We Remember

KILLED IN ACTION

RICHARD WELLINGTON CEASE, January 29, 1942 KEATS POAD, March 3, 1942 DONALD FREEMAN, March 31, 1942 WALTER CECIL WILSON, June 28, 1942 HAROLD THOMAS KEPNER, December 19, 1942 JOHN P. GLEASON, March 30, 1943 JOHN E. FRITZ, May 7, 1943 CLIFFORD S. NULTON, November 26, 1943 ELWOOD BLIZZARD, March 1, 1944 ROBERT RESSIGUE, April 20, 1944 ROBERT A. GIRVAN, May 14, 1944 SAMUEL GALLETTI, May 23, 1944 OTTO W. HARZDORF, June 1, 1944 JAMES DeANGELO, June 22, 1944 WILLIAM STRITZINGER, July 9, 1944 HERBERT C. CULP, July 12, 1944 ELWOOD R. RENSHAW, August 20, 1944 JAMES B. DAVIES, August 25, 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 PAUL S. KOCHER, December 17, 1944 JOSEPH YANEK, December 22, 1944 JOHN E. REESE, December 26, 1944 GEORGE H. RAY, January 9, 1945 CHESTER GORCZYNSKI, January 10, 1945 THEODORE SCOUTEN, January 12, 1945 HARRY S. SMITH, January 15, 1945 WILLIAM SNYDER FRANTZ, January 22, 1945

EDISON WALTERS, February 1, 1945 LESTER L. CULVER, February 9, 1945 JOSEPH RUSHINKO, March 11, 1945 DONALD J. MALKEMES, March 16, 1945 ARDEN R. EVANS, March 19, 1945 DANIEL T. MORRIS. April 11, 1945 WILLIAM PHILLIPS, May 4, 1945 DAVID DECKER, May 14, 1945 RICHARD E. JONES, May 27, 1945 BURTON E. BONELL, August 28, 1945

DIED IN SERVICE

GEORGE UTRICH, May 6, 1942 HOWARD A. COSGROVE, July 3, 1942 ROBERT F. REILLY, June 20, 1943 THOMAS CLARK LLOYD, July 4, 1943 EVAN J. BRACE, February 15, 1944 GEORGE S. RACE, October 26, 1944 JOHN LAITY, January 1, 1945 RAYMOND H LOVELAND, January 8, 1945 JOSEPH POLACHEK, January 22, 1945 ROY G. SCHULTZ, February 19, 1945 LAWRENCE GAVEK, February 26, 1945 HOWARD E. LYNN, April 1, 1945 CHARLES BILLINGS, April 3, 1945 FRANCIS SIDORICK, June 17, 1945 FRANCIS GREY, June 25, 1945 RALPH FLOWER, October 13, 1945 MICHAEL W. O'BOYLE, December 29, 1945

Editorially Speaking:

The Goal Must Be Justice

The nation may be on the verge of a witch hunt. Inflation has reached the hardship stage. And when economic hardship prevails, some group usually takes the rap. This time, if care is not exercised in the needed revision of labor laws, labor will suffer. Arrogant labor leadership has created an incalculable reservoir of popular resentment. The resentment is justified. Generally speaking, a man may not hold a job in a basic industry today without paying tribute to a labor boss whose union is legally accountable to no one. The danger is that shortsighted politicians will try to cash in on this resentment, just as a decade ago every demagogue in the country sought office with sweeping attacks on industry.

There were two outstanding domestic events in 1946. First, was the November election which, partisanship to one side, was a magnificent reaffirmation of the doctrine of free government at a time when most of the world seems to have deserted to the forces of reaction, which the super-state represents. The vote amounted to an indictment of autocratic government, and to an indictment of labor abuses as well. Millions of people who belong to labor unions spoke unmistakably at the polls for a re-

turn to first principles.

The second event was the coal strike and its dramatic, unprecedented conclusion. There could be no mistaking the public's sense of outrage when one man callously decided to subject the whole nation to industrial paralysis, widespread unemployment, and actual destitution. Mr. Lewis' defeat was foreordained—no man and no group of men can forever be contemptuous of the public welfare. As one magazine put it, an era had ended—a long era, in which labor leaders, drunk with power and free of public responsibility, had received almost anything they demanded. This was the real significance of Mr. Lewis' surrender to the forces of law and public opinion. When special interest and the general interest are joined in conflict, the general interest must win.

Judged by volume of comment by editors and columnists, correction of union abuses should be the first order of business of the 1947 Congress. There is a chance that before the year is out an individual may once more have the right to work, and pay tribute to no one. There is a good chance that unions will have to give an accounting of themselves before the law, the same as any corporation. It is a practical certainty that the license of a union leader to call a strike and cripple an entire nation at the nod of his head, will be terminated. But the line between needed correction and the witch hunt can easily be crossed. And that will actually be the great problem of 1947—not to cross the line. To cross this line now when our country is bedeviled with the racking strains of inflation, would be disastrous.

Industry itself, which has suffered an era of political persecution, can now prove to be labor's staunchest ally. Industry knows the havoc that punitive legislative attacks can wreak. It is extremely encouraging that both industrial and labor leadership seem opposed to taking the easy way out, which is to have the government make all the decisions. Once that philosophy became entrenched, both labor and industry would find themselves facing what amounted to dictatorship.

The outcome of any war may be determined by events far from the shooting. So it is with the labor problem. (Continued on page three)

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Hutchison Sees Bright Future For Agriculture

County Agent Warns, However, Against Forced Production

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Civilian employment now is the highest on record-around 58 mil-2 million unemployed.

National income running more than double of pre-war.

Accumulated individual savings are at record levels-more than three times as great as pre-war.

Production of consumer goods is at high levels. Output of automobiles, housing, farm equipment and household equipment is lagging far behind demand.

Efficiency of industrial workers is at low level. This means high costs. A new wave of strikes may be in prospect. If this happens, costs will go still higher and output of houses, automobiles, etc., will lag further.

Most economists expect a recession to begin in the latter part of 1947 or early 1948-something similar to 1921. It may take a year to recover. A depression similar to the thirties seems a long way off unless labor and management fail to iron out their differences and get down to full production at low cost per unit of good condition.

A strong demand for most agricultural products is in prospect at least until next fall.

OUTLOOK FOR COMMODITIES Dairy

All the milk that can be produced efficiently will find a ready market during the next 12 months. Returns to farmers in first half of 1947 may average higher than of 1947, the situation may be re-

Cow numbers are about 4 per cent below last year (June survey). Dairy economists urge farmers to get ready to cull, to raise the good heifers, to improve milk quality, to produce more fall milk, to emphasize high production per cow, and to keep costs at a minimum

consistent with good management. Poultry and Eggs

Hens on farms in the United States October 1 were 9 per cent below last year. Northeast had 13 per cent less.

Egg production in 1946 will be about 3 per cent below 1945 but 48 per cent above 1935-39. Demand for poultry meat should

strengthen during late winter and

Keep hen houses well filled with high producing birds. When time comes to cull, meat prices should be relatively favorable.

Be cautious about over-expanding hen numbers for next year. (Continued on Page Two)

Beverly Piatt Engaged To Willard Puterbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Earl V. Piatt of Huntsville announce the engage-Ann, to Willard S. Puterbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Puterbaugh of Mt. Airy Road, Shavertown.

Miss Piatt is a graduate of Leh-Store, Huntsville.

Police Solve Rural Thefts

Car In Sullivan County

Thefts of two cars and burglaries of a home and service station at Beaumont were solved this week when Pvts. William Techmanski and Sherwood Dorman of Dushore detail, State Police, arrested Phillip L. Tilley, Jr., Tunkhannock, R.D. 3. lion with only a little more than at Mildred, in one of the stolen vehicles, Monday evening.

> State Police were put on the trail of the thief Saturday, December 27, when it was learned a 1941 Dodge sedan belonging to Miss Mary Jackson, Beaumont, had been stolen the previous night. Further investigation revealed that the home of Alpha Dymond and service station of Stanley Kozak, both in Beaumont, had been entered the same evening. A diamond ring and other jewelry were stolen from the Dymond home. Loot was piled on the counter at the Kozak station but the intruder had evidently been frightened away without taking anything.

> Tilley abandoned the Jackson sedan near Dushore and stole another car belonging to Joseph Obert of Dushore. He returned to the Jackson vehicle and removed the wheels and tires, which he had in the Obert car when captured. Neither car had been damaged and with the return of the wheels to Miss Jackson's machine, both were in

> Cpl. Francis Duffy, Dushore detail, said Tilley, who is 21, admitted two counts of auto theft in New Jersey at an undetermined time For one of these he served a year in Anondale Reformatory at Anondale, N.J. He served six months in the Army, receiving a medical discharge.

Tilley has been unemployed for some time. During the summer first half of 1946. In the first half he worked at various farms around Tunkhannock, where he said his parents live. Pvt. Harry Numan, Tunkhannock detail, State Police, is investigating Tilley's connections

Tilley was given a hearing at larceny of an automobile and burglary. He is being held for trial lice are investigating the possibility | ville for later distribution. that Tilley may have been the man who attacked Mrs. Ralph Balut at her home near Hay's Corners earlier the same night that the robberies occurred at Beaumont.

Citizens Want **Better Highway**

Move Is On To Take Over Trolley Roadbed

Petitions are out to have the State or County take over the old traction company right-of-way for a new highway from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kingston Township to Fernbrook Corners in Dallas Township.

Backers of the project say that the new highway will eliminate ment of their daughter, Beverly dangerous curves on the present county road which skirts Toby's Creek for a distance of several hundred feet.

Within the near future a meeting man High School and recently com- is planned with officials of Wyoming pleted a course in beauty culture Valley Motor Club, County Comin Philadelphia. At present she is missioners, State Highway officials employed at Barnes' Fairlawn and supervisors of both Kingston and Dallas Township in attendance.

Good Samaritan Has Auto Damaged On Mercy Errand

passing motorists.

Upon stopping, Mr. Mayberry other did not have enough gasoline. saving the child's life. Hearing this, Mayberry turned

The Tunkhannock Republican around and rushed the family to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Harold W. Mayberry, of East where the child, about one year Tioga Street, representative for old, was immediately placed in an Beacon Feeds, was enroute home oxygen tent. He waited until the from Wilkes-Barre Monday night. child had been properly admitted In the vicinity of Dallas he saw a to the institution, then brought the man and woman with a small child, parents back to their home, on a frantically summoning a ride from narrow dirt road, back from the main highway.

Enroute to the hospital, Mr. Maylearned that the child was very berry's car skidded on the icy street ill, and the parents had tried in and he hit a tree, damaging the Junior Class; Sara Cole and Freas vain to get neighbors to take them front end of the machine quite to a hospital. One gave the excuse badly. However, he had no regret Rena Adams and Mrs. Ira Button, that his car would not start. An- for this if his assistance aided in Beginner's Class.

Fred Anderson Is Installed As Recover Miss Jackson's Club President

Kiwanis Hears Report By Howard Isaacs On Underprivileged Work

Fred W. Anderson, Carverton wanis Club at an impressive installation program conducted Wednesday night at Irem Temple Country Club by Dr. J. P. Kuschel of Pittston, past lieutenant governor of the eleventh district of Pennsyl-

Other officers installed were Albert Schaffer, first vice president; Clarence Shaver, Jr., second vice president; John A. Parsons, secretary; David J. Joseph, treasurer; and directors: L. J. Troxell, immediate past president, John Henninger, George Montgomery, Samuel Thompson, Ralph Hazerine, Melvin Mosier, James Lenahan and James

In a brief address president Anderson outlined the program of the club for the year and asked for the united efforts of the club members to bring about an accomplishment of its objectives.

The past President's pin was presented to Leroy Troxell by David Joseph, a friend of thirty-five

Howard Isaacs, chairman of the under privileged children's committee gave a comprehensive report of the year's work and of the committee's activities at Christmas

Shoes, arctics and clothing were distributed to more than 100 children in five school districts of the Back Mountain area during the holidays. All of these children were between the ages of three

Mr. Isaacs spoke with feeling when he said that he had had no idea that such conditions existed in this area and that there were children who were actually not in school because they lacked adequate footwear and clothing. He said there was still an urgent need for Dushore Tuesday and charged with good used clothing and asked the members if this could not be obtained through personal contact and in the County jail at Dushore. Po- left at his business place in Trucks-

ments had been made in certain cases to aid crippled children and others in need of glasses.

There were forty present, among them several guests. Five new applications for mem-

Congregation **Names Officers**

pership were received

Rev. Button Starts Twelfth Year As Pastor

Reports were heard and officers elected to serve during 1947 at Christian Church on Saturday.

years was rehired for 1947. His son, Lewis W. Button was granted a local preacher's license by the all of which will converge at Or-

During Rev. Button's ministry many new members have been taken into the church so that it now has an active membership of about 155 persons.

Officers elected were: Jesse Hann, reasurer; Mrs. Della Hann, secretary; Loren Dodson was reelected trustee; other trustees are Jesse Hann and Charles Updyke; Mrs. Doris Cragle was named pianist and Arlene Dennis, Mrs. Sara Cole and Mrs. Walter Tworek were named as her assistants.

Church School officers elected on Sunday were: Fred Updyke, superintendent; Loren Dodson, assistant; Walter Tworek, secretary; Reynold Morris, treasurer; Mrs. Morris, assistant treasurer; Dilys Hunter, pianist; Sara Cole and Mrs. Walter Tworek, assistants.

Teachers are: Arthur Cragle, Men's Class; Mrs. Della Hand, Ladies Class; Mrs. Crawford Henry, Young People's Class; Crawford Henry, Morris, Intermediate Class; Mrs.

ended the year with all bills paid. the skiing is good.

Economy Store Changes Hands

6 CENTS PER COPY

Joe Schmerer Retires Because of Ill Health

Announcement was made on Monday that Harry Lee Smith, Mill Street, former Red Cross Field Director with the 82nd Airborne Division, has purchased Schmerer's Economy Store on Huntsville Road. Joseph Schmerer, who has owned the store since 1936 but who has been in ill health for the past several months, plans to retire. He

will continue his residence in Dallas. Mr. Schmerer has been in business in Dallas since July 1, 1936, when he entered a partnership with Barton Long under the firm name of Long & Schmerer. In 1938 he purchased Mr. Long's interest in the business and has since operated as Schmerer's Economy Store.

From the first Mr. Schmerer impressed the community with his knowledge of the grocery business. Having had years of previous experience with the A & P stores, he modernized the store, improved the lines and through courtesy, service, and fair-dealing, built the business to its present position in the community.

Both he and Mrs. Schmerer have taken an active interest and leadership in community life.

Before purchasing a home on Mill street last year, Mr. Smith was with the 82nd Airborne from its early campaigns in Africa, Sicily, to its D-Day invasion of France and campaigns in Belgium and Ger-

He is a graduate of Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre, and attended Duke University. He was assistant credit manager at Benesch's on Public Square and has field with Crolly Advertising Agency. He plans to continue the policies his wife, the former Dorothy Habblett, who has been with the Boston Store for the past eight years.

The store will be known as

Raymond Jones Joins Air Tour

Smith's Economy Store.

Local Pilot Will Fly To Florida

Raymond Jones, Jr., Fernbrook, will take part in the Sixth Annual Air Tour to Florida, an event which will bring into the air the largest number of private pilots in the history of aviation, Major Al Williams, noted speed flyer. Pulitzer trophy winner and head of the aviation department of the Gulf Oil Companies, has disclosed. Jones plans to take off after January 2nd from Scranton airport.

Designed to encourage cross-Tour is open to any pilot of a plane worked out Gulf Airways to Florida, lando, branching out from that city to both Florida's east and west coasts. Free oil and gasoline will be provided participants by Gulf dealers at some 70 intermediate refueling points along these air-

Beaumont Ski Tow Relocated

Mountain Trails And Slopes Now Available

Beaumont Ski Tow operated by Wyoming Valley Ski Club under auspices of Wyoming Valley Playground Association has relocated at Traver's Park, four miles north of Beaumont beyond Bowman's Creek on Route 309.

Relocation of the tow makes available mountain trails and slopes evening. and also affords an opportunity for watching the skiers from the high-

The club welcomes new members The church is free from debt and days, Sundays, and evenings when

Mrs. Habblett Is Arraigned In Murder Case

Back Mountain Highway Deaths and

ROSS TOWNSHIP

LAKE TOWNSHIP

Chase Woman Shot Her Husband Last Thursday Morning

The January Grand Jury will reeive for study today a transcript of the arraignment of Mrs. Pearl Habblett, Chase, charged with the murder of her husband William Habblett at their combination store and home in Chase on the morning of January 2. Mrs. Habblett was given a hearing at the office of Squire William Roberts of Kingston, Wednesday afternoon.

Condition of Mrs. Habblett's health held up the arraignment for a week. She has been a patient at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital since the fatal shooting and was returned there after the hearing. Doctor Joseph Erhart, her physician, protested removal of Mrs. Habblett from the hospital, maintaining that a condition of shock persisted and it would be dangerous to move his patient. It was pointed out to him that the transcript would have to be in the hands of the January Grand Jury by Friday. Otherwise the case would not be considered now and would be remanded to the next session of the Grand Jury. Time elapsed between sessions would have to be spent in jail by Mrs. Habblett. Dr. Erhart agreed to an arraignment Wednesday. Mrs. Habblett was taken to Squire Roberts' office for the hearing and returned to her hospital room immediately after.

Arraignment evolved from the fatal shooting of William Habblett, been engaged in the advertising 57, in Chase early in the morning of January 2. A son. Forrest, living at home, heard a revolver shot established by Mr. Schmerer and at two in the morning. Hurriedly will be assisted in the store by dressing, he left his room to find his mother standing at the top of the stairway holding a shotgun. He wrested the gun from her grasp. During the struggle the gun was accidently discharged, blowing a hole in a partition. Forrest then hurried downstairs to the part of the building used as a store and found his father dead with a .22 revolver in his hand. He called the Dallas operator and asked her to send

Testimony and evidence gathered later leads police to believe Mr. Habblett had disarmed his wife after being shot and made his way downstairs to where he died.

Mrs. Habblett was immediately removed to Nesbitt Hospital where she was described as being in shock. She was placed under technical arrest and a police guard was established at her room.

Unusual circumstances surround the tragedy. Neighbors believe that Mrs. Habblett considered herself to be dying of an incurable disease and had requested her husband to turn country flying, this unusual Air their small business over to their son. They also state that relations the annual meeting of Sweet Valley of 125 horsepower or less. Several between the couple had not been thousand private pilots from all amicable for many years and that Rev. Ira Button who has served over the country are expected to a continual state of bickering exas minister for the past eleven take part in this flight. Pilots will isted between them. Rumors peruse the nearest of four especially sisted that Mrs. Habblett had taken poison after the shooting. Her son reported that she drank out of a small, unlabeled bottle after her husband was shot and before police had arrived. A stomach pump was used on her admittance to the hospital but no trace of poison was found. There is some question of her mental condition at the time of the shooting.

Services were conducted for Mr. Habblett Saturday, January 3, from the Bronson Funeral Home, Sweet Valley. Rev. E. J. Waterstripe officiated at the services and at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Edward Lamoreaux, Thomas Johnson, David Litz, Harold Bertram, Albert Cadwalader and William Lance.

Answer Silent Alarm

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company answered a silent alarm at the home of Dr. J. C. Fleming during the heavy snow storm Sunday

Smoke issuing from partitions alarmed the family who were unable to find the source. James Besecker Sr., James Besecker Jr., and will operate the tow Satur- and Paul Shaver rseponded. They found no flames, but a smoke leak in the furnace.