

PRISONER OF WAR CAMP Eleven Back Mountain Men In Final Drill On Sunday

402nd Military Police Prisoner of War Camp held its last training session for the year Sunday at the U.S. Army Reserve Training Center, East End Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre.

Eleven Back Mountain men who took part were: Lt. Col. Carl Burt Olsen, Executive Officer, Terrace Ave., Trucksville; Maj. Jack H. Magee, Perrin Ave., Shavertown; Maj. John J. Mulhern, Joseph St., Dallas; 2nd Lt. Robert Richardson, Terrace Ave., Dallas; Sgt. Robert Franklin, Pioneer Ave., Trucksville; Sp5 William Hill Jr., Rd5, Shavertown; Sp5 Robert W. Johnson, Carverton Rd., Trucksville; Sp5 John Berti, Main St., Shavertown; Sp4 Theodore Newcomb, Parrish St., Dallas; Sp4 James Kelly Jr., Orchard Ave., Dallas and Sp4 Steve E. Carlin, Spring St., Dallas.

Training in the all-day drill consisted of a command post exercise in operation of prisoner of war camps in simulated combat zones as part of an overall mock war, under the supervision of the units Operations and Training section.

In general, the play of the problem consisted of player reactions to certain situations and requirements which were made known during the exercise. The stage for the exercise was set at an orientation period held immediately after morning roll-call at 7:45, and further instructions and orders to players were handed down from higher headquarters during the exercise.

The exercise was temporarily halted at noon to enable unit members to enjoy a roast beef dinner served at the center by the units mess section headed by food service supervisor M/Sgt. Abraham Drury of Wilkes-Barre. Following dinner, religious services were conducted by the unit Chaplains, Lt. Col. Lyle O. Snyder conducted Protestant services and 1st Lt. Joseph Flannery celebrated Mass for Catholics.

The exercise continued about 1:15 and concluded at 4:45 P.M. The 402nd meets on Monday evenings and their next meeting will be January 15th, 1962.

Betty Cease Injures Head On Door-Jamb
Betty Cease, Franklin Street, has a bad concussion from a blow on the side of her head, sustained when she fell against the door jamb while unpacking Christmas merchandise at her gift shop on the main highway, Dallas, Admitted Friday evening to Nesbitt Hospital after being given first aid at Dr. Richard E. Crompton's office. Mrs. Cease was permitted to come home Tuesday evening, but warned to stay in bed because of the concussion.

Gives Christmas Tree
The beautiful Christmas tree and ornaments at Back Mountain Memorial Library is the gift of David Schooley.

Brass Choir Is In Big Demand

Musicians Made Tour Of Valley Yesterday

Lake-Lehman Brass Ensemble made its first appearance last week at General Hospital where it entertained patients with a seasonal program.

The choir, is composed of members of the brass section, of the 120-member award-winning band.

Scheduled appearances for the current season included Dec. 9, Sweet Valley Youth for Christ Christmas Party and Friendship Class Community Party at Lehman Methodist Church; Dec. 11, Lehman-Jackson-Ross P. T. A.; Dec. 12, Auxiliary Christmas Party of Jackson Fire Department; yesterday a Valley Tour covering Luzerne County Court House noon, Valley Crest at 1 and Veterans' Hospital at 2:00 p.m.; Dec. 19, Lake-Lehman Band Parent Association meeting at the Lake School; and Dec. 22, Church School Christmas Program and party at the Idetown Methodist Church.

Anyone desiring the services of the ensemble during the current season is requested to contact the director of any member of the Band Parents Association.

The group is composed of Richard Williams, Narrator; Trumpets: Larry Carpenter, Jay Ruckel, Thomas Ridout, James Worth, Adam Gardecki, David Sutton, Ronnie Culver, Richard Sarmonis, Sheldon Ehret, Scott Miller, Homer Baker, and Douglas Ide, Bass: William Ehret, John Fielding, Anthony Stefanowicz and Bruce Anderson, Baritone: Marsha Thomas, Ronnie Vineski, Marion Perkins, Trombones: Timothy Swanson, Joan Fielding, Eunice Oney, Alan Landis, Cheryl Thomas, Sue Fielding, Garry Hackling and Joseph Kernag, and Melophones: Wilma Long and Shirley Roskoski.

Members were selected after they had completed minimum individual practice requirements over an eight-week period.

During the Valley Tour the group was welcomed by Edward W. Lopatto, President Judge of the Orphan's Court, at the Court House; by Dr. Alfred C. Kraft at Valley Crest, and by Gene Boylan, Chief of Recreation at the Veterans Hospital.

The tour was arranged by Edward C. Ruckel, Acting Deputy to Helen A. O'Connor, Register of Wills, with the cooperation of the above-named persons and J. Bowen Northrup, Jarrett W. Jennings and Edmund McCullough, County Commissioners; Robert Morgan, Chief Clerk and Edward Love, Purchasing Agent; Anthony Marchakitus, Principal of the Lake-Lehman High School and Lester B. Squier, Supervising Principal.

Carl Swanson is president of the Band Parents Association.

SP/5 Alton Whittaker Is In Texas Hospital

Sp/5 Alton R. Whittaker is a patient at Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, Ward 43G, where he is submitting to tests. His parents the Alton Whittakers of Church Street, Dallas, recently visited him at the Warner Robbins Hospital in Georgia before he was transferred to the Brooke Hospital.

He will not be home for Christmas. He'd love to hear from old friends.

Mount Zion :- Carverton :- Orange

PICTURES EVERYWHERE

Across from Dave Perry's awhile back I saw bulldozers at work in the steep roadside bank. Later on forms were up for cellar walls. Then the walls. First five feet or so of rock were dynamited out so that what had looked like a side hill became a level elevation, and now a house was rising. Panels of windows were being fitted into the framework. Rafters were being laid. I spoke to the workmen up on the roof on how fast the framing had gone up. They laughed and said, "It hasn't seemed fast to us!"

The builder is Donald Bennett of Wilkes-Barre. One of the workmen apparently lives in the "parish" of the Dallas Post. The owners of the house are Andrew and Margaret Stelma.

Mrs. Stelma is the former Margaret Matti and her people live on a knoll over across the new house. There is to be a picture window. Believe me, that section of the region has pictures fit to be framed in wide front windows. The Weatherlys, a few doors up the road, have binoculars handy by their picture window and spy across the landscape to Bald Mountain where Newton and Milwaukee snuggle at the foot. In the line of vision the Mt. Zion church points heavenward.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stelma on their new home created out of rock ledges with gifted imagination.

THE VERSITILE PARRY FAMILY WORKS WITH RUGS BEES AND BEEF

Joe and Freda Perry over at Orange are old friends of ours. Joe used to be a prominent chicken man. Freda is a craftswoman of exceptional skills. Rugs, tapestries, chair caning, furniture refinishing all speak of her artistry. Joe and I recalled the picnic we went on once. He drove ahead in his Ford; we followed. Suddenly his left front wheel spun off and rolled down hill. The axledragged on the ground, ruining the threads. He jacked up the car, slid the wheel on, but had no way to keep it there. In my tool box I fished out a large safety pin of the blanket type. I put that through the cotter-pin hole in the axle, clasped the pin, and Joe drove two miles home with his front wheel pinned on with a safety pin! Freda says she still has that pin.

Well, now their son, Bill, has built a home next door and Bill and his wife Priscilla operate a bee business. And last Sunday their honey of a child, Margaret Priscilla was baptized at the Orange Methodist church. People

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Bees and beef go well together, for Bill also raises Angus beef cattle. He has recently acquired the DeRemer farm in Vernon where he will expand his cattle interests. Wish you could see this pretty sight at the edge of our freezing pond. Low evergreen twigs pretending they are old fashioned makers of candles by the hand dipped method swing down into the fluid water at the pond bank, then up into the freezing breeze, the down into the water and up again. Twigs are coated layer upon layer with crystal fingers. Like candle dipping!

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By ancient prophets of Thy way,
We thank Thee for Thy Holy Word,
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For words of comfort, joy, and peace

Within Thy sacred Scriptures stored,
For hope and pardon and release
We praise Thy holy name, O Lord.

O write Thy law within each heart;
Keep Thou our lives beneath Thy sway;
O may Thy Word to us impart
The richest blessing of Thy way.

It was a good sized junior choir of ten that sang last Sunday at Mt. Zion under the leadership of Mrs. Michael Hronich. They were as follows: Nadine Van Tuyle, Jackie Van Tuyle, Karen Hronich, Corliss Hurrey, Susan LaBar, Sharon LaBar, Diane Earl, Dawn Shafer, Linda Shafer, Ernie Hoover.

Pastor Reid rode with me to the special Conference in Binghamton. We chatted all the way, talking of sermons, jokes, Methodists, chicanes and evening groesbaks. Ruth and Catherine went along to visit my brother's daughter, Sally Lyon. From the back seat Ruth reminded me that the more I talked the more slowly I drove, and please keep both hands on the wheel!

IN HIS FOURTH HARNESS
We left Tuffy with Dr. George Flack until we got back, meanwhile he was to get his vaccination against rabies. Said the doctor, "My! How he has grown!" Yes, he's in his fourth harness now, size 30. He was ready to eat us alive when we got back. He's what we call a "people dog."

Evening groesbaks, big, bold and beautifully brassy, have swooped in on us after getting word from their scouts that we still run a bird-eater. Six at a time on the feeder chew sunflower seeds, letting the shucks spill out of the corner of their mouths.

HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU
A mail box down the road toward Wyoming Camp Ground has the name "Ralph Swan" on it. House is just beyond Bill Allings, a solid stone building covered with pure white stucco. One day I phoned Bill Alling if he would help get our old stove out of the kitchen. Over he came, bringing Ralph Swan with him. Out that stove went and down cellar. Ralph looked at me and said: "Haven't I seen you somewhere?" He's quite new in Mt. Zion, but he remembered meeting me on the old Dimock Camp Ground years ago.

Ralph has a nice family. Mrs. Swan is the former Shirley Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson of Trucksville. She was of the class of '50 at old "K T", and was graduated as a nurse in '53 from Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. Ralph works at Hess Inc. in Scranton. Their children are Georgette, 6, Claudette 5, and Ralph Jr. 1. As

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graceful a line-up of Swans as ever swam on a lake! I have asked Mrs. Swan to let me know if she ever has any news for The Dallas Post.

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Trucksville Scouts Plan Holiday Dance

Mothers of Trucksville Girl Scout Troop 67 are sponsoring a dance for members and friends in St. Theresa's Hall, Shavertown, December 15, from 7:30 to 10:30. Jonnie Forester will act as master of ceremonies.

Chairman of the affair is Mrs. Arthur Reimiller; of refreshments, Mrs. Elmer Nagle. Chaperones will be Mesdames Robert Siegfried, John Dana, John Martin, Richard Garman and James L. Brown.

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Army Announces Novel Program

Area youths who contemplate enlisting in the U. S. Army this month are invited to take advantage of the Army's "Operation Holiday" Enlistment Program, according to M/Sgt. Joseph E. Potera, local Army Recruiter.

A recently announced recruiting policy offers local men and women an opportunity to enlist in the Army December 18 to December 29 and remain home for both Christmas and New Year holidays before reporting for basic training.

Department of the Army has authorized up to seventeen days advance leave for persons enlisting during the holiday season.

A person enlisting under this program will receive a guarantee that he or she will spend two of the three Christmases during his or her three-year enlistment period at home if he desires. Pay begins the day of enlistment. Persons enlisting under this program will already have accumulated up to half a month's pay when they report to their initial duty stations.

Further information about the Army's new holiday leave program may be had by calling Sgt. Potera COLLECT at REgent 5-6980 or visiting his office at the City Hall Building, W. Main St., Nanticoke, office hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Democratic Women Meet For Christmas Dinner

The South District Democratic women met at Gultus Inn for a Christmas party. A dinner was of lobster and turkey. Carols and songs were sung. A skit "Who Left the Hose out to Freeze" was given. Gifts were exchanged and secret pals revealed.

Those who enjoyed the evening were: Mary Nienius, Eleanor Wesoloski, Helen Nalbach, Helen Novak, Delores Sorber daughter Kathy, Ida Berger, Leona McHugh, Cora Hoover, Cindy Disque, Joan Rogowski, Lela Bullford, Florence Wesley, daughter Donna Lee, Veronica Michnavitch, Virginia Gennetts, Mary Mihalshin, Mildred Darnell daughter Bernadine Mary Newell daughter Patricia, Cora Kraft, Martha Hoover, Elsie Paniczo, and Josie Hummel. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Alfred Rogowski at Pikes Creek January 8-62.

Idetown Party Sunday

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