IN SERVICE

GEORGE UTRICH, May 16, 1942  
 HOWARD A. COSGROVE, July 3, 1942  
 THOMAS CLARK LLOYD, July 4, 1943  
 EVAN J. RACE, February 15, 1944  
 GEORGE S. RACE, October 26, 1944  
 RAYMOND H. LOVELAND, January 8, 1945  
 JOSEPH POLACHEK, January 22, 1945

### MISSING IN ACTION

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. RENSCHAW, August 20, 1944  
 JAMES B. DAVIES, August 25, 1944  
 KARL M. KUNKLE, December 5, 1944  
 EDWIN A. BURKHARDT, December 17, 1944  
 PAUL S. KOCHER, December 17, 1944  
 ALFRED J. BROWN, December 17, 1944  
 WELFORD SCOUTEN, December, 20, 1944  
 JOHN E. REESE, December 26, 1944  
 GEORGE H. RAY, January 9, 1945  
 HARRY S. SMITH, January 15, 1945

### 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  
 IRVIN C. DAVIS, Jr., September 15, 1944  
 WILLIAM GENSEL, October 16, 1944

## Editorially Speaking:

### It's Up To You

Nothing in a generation has captured the imagination and wholehearted support of this entire community more than the plan to establish a Back Mountain Memorial Library as a living tribute to the men and women of all wars who have served to preserve the American ideal.

There is something thrilling about the support that has come to this venture from distant places. Only this week Lieut. Robert Fleming, a navy pilot, forwarded his unsolicited check for \$25. Capt. Larry Lee in France and Col. Norman Smith, a veteran of the African campaign, were both early contributors. Dr. Sara Wyckoff and her 96 year old mother, both vitally interested in this community, wrote from Kingston, "You may be sure both of us rejoice in this library project and want a little share in it". Her unsolicited check for \$50 accompanied her note. Another citizen of a distant township who prefers to remain anonymous forwarded his \$1,500, and the father of a marine gunner contributed \$250. More than 100 others have contributed \$50 each, many of them residents of this area for less than five years. Many of them childless.

These are the men and women who have caught the vision of the promise of this great Back Mountain country—if we will only work together. These are the citizens, no matter where they live, who are going to bring it to accomplishment. These are the men and women who are earning their right to citizenship, who are working at home to attain the American ideal for which their sons and neighbors are fighting in foreign fields.

They have learned the lesson that we must bury selfishness and narrowness first at home before we can bury it abroad. For too many years they have seen township lines, narrow minds, and old prejudices prevent us from having consolidated schools, sewage disposal, efficient fire companies, and adequate police protection. They have learned their lesson well—because they have paid for it.

Next Monday morning Dallas Senior Woman's Club will start a community-wide drive to raise a second \$10,000 for the library. The first \$10,000 is assured. More than half of it is in the bank.

When the solicitor comes to your door, remember two things: she is there because she is civic-minded and because she is the citizen of a larger community than can be bound by township lines; she is offering you an opportunity to bury one of the prejudices that has prevented this community from becoming truly great.

No matter what you give, give it willingly. It will be returned to you many fold only if you give it with the determination within yourself to make the Back Mountain Memorial Library a vital living part of the community—a memorial of which you can always be proud.

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## Centermoreland Soldier Dies In French Hospital

### Chester Gorczynski Wanted To Become A Priest After The War

Pvt. Chester Gorczynski, 21 a graduate of Dallas Township High School in the Class of 1942, died in a French hospital on January 10 of chest wounds received on December 13 while in action with the Seventh Army on the Western Front, according to information reaching his widowed mother, Mrs. Agnes Gorczynski of Centermoreland.

The young infantryman, who received his basic training at Fort Meade, Md., and Camp Croft, S. C., had been overseas less than twenty days when he was wounded. He received the Purple Heart in December. He wrote four letters to his mother while he was in military hospitals and in all of them he told her not to worry, "I'm coming along fine." His last letter, dated two days before his death, was written by his nurse.

This week Mrs. Gorczynski received a letter from a Catholic Chaplain. In it he stated that Chester had been in his hospital for only six days before his death and that he had received the last rites of the church. He was buried in the U. S. Military Hospital plot nearby. This week Mrs. Gorczynski also received the Purple Heart which her son had mailed to her.

Classmates at Dallas Township High School where Chet had been a student for four years, remember him as a quiet reserved boy who was always good-natured and who never lost his temper. It was his ambition to study for the priesthood and become a missionary after the war.

Following his graduation he worked at various farm occupations in the vicinity of Centermoreland to support his mother and invalid sister to whom he was devoted.

He was the half-brother of Frank Slavinski, a member of the Military Police who was injured in England during November and has since undergone four major leg operations. Another half-brother, Walter Slavinski, is now aboard ship returning to action after recovering from wounds received in the Pacific Theatre in October. Frank took part in the invasion of Kiska and Attu in the Aleutians and participated in engagements on the Marshall Islands.

Two sisters, Helen Slavinski and Anna Gorczynski, are at home with Mrs. Gorczynski.

## Community Band Elects Officers

Ralph Paul was reelected president at the annual meeting of Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company Community Band held Sunday afternoon at the band room on Lake street. Robert Scott of Lehman was elected vice-president and other officers named were: Dr. F. B. Schooley, secretary; Harry Ohlman, treasurer; Howard Cosgrove, director; Ralph Paul and William Thomas of Kunkle, were elected associate conductors.

The treasurer reported receipts for the year at \$239.19, with expenditures amounting to \$164.62 leaving a balance of \$74.57 on hand. The report of the auditing committee was approved.

The president announced that the following members are now in military service. Frank Kuehn, Robert Hessler, Kenneth Cosgrove, Paul Fahringer, Graydon Mayer and Richard Oliver.

Active members of the band are: Clarinets, William Thomas, Dorothy Gries, Patricia Ferry and Josephine Elick; Cornets and trumpets, John Milauskas, Barbara Phillips, Jean Schooley and Warren Culp; Baritone, John Roberts and James Waters; Bass, Don Cosgrove; Trombones, Forrest Smith and Lawrence Smith; Saxophones, Jack Hislop and Ross Lewin; Bass drum, Jerry Scott; Snare drums, Robert Scott and Albert Ide; Cymbals, Robert Scott, Jr.; Violins, Ralph Paul and Howard Cosgrove; Flute Lorraine Keller and Homer Middleton; Trumpet, Betty Warner;

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## Valentine Sent By "Valentine" To Valentine



Allentown, Pennsylvania, Feb. 14, 1945 (Special)—President Judge W. Alfred Valentine of the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas was surprised on February 14th by this valentine from his daughter, Margaret, a junior at Cedar Crest College who was first honor girl in a class of 276 at the Elmer L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre.

Margaret is used to posing pictures, for she has just finished directing and producing a successful one-act play, "Illusion of Glamour," a drama written by Madeleine Skelly, a Broadway actress and director of dramatics at Cedar Crest. Miss Valentine is cast stage manager of the local chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, a national honor society in dramatics in which membership is highly selective.

Margaret is drama editor of the "Crestiad," the college newspaper; vice-president of the Dramatic Association; treasurer of the Music Club; and is a member of the Debating, Press, and Opheleo social clubs. She played a leading role in the annual commencement Greek play given before 1,200 people last spring; and this year she played one of two leading parts in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and in Ibsen's "A Doll's House."

Margaret is a sister of Atty. William Valentine of Meeker.

## Dallas Borough Schools Published A Catalogue Fifty-Six Years Ago

Something of the history of Dallas Borough Schools fifty-six years ago is contained in the following clipping taken from an issue of The Dallas Post published in 1909. The clipping was forwarded to The Post by Corey Miers of Kunkle who believes that it will be of interest to many of his old friends and acquaintances as well as to members of a younger generation. As you read it, remember that it was written thirty-six years ago.

—Editor.

Very few who are to-day attending the Dallas Borough School are aware that twenty years ago the school was advertised as an educational institution by a nicely printed catalogue of some eighteen pages. A few days ago a Post representative was handed a copy of the catalogue of 1888-9. The book contains a fine photograph of the school building, and gives besides the names of the board of directors and the officers of the board, the names of the instructors and course of study. The names of all the pupils for that year also appear. The directors were: J. J. Ryman, Chester White, Leonard Machell, P. T. Raub, C. D. Honeywell and Joseph Atherholt, all of whom are living except Mr. Atherholt. The officers of the board were: President, P. T. Raub; Secretary, J. J. Ryman; Treasurer, Chester White.

The corps of instructors was composed of the following: Principal, S. A. Johnson, B. E.; intermediate department, Mrs. S. A. Johnson, B. E.; Primary department, Miss Inez Stroud; lectures on physiology, J. G. Laing, M. D., C. A. Spencer, M. D.

For the standard of efficiency of the Dallas High School the board of directors respectfully refer to James M. Coughlin, Superintendent of Schools for Luzerne County, whose post office address was Kingston, Pa.

It may be interesting to many readers of the Post to know just who attended the Dallas High School twenty years ago, and we give the entire list of students: Advance Department—Everitt Besteder, James Brennan, Iva Compton, Jennie Eipper, Carrie Fagerstrom, Asa Franklin, James Franklin, Coray Ferguson, Coray

Frantz, Elmer Gordon, Emma Garlinger, Emma Garrahan, Ward Hughey, Sam Hall, Wesley Hilbert, Herbert Hallock, D. P. Honeywell, Eugene Honeywell, Carrie Honeywell, Luella Headley, Bertha Hoover, Caleb Ide, Byron Jackson, Ruth Jackson, Harry Koche, Eva Koche, Bertha Lamoreux, Lizzie Litts, Wm. A. Meyers, Charles Montross, Sterling Machell, Libbie Machell, Gertie May, Judd Rice, Cooke Rice, Viola Rice, Carrie Reed, Lulu Raub, Maud Raub, Rose Richards, Fred Snyder, Harry Shaver, Inez Stroud, Blanche Stroud, Ella Sigler, Lillie Spencer, Ella Shepherd, Annie Snyder, Nellie Stafford, Nelson Whipp, Sherman Wardan, Libbie Williamson, George White, Rosa White, Daisy Washburn, Carrie Woolcott.

Intermediate Department—Harry Albertson, Allie Atherholt, Stanley Bogart, Porris Bealer, Minnie Bidwell, Emma Demond, Olin Fisher, Minnie Fagerstrom, Frank Garrahan, Willie Hunt, Nathan Headley, Aloah Hadsel, Rosa Hildebrand, Johnnie Isaacs, Mamie Jackson, Harry Lord, Maude Lauderbach, Theodore Meyers, Allie Machell, Susie Nulton, Frank Pelham, David Reeves, Edith Ryman, John Shaver, Philo Shotwell, Ackey Shotwell, Gertrude Still, Jonah Wardan.

Primary Department—Hattie Albertson, Mamie Atherholt, Charlie Austin, Charles Bidwell, George Bidwell, Alfred Bidwell, Ralph Brickel, Harry Brickel, Leslie Bogert, Lawrence Bogert, Daisy Bogert, May Brew, Walter Cole, Helen Cooke, Harry Garrahan, Edgar Gregory, Gordon Hadsel, Blanche Hoover, Carver Jackson, Garfield Jackson, James Litts, Harry McCormick, Arthur McCluskey, Etta McCluskey, Nellie Norton, Harry Pelham, Coray Pelham, Jasper Rice, Edna Ryman, Lewis Shotwell, Dora Shotwell, Herbert Spencer, Willie Stewart, Chauncey Shaver, Ada Shaver, Mary Still, Carrie Still, John Williamson, Edith Wagner, Myrtle Wolfe, Nellie Wolcott.

The class of 1888 had two graduates, Sam J. Hall and Miss Rosa Wall, and the following students of 1887-8 received certificates from the county superintendent: Sam J. Hall, Rosa White, Inez Stroud, Blanche Stroud, Viola Rice, Lillie Spencer, Bertha Hoover, Ruth Jackson, Rose Richards, Emma Garringer, Flora Wardan, Jennie Eipper.

## Women Will Open One-Week Drive To Raise \$10,000 For Library

### Every Back Mountain Home will Be Visited During The Week Of February Nineteenth

## Sgt. Jack Guion Badly Wounded Dallas Man Was With First Army In France

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Guion of Davenport street, Dallas, yesterday received word that their son Sgt. John F. Guion, Jr., was seriously wounded in action in France on February 2.

Sgt. Guion, who will be twenty-one on February 25, was in the 75th Infantry Division of the First Army and had been overseas since October.

An honor student at Manhattan College, New York City, when he enlisted in July 1943, Sgt. Guion was at first turned down for military service for physical reasons. He was so determined to become a soldier that he underwent a surgical operation for hernia and after a period of recuperation was accepted by the army. He was enthusiastic about army life.

He trained at Camp McClelland, Ala., and at Breckenridge, Kentucky. After the A.S.T.P. was broken up in March 1944 he was assigned to the infantry at Camp Polk, La. He went overseas in October.

His parents moved to Dallas from Honesdale last April. His father is district manager for the Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

## Lake Soldier Polio Victim

### Roy Schultz Is In New Guinea Hospital

Stricken with infantile paralysis while serving with the Eleventh Airborne Division in the Philippines, Pfc. Roy Schultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schultz is now in an army hospital on New Guinea awaiting transportation to the United States.

Pfc. Schultz entered the army on February 4, 1943, and trained with the glider infantry at Camp Mackall, N. C., and Camp Polk, La. After going overseas last fall he volunteered for the paratroopers. He took part in the invasion of the Philippines and saw action on Mindoro Island just before he was taken ill. The Eleventh Airborne has had a major part in the fighting in the southern section of Manila.

The extent of the young man's affliction has not been revealed to his parents, although in frequent letters he has said that he is coming along nicely but the malady has effected his shoulders.

## Lt. Bob Fleming Gets Air Medal

### Bombed And Strafed Japanese Air Strip

Hutchinson, Kansas.—Lt. Robert L. Fleming, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Fleming, has recently been awarded an Air Medal "for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as a pilot attached to a Navy patrol squadron operating in the Solomon Islands area." The citation reads in part: "On March 18, Lt. Fleming bombed and strafed the Japanese airstrip at Buka Passage, scoring damaging hits in the revetment area. At night, despite heavy anti-aircraft fire, he attacked the Ballale airfield, silencing several gun positions. In April, while conducting a night flight, he bombed and strafed enemy installation at Tonolei Harbor, Bougainville." The presentation was made by Cmdr W. A. King, commanding officer of the Hutchinson Naval Air Station.

Lt. Fleming is a graduate of Harvard College and enlisted at Philadelphia in July, 1941. He received his flight training at Jacksonville. He served 18 months overseas and is at Hutchinson where he is an instructor in PB4Y's, the Navy's heavy four-engined land-based bomber.

A comprehensive outline of how much a library can serve the public, even by telephone if necessary, was given by Miss Grace Estes, librarian of Osterhout Library, Wilkes-Barre, Wednesday night at the annual Valentine Tea of Dallas Senior Woman's Club at Lundy's.

Miss Estes gave interesting examples from her experience as librarian and told of the many requests that reach the library daily from all types of people and from all sections of the community for information on all kinds of subjects.

She told of several requests that have come from soldiers overseas; one from a young soldier in China who wanted pictures of trolley cars. What he wanted them for, she never knew, but his request was granted and the pictures were mailed to him.

Miss Estes said a library is greatly needed in every community, but that is no one should forget that it is the library that counts and not the building that houses it. She related an incident during the dedication of the library at Yale University when speakers extolled the grandeur of the building. Finally the librarian of the University was called upon to speak. "Yes, it is a beautiful building," he said, "but the library is inside."

Harry Olman, treasurer of the Back Mountain Library Association, gave a complete and up-to-date review of the library movement and explained current plans for a library to serve the entire Back Mountain Region.

Mrs. Joseph Schmerer, chairman and Mrs. Lloyd Kear, co-chairman, outlined the plans for the Woman's Club Campaign to raise funds for the library. The drive will start on Monday, February 20, and every home in the area will be visited by canvassers. It is hoped that a fund of \$10,000 will be obtained within the week. The Woman's Club itself started the drive by voting \$200 of its funds as a contribution to the library.

Chairmen of other committees gave their reports. Mrs. M. J. Borthwick, chairman of the local War Bond Drive, sponsored by the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, reported sales of \$3,468.75 in bonds with only 14% of the club members participating. The drive will continue until March 1.

Mrs. A. C. Dick chairman of Red Cross committee, read a letter from Wyoming Valley Chapter requesting interesting soldiers letters and excerpts from letters for a large scrap book that is being compiled at headquarters. The Club voted to contribute \$50 to the current Red Cross Drive.

Mrs. Granville Sowden, chairman of post-war planning, reported a request from Luzerne County Federation for co-operation in unemployment problems, juvenile delinquency and ineffective public service such as sewage, water, fire, police, road and public school problems.

Mrs. Daniel Richards, chairman of U.S.O. Scrap Books, urged members who have not completed their scrap books to return them to her for completion.

Fifty Five women attended the tea.

## Dallas Plans Youth Center

### Committee Appointed To Locate Building

Plans for the establishment of a Teen-Age Center in Dallas Borough were discussed Thursday night at a meeting of representative citizens in Dallas Borough High School Building.

The following organizations were represented: Girl Scouts, Mrs. Peter D. Clark; Dallas Borough High School Faculty, Miss Julia Dalton; Dallas Borough Parent-Teachers, Mrs. Louise Colwell; Dallas Township High School, Raymond Kuhnert; Kiwanis Club, Patrick Murphy; Henry M. Laing Fire Company, John Roberts; Daddow-Isaacs Post American Legion, Charles Stookey; Dallas Methodist Church, Lewis LeGrand; Dallas Senior Woman's Club, Mrs. Lloyd (Continued on Page Five)