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# IN THE RUT AND ON THE RISE

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## In the Rut and On the Rise

(By our Newsgatherer)

While driving along Ridge Road, on Monday, shopward-bound with a pocket full of copy, we were halted by a traffic officer who warned us about cutting corners in the business district. Quite metropolitan!

Something went wrong with the cozy ma goozis of our Seed Ann and we were forced to draw up in front of the repair shop, on Tuesday afternoon. The Boss always likes to hear of these occurrences. As near as Sam, the mechanical miracle worker could understand the transgression had been shot to pieces.

The cop, from over at Blue Bell, added a new horn to the equipment of his chug-wagon. He reports that it works fine, only the car has so much speed and the horn blows so slowly, that occasionally the machine runs right into the foot.

The photograph nut, of Rector street, who earned a camera selling gold letters for automobile doors, took several valuable pictures of the sun from various angles yesterday.

One of our most enterprising druggists negotiated a big deal last week, when he sent several gallons of arnica and other liniments across the street, to one of the local financial institutions, where several younger members of the bank, were in training for the dance at the Banker's Banquet, on Saturday.

We heard one prominent business man make the remark that the income tax and the 18th amendment were two pieces of legislation that have disclosed more dishonest people than the Horse Thieves Association ever did.

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A paradox:

We tear around this good old town, That's built upon a bevel, And though it has its ups and downs, Its folks are on the level.

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One of the mail carriers, in Upper Roxborough, is hoping that a move can be inaugurated to arrange everybody on the route in alphabetical order. But none of those progressive people will want to be classified among the "J's."

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Conversation, heard outside Emery Post, on Green lane: "If you were asked to sing, do it. It is their own fault."

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We heard enough of a golf game, while waiting for a Wissahickon-bound trolley, on Wednesday, to furnish sufficient sulphur to make a Mack load of safety matches.

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Back through the years:  
I wish I were a kid again,  
For I'm a gray haired dub,  
And years is all that bar me,  
From the Empress Kiddie Club.

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The scene: Manayunk avenue, at Roxborough. Automobile with flat tire.

Driver—"Who's responsible for the state o' these bing-bang streets?"

Passing Parson—"Providence, my friend."

Driver—"Aw! Don't I know where I am? This ain't Rhode Island."

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We understand that one of our popular Wissahickon plumbers is in receipt of two new bath tubs, which are to be installed in a local rooming house in the near future. An arrangement has been made with the landlady and the pastor of the church, next door, that the tubs shall not be used on Sunday morning, so that there will be no interruptions of the operation of the church organ during service, for lack of water.

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This week's puzzle: If the lady, on Jamestown avenue, saves seventeen cents a week, by going down town to buy a \$38 rug for \$37.83, how many weeks before she will have saved enough to pay her husband's way to the poorhouse?

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When it comes to manipulating bones, that High Brown, down on Cresson street, can give points to any osteopath.

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One the "Dinkey":

The conductor grinned as he heard the bell,

As he changed another dime,  
And he called to the motorman out  
in front,

"We're called to another climb."

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The sage of Main street says: "If a man has egotism he talks about himself, if he has enterprise, he sends for the advertising man."

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For the benefit of some of our complaining fellow-townsmen, we are requested to announce that the portion of Saturday evening's program from Station W. I. Zip, to which they took exception, was not merely the tuning up of instruments, as they seem to suppose, but an operetta entitled, "Die Gotterdammerung."

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Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast. But that guy who lives on Dupont street and runs his radio every available minute, forgets that at times his neighbors are civilized.

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This humble scribe is still laughing at the joke about the women wearing wooden clothes and the knotholes dropping out.

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We couldn't help but smile when we heard of the little chap, from the top of Wissahickon hill, who when he saw the bologna in a Mitchell street butcher shop, exclaimed, "Look, mudder, I see a big hot dog!" His imagination was ambitious, the remark was bright, and we'd like to call him "sun."

Speaking of holes in the streets: What becomes of the dirt that was originally under the surface of the paving? We see various workmen taking up bricks, Belgian blocks, or asphalt and making repairs and so forth, for which privilege they have to pay the city, and then they pile the dirt back and replace the top paving, making a regular mound of the job. In a few weeks, after heavy motor traffic has pounded down the mound, there appears a hole. Holes, as we see them, are all alike, whether in a street, in a sock, or in a bank account; something comes out, but you can't easily explain where it went.

How come, Copper, that an ash cart can have its license plate nailed on behind the seat, and when the cart is filled with rubbish, the plate can be obscured? Isn't this a violation of the law? We wanted to read you the other day, when we saw the driver break a traffic regulation, but

couldn't see the number on account of the load he hauled.

We wandered far from home on Friday, down to the center of the city, and who do you think we saw? None other than Rev. William Robert Rearick, who used to teach spiritual things at the Talmage Reformed Church, on Pechin street. We had a lengthy conversation and he asked to be remembered to all his friends in this neighborhood.

Easter is on us. We know from the signs that we see on the street. We happened to observe the last Christmas tree being hauled to the dump, up in Upper Roxborough, on Wednesday.

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We ate lunch, last Saturday, in a well-known restaurant on Cresson street, and heard one fellow, who was also "filling in," play Chopin's Serenade, with a bowl of soup. He certainly made a veritable symphony of sound.

Sam, the miracle mechanic, did something to the carburetor of Seedy Ann, our S. X. conveyance, on Friday. She didn't seem to want to pick up at all on Monday and Tuesday, when it was dark and dismal, but when the sun came out, on Wednesday. Yea Boy, she was like a buckin' broncho. We put two dents in the roof, with our head, when we raced past the 8th and 9th holes, on the Fountain street Public Golf Course.

In some countries you can tell if a girl is single or married by looking at her hair. If she lives near the

Ridge, or along Main street, you can't even tell if its a girl.

A Roxborough pharmacist; James. Sells drugs with botanical names. But the stories he'll tell, If they don't make you well, Impel you to grin, just the same.

You ead awdways dell id's Eedster, wed beebul tawk lig thiz, frub a code id the hed.

According to a local automobile dealer, there is an inventor, who is about to bring forth a car called "The Answer to a Maiden's Prayer." It will be fully equipped with a vanity case, 18 mirrors, electric curling iron, go-light, dashboard lip stick and powder puff, embroidery hoop on the steering wheel and the one-way horn that says, "Oh, I beg your pardon!"

Dignity is all right in its place, but it didn't help a fat old boy catch a train the other morning, at the Wissahickon station.

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Believe it or not: We were taking our every-other-day snooze in a Ridge avenue barber shop, when a member of a fire engine company came in to borrow a ladder. Can you imagine it? And with a "hook and ladder" in the fire house?

We saw a sign, on a house being erected in Roxborough, that read: "Cabinet work being done by Carpenter & Wood." By name and by trade, eh wot?

An overgrown tom-cat ran across Cresson street as the 5.20 came by on Wednesday. The violin string market took a sudden drop.

The street cleaner held up his shovel, which contained a varied as-

sortment of hair consumed cigarette butts. A bewhiskered individual, who was passing, walked over to the curb, picked out a stump and said, "I'll take a Ship of the Desert."

Feminine conversation, overheard on the hill top: "I just discovered the most adorable shoe shop. It is the cutest place you ever laid your eyes on. And they do sell the most marvelous shoes just to suit your nicest dresses. They are actually the most stunning things. And believe men, Marilyn, the charges are unbearably reasonable—in fact they are really cheap."

Our new loud speaker, the "Stat-icola" is hooked up to a "Knock-a-Day" receiver, with a Home Breaker circuit. We get all the fights, without even tuning in. And you never heard such music. We feel we will never know what complete radio satisfaction means until we have thrown the Stat-icola out the window.

In the Spring the influenza softly paints the mortal nose.

With the gorgeous tints suggestive of the loudly blushing rose.

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The popular indoor sport of the day: Questionnaires. Look this set over, that was handed to the writer, by a candidate for Norristown.

Who killed Macbeth? I didn't even know he had died.

Can the average man support two wives? Sure, if they both get a job.

For what is Roxborough noted? The Horse Thieves Association.

Does anything travel as fast as light? Yep, Bogle's truck.

Whose automobile stood all night in the rain? Ask the Woodpeckers.

Which pressman adopted a disguise? Jim Gallagher.

What slogan writer will win the

Manayunk Contest? Read next weeks "News."

What is R. V. R? Ask Bob Roach.

Newspaper men are supposed to know something about everything, but to date, we haven't been able to learn what is written in the diary of a certain Wissahickon miss. The young lady keeps it locked up in a safety deposit box at the Manayunk Trust Company's Wissahickon branch.

Overheard in a Manayunk Barber Shop: "Is it true, that bleaching the hair causes insanity? "Well, I know a fellow who is simply crazy over a blonde."

Last Wednesday we felt like a down-right criminal. We killed time, smothered a laugh and murdered the English language. On our way home we ran across an old friend.

Wives who think that their husbands never did anything clever in their lives, should remember that the old dear married them.

We won't tell his name, but he was employed as a laborer for a local contractor. When the "A's" opened on Wednesday, he took the day off, without permission, to attend the ball game. When he woke up on Thursday morning, he found a letter addressed to him, from his boss, telling him that his services were no longer requested. On Monday he donned his overalls and went to work.

The superintendent was surprised to see him and asked the laborer if he didn't get the letter telling him he was fired.

"Sure" said our hero, "but that was only on the inside. You ought to see what was on the outside."

The boss was curious and asked what was on the outside.

On the envelope, up in the left hand corner, was printed, "Return in 3 days to John Doe, Contractor."

The laborer is still laboring for dough.

3-10-27

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The latest bedtime story. This tale is guaranteed to make anyone go to sleep.

A reporter for the News, called upon John Kelpius at his apartments, along the Wissahickon Drive, this morning. This is the gentleman who announced in last week's issue that he had just discovered that Manayunk's Biggest Event was coming, and by virtue of his prerogative as minister plenipotentiary from the Court of Hizzoner Freeel the 1st, had annexed us to the City of Philadelphia, and called upon us to pay our taxes for the past forty centuries, forthwith. Dr. Kelpius is a handsome young gentleman, about the color of a briar pipe, and gives one the impression that he is a man of force and character. He graduated from Pencoyd University in the class of 1635 with the degree of doctor of pig iron. He received our reporter, most amiably, and showed a readiness to talk, which is indeed refreshing, when it is remembered that he receives \$5 per word for giving lessons in tobacco chewing over the radio from Station B. U. Z.

"What is your object in coming here, Kel?" we asked.

"I have several reasons," he replied. "In the first place Manayunk's Biggest Event is coming. In the second place the Fourth Reformed Church is going to celebrate a Centennial, the Wissahickon Business Men are going to run a benefit at the Wissahickon Theatre, the East Falls folks are running their third annual river carnival, and I would like to linger around until the Levering Theatre opens sometime this year."

Mr. Kelpius and his staff, consisting of Messrs. Seelig, Bony and Mathias, will be entertained at dinner, tonight, by the Woodpeckers Association, at the Greasy Spoon Inn. They will retire at Charley Bogles.

We sat in a Manayunk avenue Bar-

ber Shop the other day as it just dawned on us why the women crowd into such places instead of patronizing a beauty parlor. They must remember what a bum haircut Dellah gave Samson.

We wouldn't dare tell you who it was, but he was taking his one and only out for a walk the other day along Terrace street. "Think he looks like me?" he asked a friend who stopped to bid him the time of the day. "Well—no," answered his friend, looking at the youngster a moment. "He is a queer-looking little chap, but I wouldn't go as far as to say that he looks like you."

I wrote these lines one midnight, dreary, and I pondered sad and weary.

My brain devoid of thoughts, until it made me sore,

While I scribbled, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping, As of some fool loudly rapping, rapping down at my front door.

"I just heard another story, and you will have to write some more."  
Only that and nothing more.

6-1-27

## In the Rut and On the Rise

The seer of Allegheny avenue, says: "When you are ordering that new heating system, this summer, send for a musical plumber. You know—one who has been trained to the knowledge of just what rhythm the radiators will knock in. Be sure of their musical accomplishments before the radiators are installed. Have the plumber test them with a metronome. What's the use of having a radiator if it can't knock out the Black Bottom?"

You, dear reader, can indulge in true economy, without being a miser, if you peruse the advertisements on this page.

Notice to people in Upper Roxborough: If a black cat, with a white stripe down its back, crosses your path, it is time to go home and change your clothes.

The Queen Lane Manor philosopher.

observed, as he noticed all the new building operations; that even a hod carrier has to shoulder his responsibilities.

When the cashier in a Ridge avenue restaurant turns her head away, it's a sign that she knows her onions.

Right here, I want to say a great many things may be wrong with a typewriter. The greatest fault is with the letter "I." If the capital "I" should become paralyzed, the world would be a silent place in which to live.

It was an elevating thought that impelled the Montgomery County School Board to erect a "High" school, at the topmost point in West Manayunk.

On Tuesday night, the Bard of Baker street broke out with this:

"Let's go over the river, boys,  
Let's go over, tonight,  
For Promoter Joseph Kennedy,  
Is going to stage a fight.  
A good, old-fashioned boxing match,  
'Twill be a glorious sight,  
So, let's go over the river, boys,  
And let's go over tonight."

We kinda think that the writer of that hopeful song, "It Ain'ta Gwine To Rain No Mo" musta bin a newspaper man. Scribes swear at the weather and church people pray for a change and neither one gets much satisfaction.

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We heard a Midvale avenue philosopher say the other day: "It's a fact, that a boarder only gets half as much mileage, as a married man, out of a pair of socks."

It looks as though The News will have to get out an "Airplane Edition," as the whole blamed world is up in the air about Lindy, Chamberlain and Levine.

We were Essexing around Wissahickon when we heard this one: His bathroom was overflowing, when he heard a voice from the apartment below yelling, "Blankety, Blank, Blank, what do you mean, up there? Shut that water off! Ding! Dang! Darn!"

So he softly answered, "Say, say,

friend, you musn't talk that way. My wife is up here." And this retort floated up the stairs to him. "Well, what do you suppose I've got down here with me—a duck?"

An Umbria street man wanted to buy his wife a birthday present. He thought of everything—a watch, a ring, a car, a necklace, a dress, a vanity case, a dog, a goldfish bowl, a hat, lingerie, silk stockings, a victrola, a kitchen cabinet and still couldn't decide. A friend suggested a book. "No," said the U. S. man, "She's got a book."

Ad in a street car. "Keeps your hair neat, rich-looking and orderly. Don't let your hair stand up. Keep it neat with Greasola. The most stubborn hair will lie down when it sees a bottle of Greasola.

Three hundred million men are anxious to know of a better way to remove whiskers. Including Bill Rogers. Demutation—the explosive method of mastering beards—makes a razor as useles as the tassels on an umbrella. Why shave or shove your whiskers off when you can blow them off? Just a little pinch of dynamite, a little gaso-

line—hot or cold—and a safety match. Blooey, off goes old Dan Beard. Then a dash of Iodine, invigorating, maddening to send your pulses tingling. After that a few shakes of Talcum for Males—man-colored—soothing and cooling, and you are ready for the day's fray. No breakfast required.

"Yes, Mary, when Mr. Cobb met Miss Webb, he got stuck on her as soon as he spied 'er."

This here now column will have to be very short this week (cries of gratitude) for the writer expects to attend the East Falls Business Men's Outing, this afternoon.

6-15-27

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Here's a pithy one we picked out of "Splinters" the sharp little house-organ of Hattal-Taylor Post:

"Anne and I are studying agriculture."

"Well, here's one for you. 'When does the sap arise?'"

"I don't know, she sleeps in the other room."

And there you are.

I am only a little egg, but you should see the way folks get out of my way. It's a scream the way they try to escape contact with me, and I really don't look ferocious. When they come to cross my path, it is laughable to witness their confusion, and their sudden stops. You would think that I was a traffic cop—or a gunman. Oh, weel! I dinna mind it. They leave me to myself and permit me to go my way in peace. I can readily understand their fear of me, for you see, I drive a ten-ton city ash truck.

It is reported that the wife of a prominent East Falls butcher has been busy since that Ambler trip, repaving the seat of said P. E. F. B.'s trousers. The accident happened in the ninth inning of a tug-of-war match, when another "big boy" pulled for the butcher's opponents. The size of him who wears the trousers makes it a long time job to resew them.

She was a dumb Dora. She thought Romano was a fighter; that the Volstead Act was a law; that there were more suckers in the Schuylkill than there are in Spring Mill; that "Sick" didn't know how to write, and none of her friends told her any different.

The new Nevermove Nine is a great old bus. Your family can't go wrong in a Nevermove—they can't go anywhere. "The Nevermove's place is in your garage" say the manufacturers, who claim that they never get any messages from grateful users.

The beer-makers of Europe are all exicted over these American hops.

A well-known Ridge avenue tire dealer stepped on a nail last week. Use your imagination on what followed. After the blue smoke had subsided—bed a day—came a couple of days—and then a lot of limps. A half-pint comedian came in and walked up to the cripple and wise-cracked: "Why don't you get it vulcanized?"

Any night in the week several thousand men, who dwell in the Rut and on the Rise, don't want to go home. But on Wednesday they can't help themselves. They can't get there fast enough, to enjoy the newly arrived copy of The News. Whether you are single or persecuted, six or sixty, an iron-worker or a bank clerk, living on your income, or your wife's, we have a proposition you should look into.

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The fruit dealer, on Main street, says, "A grape fruit si a lemon that had a chance and took it."

Reminising around Hattal-Taylor Post, one lad told this:

"He came into an enlistment booth. His name was rat. And he had imbid-ed several drink-

'I want to enlist.'

'How old are you?'

'Thirty-four.'

'Too old—you can't fight.'

'Who sez I can't?'

He peeled off his coat, licked the enlistment officer and wiped the place out before enough cops arrived to stop him."

Complaint from the Editor: "Just about the time the fish bite best, it seems the work was never so far behind." Last weeks' twelve-page edition saved the lives of a number of the finny tribe.

There is a farmer, in Upper Roxborough, who is quite a sage, when we stop to consider. He says, "The early bird catches the worm, while the "lame duck" hobbles along hungry."

"Twas the night before pay day,

And all through my jeans,  
I searched in vain, for

The price of some beans.  
There was no two-bit stirring,

Not even a jit,  
The kale had all vanished,

Milled-edges had quit,  
Onward, rush onward,

Oh, Time in thy flight,  
Let tomorrow, be today,

Just for tonight.

If you happen to see any cripples hobbling around Roxborough and Manayunk, take another look. It may be the old family physician. Some of them have an idea they are still youths, and went out to play ball last Thursday. There was a sudden rise in the arnica and liniment market.

That's been attended to.



# In the Rut and On the Rise

With the schools all closed, we, who drive up and down the Ridge, expect to see a lessening of the sign of the thumb. If you have ever motored up our main highway, just after school hours, you have probably seen the boys standing along the curb, with clenched fists, and extended thumbs, jerking their hands in the direction they would like to get a ride. Not one or two, of them, but in dozen lots, and it is evident that most of the "kids" were successful with the sign, or it would not have become so universal. Just leave it to the young 'uns.

An old man, on Leveringtoh avenue said, "A man celebrates his birthday, by taking a day off, but women celebrate it by taking a year off."

We would sincerely appreciate it, if the young gentleman, who swiped the most valuable tool of our profession, our fountain pen, when we laid it on a counter to search our pockets for a mislaid memorandum, would come back and leave \$1.25, the price we just paid for having it repaired. Some people's nerve is like a cow's cud, if they'd lose it they'd die.

We observed a West Manayunk farmer admiring the blossoms on his potato vines, and were inspired to remark that the flowers look nice, but you can't cook 'em.

Outside of the Memorial Hospital:  
"I see you have your arm in a sling. Broken, isn't it?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"Meet with an accident?"  
"No; broke it while trying to pat myself on the back."  
"Great Scott! What for?"  
"For minding my own business."

The wise guy, of the Editorial room, observed this, one day last week: You were created with two eyes, two ears, and one mouth for a purpose." That has all the earmarks of a dirty crack, but it certainly has the depth of the Atlantic.

Advertisement: Wanted, good fertile sauerkraut seed. Jay Hawk.

The red-haired composing room boss

asked us, "How do you find business?" and we wisecracked back, "Only after the hardest kind of work."

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We overheard a fat man, complaining in a Manayunk haberdashery, as follows: "The only thing that fits me, ready made, is a handkerchief."

An amateur plumber recently installed a new porcelain bath tub in a house on Ridge avenue. The master of the house, after due deliberation decided to take a bath and carried out his intention. Stepping from the bathtub and glancing at his manly form, he was horrified to find he was covered with red blotches. With visions of small-pox, measles and other dreaded diseases, he consulted a physician. The latter after looking him over, recommended turpentine.

"Turpentine" shouted the bather, "I can't take that stuff."

"Oh you don't have to take it," the doctor reassured him, "you rub it on the outside. You are covered with paint."

The plumber evidently used too much red lead in connecting the bathtub fittings.

## Our Own Personals

Mr. Luce Ledger, of Lyceum avenue Sundayed with the lawn mower.

Mr. Woodby Spryer, and his son, Izzie, of Bowman street, baseballed in the back yard on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. X. Flatdwelller, of East Walnut lane, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a hundred feet of garden hose.

Mrs. Handel Hoe, of Rochelle avenue, presented her husband with a beautiful radish on Monday. This is the first of the season.

A lot of lighter-than-air stuff is being written about heavier-than-air craft.

An Ainslie street man, in East Falls

says: "Flyfishing is reel sport. And that's no moving picture."

Now that June is over and we realize that fools rush in where bachelors fear to wed.

No man can understand:  
A girl's love for clothes.  
A girl's love.  
A girl.

News Item of 1899: "The Silver Cornet Band will give a musicale at the Yellow School House, next Saturday evening. Cotton Doughnuts, our police force, will be on hand to keep everybody quiet, except the band.

The barber on Main street is not able to have a barber pole yet, and in the meantime will stand in front of his place of business with a striped collar on.

There is a fellow in East Falls who has traveled a great deal. For nine years he has been collecting tickets on the carousel at Woodside Park.

We often wonder why the fellow who invented watermelons didn't put a handle on them.

Among the recent notices issued from the Government Patent Office, is one telling of the invention by a New Jersey man, of "a whistling buoy." Why invent such a thing. Every streets has one or more.

7-20-27

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We listened to the hearings in the Manayunk police station one day last week, and were struck with the thought that honest men have the courage of their convictions, but that dishonest ones get theirs from the judge.

They lived in Upper Roxborough and gloried in the fact.

"Ah," he said, meeting her for the first time, "are you a suburbanite?"

"No," she replied, "I am a suburban lady. You are a suburban knight."

It might have turned out happily, but when she had to write it out so he could see the point of the joke, she nipped the romance in the bud.

There is a man in Wissahickon who is the most dignified man in "these yere parts." When his hat blows off, he never takes the trouble to chase it, but lets some passerby run after it for him. He won't loaf anywhere but in the bank, and actually struts when he sits down.

He and I are ideal husbands. I know we are for he and I sat together, the other night, and compared notes. He told me what his she told him my she told her of me, and I told him what my she told me his she told her of him. And then we traded tales of what our she's told us of the other's he and what our she told us of ourself. We began the session with an epigram, broadened it to a short story, and lengthened it to a serial, to be continued at such times as we felt the need of rest from the domestic entanglements.

A man is known by the company that keeps him.

Omar Khayyam was formerly a Persian advertising manager. He had a solicitor, in his territory, who was doing business on credit and kicking about his competitor. Omar advised him to do a cash business and pay no attention to the other fellow. He wrote:

"Some seek the glories of this world,  
and some

Sigh for the Prophet's Paradise to come;

Ah, take the cash and let credit go  
Nor heed the rumble of a distant drum."

Omar lost his job because he started smoking cigarettes, and, to cap the climax, wrote that famous verse, "A loaf of bread, a jug of wine, and thou, a wilderness were Paradise enow." Mrs. Khayyam came across a carbon copy of this and began to investigate, the result being, as usual, that the can was tied to friend Omar.

A Queen Lane Manor man says that his wife took his golf knickers along when she left on her yearly vacation, which inspired us to the following: Whatever, wife, thou swipest of my clothes,

What from my chest,

Wear ties, coats, collars and such things as those;

Wear e'en a fancy vest.

But that's enough. Let's have no further scenes.

Spare me my jeans.

## In the Rut and On the Rise

A couple of weeks ago we were one of a party that went hiking "back the creek." In our travels we made a shortcut through the property which is used by the secretary of the Fairmount Park Commission.

As we neared a fence, on the far side of a pasture, we encountered a lovely specimen of the lowing kine, otherwise known as a producer of the lacteal nectar which is left on the front door step in the early morning hours and for which one is now compelled to part with at least one day's salary per pint.

The cow shook her head, waved her fly-swatter and stamped her hoofs, exceedingly expressive of her indignation, for our having dared to enter her private playground. This scribe, who usually follows the course of the least resistance, beat the rest of the hikers over the fence. In a second we had gone in high. Our desire for a changed location caused us to put efficient action into our arms and legs, and we didn't stop until we had scaled the fence and landed on the safe side. As we stood and regained our breath we watched a more courageous history-seeker chase the "genus bovine" away from there.

We know a ball player who is afraid of snakes, and we also know our own limitations—we don't like cows!

At the East Falls regatta last week we heard a small boy asking another how he could teach a girl to swim.

"Oh," said the other boy, "you goes up to her gentle-like, and takes her hand gentle, and leads her gentle down to the water, put yer arm gentle around her waist—"

"Oh, g'wan!" interrupted the questioner. "What's the matter with you? She's my sister."

"Yer sister! Why didn't you say so. Just push her in!"

Appreciation is sweet to the soul. Here follows an item from a reader that speaks for itself: "I am going to my summer home, and ask that my copy

of the News be sent to me there. I find it so interesting that I cannot miss a copy."

Request complied with, of course. Others, others: are there no others? Let us know what you think of our efforts. Again we repeat, "It is sweet to the soul."

We hate to pull that carbon-copy stuff, but it happened and here it is. A man who had come to live on Manayunk avenue who is a native of the land of William of Orange took his little boy for a walk along the River drive.

"And are those your new shoes, you're wearin' laddie?" he asked.

"Aye, father, they be."

"Weel, noo, take long steps then."

It is rumored that when the same man saw that St. John's clock was lit up at night, and steadily ticking off the hours, as he went to bed he stopped his watch.

An amateur electrician was quizzing one of the Wissahickon tradesmen at the outing at Lakeview last Wednesday. "How many natural magnets are known?" asked the embryo Edison.

"Why, two, of course."

"Is that all? Will you name them?"

At this point a sweet young thing butted in to remark, "Sure! Blondes and brunettes."

A man walked out of a Roxborough store on Tuesday toward his car, which was parked along the curb of Ridge avenue. A little fellow went up to the driver and said wistfully, "Please, mister, may I have my top?" "Yes, but where is it?" And the boy told him, "Stuck in that flat front tire of yours."

A Conarroe Corners motorist says: "Country roads are not what they seem to be. They seem to be lonely and deserted." He either ran into something, or he should keep his eyes on the road and not what his headlights show up along the side.

## In the Rut and ★ On the Rise

From the speed that is being shown on the construction of the new Green Bane Bridge, to West Manayunk, it will soon be all over.

We understand the Roxborough Business Men's Association are trying to get some inside information on the brand of weather that is to be prevalent on August 17. From the care that is being taken we believe that the Weather Bureau will provide plenty of nice, bright sunlight, for the Committee is using every means to see that J. Pluvius doesn't win a free ticket this year.

A souse looked into the window of the East Falls Pharmacy and observed the big cup that the East Falls Business Men's Association is going to present to the winning team in the Church League contest, and said to another gazer, "Where did they ever find such a large consomme cup?"

Every good business man, or any other sane person, should get acquainted with a sound financial institution. The canal, in Manayunk, is a mute but visible believer in this fact, and if it were able to speak would probably say, "I have two banks—go thou and do likewise."

"Early to bed and early to rise,  
May make a man healthy," say  
those who are wise;  
But he'll never get wealthy, however  
he tries,  
If he thinks it's foolish to advertise.

Why, oh, why, did they carve three male lions and only one female of the species as decorations on the entrance to the new Manayunk fire house?

It is better to have loved and lost—  
than never to have loved at all—but  
not much better.

The East Falls Regatta is over.

The Wissahickon Outing has gone—  
But we still have the Wildwood Ex-  
cursion.

With the Roxborough folks, to go on.

We only know one ball player who

bore the nickname of "Duck." It certainly was appropriate for he was one sweet fly catcher.

Another question from Wissahickon: Why do plumbers always pick out bathing suits with a barber pole effect?

A Rochelle avenue housewife sent her little daughter to get a clean pair of socks for the pater familias. The youngster returned in a moment with a red one and a black one.

"Here's some, mother," she said, "but they isn't twins."

Ala Pepys: Saturday night—stifling hot—visited the slums—crowded street—soft drink stands—poster plastered windows—auction sales—glib, abusive-tongued auctioneers—slummy-looking crowd—drunks—out into the fresh air—such as it was—loose-lipped, crimson-nosed habitues of the neighborhood—sans collars, ties, vests and coats—hot—goodness, it was hot—China-men—walling gospel missions—gin drinkers taking the pledge on bended knees, with tears streaming down their visible-veined cheeks—as some well-meaning mission worker—forced the baring of a soul—semi-filled moving pictures houses—with opened doors—emitting the pipe organ strains of Kriesler's "Liebestraum"—disgust with it all—to home and to bed.

## In the Rut and On the Rise

The need of a new station in Manayunk, to house the modern fire apparatus, reminds us that it was but 25 years ago that the Merion Fire Company, of Ardmore, refused the offer of John Clark, of the Autocar Company, to build an auto combination truck, at cost. The fire officials thought it would be too much of an experiment. The old colored parson knew his onions, when he said "The world do move."

Another commentary on the trend of the times is that if you want a reading lamp, you ask the home furnisher for a bridge lamp.

The soft drink truck swerved around a Ridge avenue bend, in East Falls, one day last week, with so much speed that it threw a case of the liquid cheer out on to the 'ard, 'ard highway, with a reluctant strewing of glass from curb to curb. The kick in the story comes when we remember the driver went into a tire store to borrow a broom with which to sweep up the glittering balloon bursters. It seemed a trifle like biting the hand that feeds you.

The policeman's orphan son remarked, "My father raided lots of saloons, and many's the time he came home half-shot."

We shudder whenever we think of the Wissahickon mis who has been exiled to the seashore, for the rest of the summer. Nothing to do but loaf, while we of the common herd, stay here and swelter on the hilltop. She's one girl in a million. Brewster's millions.

Our homely old face wrinkled into a grin when we heard a Roxborough druggist, on his return from a fishing trip, make the wise crack that he got sunburned, so that his complexion would meet the requirements of joining the Red Men.

All the long year through, the joy that you give to others, is the joy that comes back to you.

If you crave amusement and recreation, that is different, ride to River-view Beach with the Manayunk Business Men, on August 24. It's the last day of the year.

For Banham and Nichols,  
And Brardels and Taylor,  
And Reh and the rest of the bunch  
With Bill Propper and Foster,  
Will sail a-past Gloucester,  
To Riverview, folks. Bring you  
lunch.

There's a Ridge avenue sanitationist or as the man up a tree calls it—a plumber, who for years has nursed the opinion in the back of his cranium that he is a second Bobby Jones. A couple of weeks ago, he hied himself out, and purchased some plus fours, a sports cap and all the rest of the paraphernalia which belongs to those who are a-wearing out the green.

Well, last week he went over to Philmont—mind you this fellow is a Scotchman—and tried his hand at the sport. We understand he used valve balls instead of the orthodox gutts perch spheres, and for a mashie he utilized three feet of rainspout, with an elbow on the lower end. He drove off with a Stilson wrench and for a putter used a ten pound maul.

On the fourth hole, he had to return to the clubhouse for something he had forgotten, but this was just from force of habit.

Reports have it that he finished the nine holes in 368, but that figure might be a little exaggerated. Anyhow we hope that practice makes perfect, for he sure looks good in golf togs.

That's been attended to.

8-24-27

## In the Rut and On the Rise

While we were at Wildwood, last week, with the Roxborough Business Men, we observed our old friend Jim H. Meyard, a-strollin' on the Boardwalk. We expected to hear the Big Boy yell "strawberr-e-e-e-s" at any moment.

"Man, dear alive! How do the mod-

ern youths avoid this beauty fever?" said a bewildered-looking bearded man, after he had stood watching the large flock of bathing beauties. We unthinkingly, but nevertheless truthfully, retorted, "They don't—they just succumb to it."

It was Roxborough's excursion, but we noted a large number of East Falls, Wissahickon, Manayunk and West Manayunk folks in the crowd at the shore last Wednesday. There are apparently no boundaries to a good time.

We never have, up until this time at least, ever held any briefs for the ruby red lipstick, but after seeing it applied to a man's bald head we realize that the color heightener is another one of those things that appears better in its own place.

Beneath the moon, he told his love,  
The color left her cheeks,  
But on the shoulder of his coat,  
It showed up plain, for weeks.

"Miss Roxborough has appealing eyes" remarked the haberdasher.

"Has a peeling nose, you mean," said the druggist.

The climatic conditions which are being handed out to us, who reside hereabouts, recently inclines us to sleep late and upon awakening to open one eye and finding the room still pleasantly dim, to fall back into the feathers. The seductive grayness of 7 o'clock is a sign that the season is advancing and that Old Sol, himself, is becoming a late riser. Oh, wurra, wurra, we'll, have to fall back on the old alarm clock.

We were looking over the huge cup which the East Falls Business Men's Association will present to the champions of the E. F. Church League, when one ambitious little miss, about 4 years old, sidled up to remark, that she thought she could eat all the ice cream it would hold.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," said the old maxim maker, and it is proving true in East Falls, at the present time. While the wives and families of the town are vacationing, the husbands are flocking to Welsh's Restaurant for the necessary three squares per day. And then, on Monday evenings, the smiling proprietor, Jack Welsh, himself, drags the whole bunch up to Kennedy's Famous Three Acres to see the bouts. Food and en-

tainment from the same sources.

The fishing bug has struck Wissahickon with the full force of his stinger.

8-31-27

## In the Rut and On the Rise

It was the day before pay-day—the time when the long green is so near and yet so far away—that we fished down into our jeans and dug up eleven cents. We purchased a two cent equity in a daily paper and boarded the "Hill Climber" from Wissahickon. The conductor heartlessly took our last nine cents. After we had comfortably seated ourselves, we opened the paper and read this: "The Osage Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma numbers 2229 enrolled members as of June 28, 1926. Of these, about 1700 are now living. In the past ten years they have received from bonuses and royalties on their leases of oil lands, the sum of \$200,000,000. For the past fiscal year, the income has been \$12,822,537. Lo, the poor Indian' no longer applies to the Osage Tribe, at least."

If the old saying about good Indian's is true, the live bad ones certainly are sitting pretty.

On the Manayunk excursion, last Wednesday, life was nothing but one darn pose after another. The taker of "on-the-go" pictures snapped us in bunches, walking, running, sitting and standing, playing and working. If you are in search of a real laugh, visit the "Emp" this week, and get a visual idea of a newspaperman working.

"Wrinkles," says the beauty specialist, "should merely indicate where smiles have been."

"I wandered lonely as a cloud,  
That floats on high, o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host of dizzy daffodils."

WORDSWORTH.  
They were crossing the Green Lane

bridge to the famed Three Acres.

All the old whiskered men, in the Twenty-first Ward, who as boys, shook hands with the little iron African, on the Main street near Empress Theatre, will now step forward and inform us what year they first performed the feat. The one with the earliest date will be presented with a handsome concrete pillow.

Let me advance a little thought gem: "A friend is one soul abiding in two bodies."

Here's one an ex-doughboy sprung, up at the Legion Carnival held earlier in the month: "A sergeant, calling the roll of a new company of Boston high-brows in the Rainbow Division, had a terrible experience. Reading down the list of names he came to that of 'Colquhoun.'

"Private Col-kew-hown" shouted the top-kick.

There was no reply, but when the name was repeated a second time a half-hearted "Here, sir" came from the ranks.

"Why didn't you answer before?" demanded the sergeant.

"Because my name is "Coohoon," replied the recruit.

The non-com almost reeled, but proceeded bravely with "Majoribanks," but he received no response. A second call brought the mild remark, "I ex-

pect you mean me. My name is Marshbanks."

The drill-master gave up and closing his book, gave the order, "number." When this was completed he said, "One hundred and twenty-one. That's right. Now if there are any more of you with fancy names, just come to me after drill and tell me how you would like to be called."

9-7-27

## In the Rut and On the Rise

We have read the effusions of some writers, who claim that environment doesn't count for much in the race of success. As we sat in the "movies" the

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other night, viewing a film which depicted the activities, and incidentally the love-romance of a fireman, some of the "atmospheric" theories climbed out of a crowded cell in the cluttered-up storage room of our brain. Each time that the fire apparatus was pictured leaving the station, the man at the console of the Wurlitzer, wiggled his finger of the key that controlled the siren, the klaxon, the wind or the bells, or all of them together, creating a weird effect, that would have been totally lacking, with the showing of the picture in silence.

We, then and there, finally decided that the showmen, who take advantage of the "old hokum" of working on people's imagination with a combination of sounds, colors, scenes and lights, knew more about environment than any theoretical author who ever heartlessly beat up a writing machine.

Hattal-Taylor Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, are going to hold their annual Frolic on the lawn of Langhurst, on Friday and Saturday evenings, September 9 and 10. Folks who have grown in years, step up and let us hear what you think of lawn fetes. You, Dad, what do you remember of the old ones you used to attend? Tell us how you slipped off with the girl in the white dress, with mutton-leg sleeves and a waist that you could almost span between your thumb and little finger, to the bench behind the lilac bush where you whispered, what a flapper of today would call, "a lot of bol-log-ra." The dresses have changed, the waists are not so slim, the lilac bushes may not be so plentiful, and therefore replaced by the back seat of a flivver, but the girls are just as lovable and like the applesauce just the same. And from the male angle, whether its applesauce, bologna, flap-doodle or mush, the supply is never-ending. Step up, bashful boy and get your hug and kiss. But keep a watchful eye on the Bouncing Committee, headed by G. Harlan.

Who is it? This seems to be the popular question at Dobson Field, whenever an East Falls Church League game is in progress. We've observed the question, in print, on our own sporting page, with a history of some of the active worker's of the league, attached. Here goes one of our own "who is its:"

He steps up to the home-plate, in the middle of each game, with all the grace of a dancing master, arrayed in a glory of raiment that would cause envy to rise in the heart of Beau Brummell, and after removing his Stetson, turns to the left field bleachers and states in stenorion tones, "La--dees

and Gent—tl—men, tomorrow night, George Shaw's Lutheran Club will play Paddy Neilan's St. Bridget's team—  
 HERE." And the kiddies chorus echoes—"HERE." He repeats the formula in front of the grandstand and lastly to the bugs in right field. He adds the genuine touch of color needed in every battle and he hasn't missed a contest since the League came into existence. Who is he? Why none other than our old friend—Tommie Denton. I thank you!

9-14-27

## In the Rut and On the Rise

The man from Manayunk had a radio set that was out of commission. All of the amateur radiotricians of the neighborhood were called in and failed to get the set working. An expert was sent for and quickly had the apparatus operating with all its original volume and tone. He presented a bill for \$3.50. The owner requested that the statement be itemized and received the following:

Connecting a wire .....	\$ 50
Knowing where to connect ....	3 00
Total .....	
\$3.50	

On radio sets, in addition to the batteries—Knowledge is Power.

We were riding up along the Ridge, when we happened to spy a battered flivver-car, coming toward us, with this legend painted on its windshield. "I do not choose to run in 1928." From the noise it was making and the snail's pace that it pursued we truly believe the statement of its owner.

There's a local plumber who claims that his chosen line of work is the most honest. And in proof of his contention he says: "What do my patrons all request? Enclosed plumbing! They say, put in this work and cover it up. We know it will be all right. The health of this house depends upon how well you do your work. But we're not worried. You'll do what you say. You're a plumber.

"You never heard of any enclosed furniture, did you? How many automobiles would be sold, if you couldn't lift the hood? Even pickle makers put their products in glass bottles. Why,

when you buy a watch, you look at the works. But to a plumber you simply say 'Go Ahead.'

"Banks are watched by the bank examiners, the Government has a commission to supervise the railroads and a court of high appeal to watch the commission. But when they want plumbing done they leave it to the plumber.

"A woman will usually trust a plumber more than she does her own husband. Hubby is generally wrong, but she knows the plumbing is in right. The more a plumber conceals, the better she likes it, but it is different with a husband.

"Lawyers never trust a judge and so a jury is necessary, and even this usually has a couple of plumbers on it. When you hear about a leak in the jury room, you can just about figure it never would have happened if there had been a plumber there.

"Concealed plumbing is the greatest compliment that could be paid to any profession. People won't buy a thing unless it is laid out on the counter, where they can see it, but the plumber puts his goods under the sink and no questions asked."

We'll say that this particular over-alled philosopher puts up a grand line of defense.

We were driving shopward the other day, and coming down Main street our eyes were greeted with a vision of feminine perfection, all dolled up in a glory of raiment which had the assembled effect of an Imperial Landau. You know—black with red trimmings. The ensemble wasn't hard on the eyes.

Pity the poor school teachers—They're in again.

9-21-27

## In the Rut and On the Rise

There's one thing in this old world that everyone is doing simultaneously. And that is: Growing Old. This issue of the Roxborough News celebrates our second birthday, for if you look at the volume number on the front page, you will see we are entering our third year. It is a truth about people who are



born in this particular locality, that they're always looking up to higher things, yearning to reach a higher level. Especially so, if they happen to have started in the Rut. But as their limbs get stronger they mount to the Hill Top of Achievement, the heights they've been climbing for. As we, the News, climb, we have our back humped to advance farther, and our chest expanded over the distance we have already traveled, so that we resemble a contortionist at work, but believe you me, we're still going on and going strong. Watch us between now and our next birthday and see us climb. We're determined to see the high spots.

Useless information: On September 13, 1902, about 20 dyers in Dobson's Mills, at the Falls of Schuylkill went on strike for an increase of \$1 a week.

Here's a raw one we heard in a Wissahickon barber shop. She wanted a reference to show the Bishop, who was considering engaging her as a plain cook. Her former employer wrote, "My Dear Bishop: Agnes is very plain, and as to her cooking, I am sure she will meet all Biblical requirements. You will find her meats are either a burnt offering, or a bloody sacrifice."

"That was a foine sintiment Casey got off at the banquet last noight."

"What was it?"

"He said that the swatest mimories in life are the recollections of things forgotten."

How high is the ceiling of the Bank? This is the question that apparently bothers several of the members of the East Falls Business Men's Association. The bank in the tale is the East Falls branch of the Manayunk National, at Ridge and Midvale avenues.

A number of the merchants recently gathered at the financial institution, among whom were Bernard Klebanoff, "Pat" Kelley, "Bill" Turner, John Brown and "Big Fred" Eisbrenner. A. F. Skrobanek, in charge of the town's lucre, was questioned but failed to enlighten the curious tradesmen.

Eisbrenner claimed that the ceiling was more than twenty-eight feet high because he figured it would require more than fifty-six sodas stacked on top of each other to reach from the floor up. Kelley claimed that a banana tree could be planted on the floor of the building and that its topmost branches would not touch the ceiling, for banana trees usually grow to a height of thirty feet. Turner, keeping his own profession in mind, said more than ten coffin cases could be piled on top of each other before the paneled moulding could be reached and John Brown emphatically stated that

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it would take a rubber plant about 144 years to reach the roof, growing 2½ inches per year. Little Bernie Klebanoff, he of the waxed hirsute adornment, also had a guess but it was drowned down when "Al" Skrobanek loudly butted in to remark that the distance was "about three-fourths the length of a bowling alley." The question is still unsettled, but "Bill" McFarland says that it doesn't pay to make estimates by guesswork, and that his rule of measurement is a regular standard Stanley.

In the olden days the person who wanted to buy anything usually walked up and down the street window shopping for the article he wanted. The modern time-saving method is first to read all the advertisements in the News and then go to the store, office or shop of the advertiser and make your selection or decision, quickly and directly.

We heard this on the Rise: "I dinna ken why Sandy laid over on his side when he saw the steam roller aboot to run over him. It was verra peculiar. Aweel, he dootless wanted his pants pressed for the funeral, and feared the creases would na be up the front."

And that's that.

9-28-27

## In the Rut and On the Rise

Well, dear readers, we had our piece of cake. And, needless to say, it certainly tasted fine. And the reason for its budding? The News, you know, celebrated its Second Birthday last week, and you know how birthdays are when one is young. Everything to look forward to, including more cakes. And so, ye editor's wife, with a sentimental spirit, that gave that hard-boiled cuss, Cold Business, a wallop on the solar plexus, rolled up her sleeves, donned the old gingham apron and after picking out the finest recipe in the book of cookery, sailed into the kitchen and went to work. It is too bad that the rest of you couldn't get a bite of that effort, for take my word for it, we're

wishing we were as safely insured for the future, in relation to good "chow" as is our editor. The lucky son of a gun!

All the Wissahickon athletes have to do now, is to organize a basket ball league, for the Wissahickon merchants have offered to donate a trophy to be battled for. Here's an opportunity for seeing some exciting sport this Winter. How is this for a tentative list of teams:

St. Stephen's, Wissahickon Baptist, Rexton A. C., St. John's High School, Wissahickon Presbyterian, Belfield, Wissahickon Public School, Wissahickon Methodist.

Or maybe you have a better selection.

With millions of other interested sport lovers, we tuned our radio ear to Chicago, last Thursday night and listened to the big battle. With all due respect for the opinion of our own writer of pugilistic encounters, "Sick," it was the age-old contest between "Brains" and "Brawn" and the fracas ended as usual. In the seventh round, when Jack floored Kene, instead of taking advantage of the situation he had created, the Manassa Mauler played to the crowd and tauntingly invited the ex-Marine to "Come on and fight!" But Tunney, who had used his old gray matter in taking the full count of the referee, utilized his old "Bean" and sparred cautiously until the fog, caused by Jack's blow, had lifted. The scrap was won and lost in that round. Some blows were sent by Tunney.

And Jack struck now and then, But a hundred thousand pocket-books, Were floored for the count of ten.

We noticed a lot of concrete wedding rings, over in West Manayunk. It is said that they are to be used when Miss Gully Run gets united to Old Man Schuykill.

We watched the boy in the barber shop on Ridge avenue. His movements reminded us of slow motion pictures. After a while, the boss looked at him and said:

"Why are you fooling so long with that clock, Joe?"

"I'm cleaning it's hands, Boss."

"Well, just wipe 'em. You needn't manicure them" retorted the owner of the shop. And the wisecracker wasn't Irish. Can you beat it?

Traffic Officer Jordan Lawrence had his hands full for a few moments, yesterday afternoon when a crowd gathered on Leverington avenue. The cop,

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whose station is close to the new "Roxy" Theatre, looked down the street and saw a huge snapping turtle lumbering up the thoroughfare, all unconcerned as to the commotion he was stirring. Jerry says he don't know where Mr. Snapper came from, but he does know where he's going. There will be a banquet in the near future at the Roxborough fire house.

10-12-29

## In the Rut and On the Rise

One of those warm days last week three youths, whose forefathers obtained a permanent coating of sun-burn as they tramped through the tropics of Africa, wandered out from the center of the city, to Gustine Lake, and feeling the urge to take things cool, decided to go in bathing. Not having made preparations in advance, the trio of dusky lads plunged into the cool water, in the attire of Adam. Just about the time the bathing was at its height, the gray uniform of a Park guard was spotted by one of the African September Morn models. Unfortunately for the bronze bathers, the said guard was between them and their clothes. To make matters worse, another "Parky" approached from their rear. Things looked dark for the colored boys.

There was no alternative left, but to make a flank movement, which action was hastily resorted to, with the guards continuing the chase. The lack of raiment narrowed the nude Nubians field of escape, to the railroad tracks, up in back of the Chaplett Manufacturing Company's plant, above School lane. The boys ran along the Park fence, ducking behind trees, and finally made a dash across Ridge avenue and up the hill in back of "Pasteboard Row," with the gray coated pursuers right behind them. After a time the lads finally realized that capture was bound to come sooner or later and gave up the fight. Nature took care of the frustrated bathers, but the Park guardian faces were scarlet as they escorted the prisoners to a patrol wagon which carried them to Sedgely. These are the bare facts.

She lived on a street called Rochelle. Of the neighborhood she was the belle. When her sweetie was late, For his regular date,

What she gave him, in type, rhymes with "well."

In passing the Wissahickon grade crossing operation, we noticed that it's no sand that is being dug away. Roberson's Hill is one solid rock, which previous to the settling of this section of the country must have resembled the well-known pebble clept "The Gibraltar."

10-19-27

## In the Rut and On the Rise

We were among the crowd which attended the East Falls Church League banquet last week, and listened with interest to the speeches of praise for the athletes and their activities.

The East Falls Church League, we recall, is not the first association of baseball clubs to be formed in the neighborhood, for back in 1912 there was an organization called the "East Falls League." While it had a successful season, it only lasted for one year.

Memory serves us badly in the matter of the various teams which were included on the schedule, but we do recollect there was a Clover A. C., a Clearfield A. A., and the Hillside A. C. The others have been lost to our ken.

It was Hillside, managed by George Harbinson, that captured the gonfalon. "Big" Tom Guerney, of Wissahickon, played first base, "Piegee" Cullen was the catcher, and the twirler's name was Greene. Tommy James covered the gap at second, with "Hib" Carruthers as his partner at shortstop. "Norm" Sturgus took care of third base. In the field were Tommy Kindon, at right; "Pud" Hannigan in center, while Harry Berry served in a utility role.

What brought this old team back to our mind, was its left fielder, who was among the guests at the recent banquet, as a playing member of the Methodist nine. Fifteen years ago he played for Hillside and this year found him still as active an outfielder for Donald MacKenzie's aggregation.

We call your attention to Albert Homewood, a baseball veteran, in point of service, who still has many years left to him in which to cavort around the diamond.

Here's one we heard in Manayunk:

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"So you have twins at your house," said a lady on Silverwood street, to a little lad of the neighborhood.

"Yes, ma'am, two of 'em."

"What are you going to call them?"

"Thunder and Lightning."

"Why, those are strange names to call children."

"Well, it's what Pa called 'em, as soon as he heard they were in the house."

It used to be the custom, in the days before the automobile could be depended upon to get you anywhere, to array the old gray mare in a work of the harness-maker's art, all bedecked with shining brass ornaments, colored ribbons and tassels. The purpose was to show off the equipage.

Today the same sort of a faddist has every kind of a gee-gaw that can be purchased, included in the equipment of his motorcar. From the radiator cap to the tail-light, the machine is crowded with contrivances which add to its beauty or utility.

Along Ridge avenue, the other day, we saw the strangest sight of all. It was an electric light "trouble wagon," on the dashboard of which was nothing other than a whip socket of the day of the buggy. And safely reposed in the short, nicked barrel was a platted rawhide whip.

They tell us that all the padded cells in Norristown are filled.

"Ask Me Another," the great indoor sport is now in session. Here's one for your consideration: Where does Tom Mitten have all his Scotch dimes minted? As a token, its fair.

10-26-27

## In the Rut and On the Rise

At the Roxborough Business Men's Get-Together meeting, held on Tuesday evening, of last week, at Thomas Emery Post Hall, on Green lane, at which time the Hilltoppers entertained the business men from the district between the Locks and the Blocks, and also the tradesmen from Robeson's hillside, the crowd was greatly amused and somewhat mystified by an exhibition of dark magic, which one of the paid entertainers presented for the pleasure of those in attendance.

After displaying the ease with which

apparently solid steel rings were slipped in and out of each other, under the close scrutiny of one of Roxborough's leading tonsorial artists, the magician asked that gentleman to try the trick for himself. But it isn't done by anyone "not in on the know." Consequently, after trying futilely to imitate the wizard, who came over and with motion-picture slow action slipped one ring from the other within an inch of the barber's nose, the destroyer of hirsute adornments blurted out, from the bottom of his heart, "Well, I'll be d—d!" The vehemence of his expression created a loud burst of laughter. Barbers are to be marveled at themselves, as, they, too, have a fine magic of their own, which can change a tramp to a shick, in a few moments, but it's no sleight of hand trick.

The laundress of the press team of Gallagher and McCullough is to be sympathized with. These two Duplex watchmen carry more ink home on their clothes than the Roxborough News spreads along the Schuykill's hills and dales.

Wissahickon sport lovers are smiling over the antics of a pair of friends who live in that vicinity. One man's name is Fisher, who is a jeweler who thinks that he's a fisherman. The other is known as Mellowdew, the proprietor of the Ridge Manor Pool and Billiard Parlor. The latter labors under the impression that he, himself, is a pool shark. Late in the summer Fisher invited Mellowdew to travel down to Cape May to witness his ability as a catcher of sea bass. Loud and lengthy were his boasts, concerning his mastery of the art of Izaak Walton. But strange to relate, Mellowdew, the novice, carried home the largest basket of fish. After the good-natured chiding he received, Fisher bided his time and inveigled Mellowdew into playing a series of pool games.

The billiard hall proprietor grabbed at the chance to display his deftness with the cue, and acquired a strut and a chestiness that was wonderful to behold as he bragged of what he was going to do to his friend the jeweler.

Along came the eventful night. Mellowdew made the break and then the fun began. Fisher handled the tapered stick like a fishpole, but believe you me, he certainly cleaned up. He didn't leave a ball on the table for the hall owner to take a shot at. After the first game Fisher, who isn't a fisher at all but a pool artist de luxe, gave Mellowdew 25 balls and beat him out for the 100. Mellowdew stands up well under the joshing he has been getting, but swears he is going to practice eight hours a day, until he becomes pro-

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ficient enough to trim his friendly rival. Between fishing and pool-playing, the pair are at a tie.

Here's a new expression, overheard along Ridge avenue: "Who, that fellow! Why he's a confirmed movie-drunkard!" Which goes to show that over-indulgence in anything is to be noticed.

11-2-27

## IN THE RUT AND ON THE RISE.

Most people tire of the dull, prosaic round of everyday things, but the newsgatherer almost daily finds something in his line of work that gives him a genuine thrill.

What could be more monotonous than the work performed by the blue-coated policemen of our city, who are hourly on the job safeguarding the lives and property of our residents? Even in this vocation there are little episodes which brighten up the eternal cycle of existence. The following tale is one that is worth the telling.

The majority of our readers may not know it, but today—November 2nd—is one of the many days that is being celebrated as an anniversary, and is so unusual that we think it should be told to "the world!"

Twenty-two years ago, John T. Holton, Joseph T. Kearns, Robert Kirkwood and John W. Tolson, all of East Falls, lined up in front of the deck of the old Twenty-second District police station, at Park and Lehigh avenues, and took the oath of allegiance to the city, to uphold the law. This was under the administration of Mayor John Weaver, who had as his Director of Public Safety, David Smyth.

Holton has gradually climbed up the ladder and is now a police inspector; Kearns is a lieutenant; Kirkwood is a district detective and John Tolson is an acting house sergeant. Not so bad for one single group that was inducted into the service at the same time. Sustained, intelligent effort overcame monotony.

And notwithstanding that the four are veterans in point of service, they

are still comparatively young men in years and have many more years of active service before them.

A Roxborough merchant who does most of his business in the evening, and therefore has the most of the day to philosophize, has thought out a lot of things very carefully and tells us that very few men love their creditors, but that those who do love them unremittingly.

The same shopkeeper also says: "Silence is golden" and one never realizes the fact as poignantly as when he begins to buy it from some needy person who is uncomfortably familiar with certain episodes in his past life."

"All men are born free and equal," remarked the politician.

"They may be born equal," observed the father of eight voters, "but they're not born free. For every one of mine I had to pay the doctor twenty-five dollars."

Over the river and through the woods,  
Is an old November habit;  
For the hunters from the Rut and Rise  
Are chasing old B'er Rabbit.

11-16-27

IN THE RUT  
AND ON THE RISE.

This scribbler manages to have his risibilities shaken pretty regularly, but last week we squeezed in a few extra laughs when we witnessed the funereal expressions on the faces of some of our local sportsmen as they wended their way homeward after a day spent in the fields and woods a' seeking the cotton-tails and other game.

A Ridge avenue tire dealer, who never before in his life had raised a gun to defend himself against the ferocious beasts that roam our open country, was bitten by the "hunting bug" and purchased a Winchester, which he carried around under his arm, up and down the length of his sales-room, practicing to handle the weapon in the approved fashion of an experienced hunter. He spent hours in posing with the firearm, and still more hours in cleaning and oiling it after

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each shot that he fired in the basement of his establishment. People who passed his door, and hearing the muffled reports, thought that the rubber dealer was ruining a lot of good inner tubes by over-inflating them. However, by patient concentration on the subject, our Daniel Boone finally acquired sufficient knowledge of the shotgun to qualify as a marksman. And then came the great day—November 1.

Taking a friend along, the local dealer of Ohio's greatest product journeyed to the wilds of MIQUON. They tramped up and down over the hills almost all day, in search of furred or feathered creatures, but nothing was sighted in the field, or in the air, except a few lazy butterflies. When the pair arrived home, wet, tired and disgusted, their facial expression was the inspiration for this year's greatest laugh.

Do your Christmas shoppin', girly!

November magazines are out,  
The holiday revealing;  
And now we have to work a month,  
To get that thankful feeling.

It's a good thing that good things come slowly, otherwise they wouldn't be so good.

We heard a man on the Rise telling a tale about one of the experiences

which came to a recent political speaker. This one who had been addressing the crowd said, "When I rose to speak it was so still in the hall that you could have heard a pin drop." "Well," said his friend, "what happened?" "Plenty! As I stood there for a moment, looking out over the audience and framing my first sentence, and I am sure that I should have been able to get along all right, but just before I had got ready to utter my first word, some fool in the rear of the hall yelled 'Louder!'"

It's time to go down in the Rut.

11-23-27

IN THE RUT  
AND ON THE RISE.

A Wissahickon man, who spends a great deal of his spare time "a' wearing out the greens," told us this one:

"The golfer gazed at his caddie in-

dignantly. "A driver for this hole? Only 160 yards? Why, it's just a mashie and a putt for me!" Confidently he stepped up to the ball, mashie in hand. "Plub." The ball dribbled off the tee amid an eruption of clods. There was an instant's silence, broken as the caddy remarked, "Now for a helluva long putt!"

We were Manayunk-bound on Friday evening, not so long ago, when a real honest-to-goodness tramp stopped us to ask the location of the Blank Theatre.

He was garbed in a rusty brown suit, which showed evidence of once being in better condition. That part of the trousers which had received the most wear was in a sad state of repair and because of the absence of an overcoat displayed itself in all of its raggedness to the eyes of the world. In one of his hands he carried a sumac root; the kind which the boys of old used to glory in for a shinny club; and the other hand clung to a battered old suitcase.

His face furnished a job which any barber would have tackled on a contract basis, for his glistening red beard bore the appearance of never having been abbreviated this year.

After giving him the necessary directions to the theatre, we went about our way on the duties that lay before us, but later in the evening, curiosity impelled us to run up to the playhouse to see what "Dusty Rhodes" was a' doing.

It was amateur night, and we arrived too late to see the performance, but did get there in time to see the prize awards. Among the group of hopeful ones, swaying back and forth, was the red-bearded man, who was "down" but not "out." His only added make-up since earlier in the evening was a tattered pair of overalls and a jumper. The theatre-owners gave him a fair try for the prizes, but the audience showed the appreciation of the talents of two or three youngsters, and so the "rail-rider" didn't carry home any money.

We waited for him to come out of the stage entrance, in an effort to learn more of his reason for using this unique means of earning a living. And believe you me, he told us an interesting tale.

He had been born in the West, but in early youth had moved as far East as Western Pennsylvania. He spent several years as a riverman on the Monongahela river, where he worked

on a "pool" boat out of Pittsburgh. When the World War started he went over to France, and it was there that he became interested in amateur theatricals. After the war he started tramping up and down the continent, from Upper Canada, through the

United States and down into Mexico, earning a dollar here and a dollar there in doing his "tramp act" in little theatres in the towns that he honored with his presence.

What started him on the hard luck trail we did not have the temerity to ask, for from his manner and the well-modulated voice, in which he answered our questions, we could see that at some time in his life he had been well trained.

His voice seemed to take on a tone of pride, as he boasted that he was "a real hobo, that can put on a genuine tramp act in any theatre."

He was interesting at least.

Read this, then weep—or grin—as it strikes you, for the season of such things is at hand.

It was one of those warm, damp days last week. Two spinster ladies—we noticed the absence of rings—were riding city-ward in a Manayunk trolley. They were quarreling about the window and insisted on calling the conductor.

"If it's opened I shall catch cold and die," said one.

"If it's closed I shall suffocate," retorted the other.

A long-suffering man, an embryo Solomon, here intervened.

"First open the window, that will kill one. Then shut it. That will get rid of the other. Then the rest of us can read our papers in peace."

One from East Falls: "Mother," said a youngster, "what does father go downtown for every day?"

"Why he goes downtown to work and get money so you and I can have a good dinner every day," his mother replied.

A few days later, when the lad sat down to dinner, he viewed the table with a critical eye. Seeing none of his favorite dishes, he disdainfully shrugged his small shoulders and grunted, "Huh, father didn't do so much today, did he?"

11-30-27

IN THE RUT  
AND ON THE RISE.

The street car was speeding down Main street, on Thanksgiving evening, and as it swerved around the corner, at Percoyd, the car made a sudden lurch which caused a situation which

methinks is worth repeating.

Among the passengers was one who had evidently partaken of too much liquid cheer. He sat near the back of the car with his head nodding back and forth, and his elbows resting on the window sill. The stuff he had been drinking had worked its usual trick of robbing the drinker of all muscular control and as the car swung around the curve his right arm crashed through the glass of the window.

The tinkle, tinkle of falling glass attracted the attention of everyone on board. As the passengers turned, they saw the man with a terribly bewildered expression on his face, which almost immediately turned to one of pain, as he groaned and clutched at his elbow.

And then the fun began! He muttered something about "damages" and begged for a pencil and paper to jot down the numbers of the car and crew.

The conductor came up and asked the man to remove his coat, so as to find out how seriously he was injured. His request was fumblingly complied with, but not a wound was to be found. Still the "souse" raved on about damages and insisted upon stopping the car, so that he "might go to a hospital." The motorman shut off his motor as the car crossed the River drive, but the glass crasher refused to dismount. The Park Guard who watches to see that no one disregards the traffic light at that point, became impatient with the congestion which was being caused and yanked the prospective prosecutor of a law-suit from the trolley. The last we saw of him was when the "parkie" told him to "beat it."

The man from Thirty-fifth and Sunnyside told us one about a neighbor of his the other day. This fellow claims his wife called him up at the office, and said that she must have gotten the electric plugs mixed, when they were knocked from the socket, as she manipulated the vacuum cleaner. She told her hubby, that the radio was covered with frost and that the refrigerator was singing the third verse of "What'll We Do, on a Dew, Dew, Dewey Day."

Before you start to worry, Min,  
 Before you start away to roam,  
 Remember this, and then begin,  
 "It pays to Shop at Home."

They tell us that the new Manayunk A. C. the successor to last summer's Carnival Park, will open on December 3, or on December 15. "It won't be long, now" before the fight bugs will be yelling their heads off, at Joe Kennedy's new headquarters.

Keep your eye on Tip, the Type Louse, who tears himself loose from the Roxborough News shop, every week and roams around the territory, making wise cracks in the stores of some of our local merchants. He's a queer little cuss, and seems to have the ability of finding the establishments of our most enterprising tradesmen, and the strange part of his trips are that he pretty near gives one the straight tip of where to find real bargains. He has our curiosity aroused as to where he traveled this week, but so far he hasn't reported.

Fifty years ago last Friday, the new building of St. Timothy's Working Men's Club and Institute, at Ridge avenue and Vassar street, Roxborough, was dedicated.

12-7-27



Monday, December 5, was the second birthday of a little lad in this neighborhood, whose forebears, we believe from the spelling of his name, were originally of Russian extraction. The babe's father is president of a semi-public organization, the secretary of which, at the time the stork appeared, was a man whose name is of decided Celtic origin.

At the time the little fellow was born, a local newspaper, in an effort to congratulate the proud papa, in the mad rush which is general around newspaper offices, put the story on the press accompanied with a photograph of the Irishman, but with the new daddy's name underneath. Several hundred copies of the paper were printed and appeared on the street before the error was discovered. Both of the gentlemen in the case good naturedly considered the matter a great joke, but each time that December 5th rolls around, the affair is recalled by those who kidded the pair, and the joshing is renewed.

This afternoon, the treasurer of the Manayunk A. C. took us up to look over the new Arena, and believe me, fight fans, you're going to have some place to go, now that Joe Kennedy's getting things in shape. Santa Claus is cer-

tainly good to the followers of the Sport of Swat.

Does a multitude of people get on one's nerves? Well, we're inclined to think that there are times when they do. At least, we have noticed when there is a great crowd around there is less courtesy shown to the other fellow.

We were attempting to get home at 4 o'clock one morning last week. We say "attempting" because that's all

anyone does when he has to depend on "75 Route" street cars. There were milkmen and papermen passing in wagons and trucks, who never failed to call out a cheery "good morning" to each other; an occasional pedestrian would appear and the policeman on the corner had a greeting for all of them. An uptown trolley pulled up to the intersection five minutes before the cross-town car appeared, but the motorman dismounted and lit his pipe and puffed away patiently until the delayed car arrived at the junction so that the passengers who wanted to continue farther on uptown might not have to wait for the next car.

When we boarded the car going west, the motorman of the "75" car cordially saluted us, as if we were old acquaintances, and as we continued over to the end of the line, men who were uniformed as street car employes jumped on and sang out "Good morning!" We noticed as the car continued on its westward way, some six or seven of these trolley operators got on the car and rode to the line's western terminus, and then rode back again, passed where they had first met the car, and went on to their work in the eastern part of the city. They journeyed to the end of the line and back rather than endure a lonely wait of forty or more minutes. A good-natured conversation went on all the time as the car bounced and jounced along its way.

And other night workers were in the group of riders. These men whose days are reversed, who work at the time when nature intended human beings to be asleep, go about their duties with a great deal more cheerfulness than the more fortunate folk, who earn their livelihoods in the daytime.

If you're seeking real courtesy, browse around in the wee sma' hours o' the morning.

This incident didn't happen in Upper Roxborough, but it might have, and so we'll spring it on you:

A census taker called at a farmhouse. A woman answered the knock on the door.

"How many in your family?" asked the census taker.

"Five," answered the woman, peevishly. "Me, the old man, one kid, a cow and a cat."

"And the politics of your family are what?" he inquired.

"Mixed," came the short reply. "I'm a Republican, the old man's a Democrat, the kid's wet, the cow's dry and the cat's a Populist."

Do your Christmas shopping early, and don't forget that the mailman would like to spend the 25th at home.

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We were riding in one of those de luxe P. R. T. double-decked busses one evening last week, enjoying the warm comfort of the trip down town, when a fresh-air fiend, sitting up near the chauffeur, raised the window and permitted the keen, cold blasts of December to play ring-a-round-a-rosey up and down the length of the vehicle.

The bus driver turned his head, gave one glance at the selfish one and nodded to the conductor. That individual, fortunately, stood six feet six in his holeproofs, and with other herculean proportions came up the aisle, slammed the window down and said, "If you want fresh air, go upstairs, the roof is yours." It was the first time we ever witnessed one of the detestable wintry ozone-inhalers properly squelched.

No kiddin', the Manayunk A. C. opens tomorrow night.

We entered a soda emporium in a mad rush, late at night, a few calendar periods ago. When we arrived inside we met a friend with whom we had some important matters to talk over, but who was hurrying to catch a Norristown train, which left a few minutes before midnight. We decided to talk things over as he walked to the station, as soon as we had quaffed the "coke" that we had ordered.

The soda jerker, who happened to be of the feminine sex, heard the telephone bell ring, and grabbing a chocolate soda that she had been drinking, made a dash for the booth, yelling to



the chief clerk to wait on us at the bar. The said chief started to follow out the order, when the door opened and in blew a "sweet young thing" who was desirous of purchasing a "sleep disturber," or in every-day English, an alarm clock. Away hurried the chief clerk. The third attendant was busy waiting on a customer who had entered the store before us, so that he couldn't help us a bit. We walked over to the telephone booth, and there sat the soda expert—holding a verbal petting party with some unknown individual, who incidentally was then and there condemned to the infernal regions—a-sipping one of the boss' sodas. We left immediately but pondered on the situation as we walked stationward, and decided that the owner of that establishment would do some "firing" if he had been around and witnessed the service rendered by those that he employed. That store has lost a patron forever.

Deer hunting, it seems, is an age-old pastime of the male of the species "genus homo." In their youthful days the deers that they seek, are spelled with an "A"—thus "dears." But when the boys lapse into the stage of "old bucks" they shoulder their guns and go out into the fields and woods after the kind that the Santa Claus of the rhyme used to call "Dancer and Prancer, Dunder und Blitzen." A lot of our local hunters, from Roxborough, Manayunk, Wissahickon and East Falls, have been hying forth in the past week or two on the trail of the antlered

herd, and store windows are beginning to be decorated with trophies of the chase.

Coupon Contests here, and Coupon Contests there  
Is certainly an omen, that there's Christmas in the air.

Wait till you see the bill that Joe Kennedy's going to put on at the new Manayunk A. C. for Christmas. The "pug-bugs" are going to believe at last, that there is a Santa Claus.

The real road-hog is an ash-cart driver. Ask any motorist.

Our kid will get a railroad,  
Whose schedule will not fail,  
With engines, tracks and switches,  
That's perfection in detail.

His cousin gets an airplane,  
Which, with its pinions spread  
Will climb up to the treetops  
Away up overhead.

Oh, where has gone the kidlet,  
My memory uproots.  
Who used to pray to Santa Claus,  
For a pair of rubber boots?

If you happen to dream that while crossing the Delaware River bridge, you have caught sight of George Washington eloping over the Delaware with one of Laura Jean Libbey's heroine's, while your next door neighbor, sitting in the stern, reads aloud to them pleasing little selections from the Roxborough News, it is safe to assume that you have assimilated too much turkey.

The "dinkey" started up the hill at four P. M. The conductor came through to collect his fares. He counted nine policemen among the passengers. "Nine coppers," remarked the register-puller, "and not a fare in the bunch."

A good Xmas present is an X-bill.

A cook whose last name was Cabbit.  
Read how to make pie out of rabbit,  
"Mix salt, lard and flour.  
Then bake for an hour—  
But first you must go catch your rabbit."

12-28-27



We hope you'll "bat a thousand,"  
With that fickle jade, called "Fate,"  
That you'll always be successful,  
During nineteen twenty-eight.

There is little doubt that everyone who had his eyes and ears open last Saturday, noticed that strange something in the conduct of his fellowman, that comes but once a year.

Everyone, no matter how great his hurry; regardless of how busy he was; despite delayed street cars and wintry winds; unmindful of the congestion in stores and on streets; acted with the greatest of good natured manners, and the action was so general as to be noticeable.

What makes the demeanor of humans so nearly perfect at Christmas-time? It may be spiritual; that is of a religious nature; a desire to please at the

anniversary of the Christ-child; but we doubt if this reason is one that can be applied to all people, for we noticed that all faiths and denominations went about their duties and pleasures with smiling satisfaction.

It is the spirit of trying to make others happy? We are inclined to believe that it is the contented feeling of being busy; of being of some use to someone else; of Service.

Each person seemed to be hurrying here and there in an effort to serve some other individual.

We have no knowledge of how the sages of old acquired their wisdom, but we do know that most of their sayings are true and the one which refers to "the Devil looks for hands that are idle" is one that popped into our mind, as we looked the crowds over on Christmas Eve.

In the words of modern wiseman, "the Old Boy" is S. O. L., when Santa Claus makes his call."

We met one of our fellow-workers on the street and stopped to talk to him. When we were about to leave him, his face assumed a puzzled expression.

"Al," he said, "when we met, was I going up or down the street?"

"Up," said we.

His face cleared. "It's all right, then. I have been to lunch."

#### What Advertising Has Done

Has made your hand-written letter an oddity in business.

Has put a Gillette against your hay-field.

Has put Murine in your eye, sold you Cuticura for your complexion, Lifebuoy for your bath, and Ivory for your clothes.

Has put Arrows around your neck and Ingersolls around your wrist.

Has stuck Bobbie Burns between your teeth, tired your jaws on Wrigley's and posted you what to buy to cure corns, warts, hang-nails and to remove freckles.

And regardless of all this evidence, you can hear people inquiring, "Does it pay to advertise?"

We just heard a story of the remark of a native Westerner, who came East and worked as a hired girl, for one of our local families. It happened last summer, but a laugh is a laugh whether your cheeks are sunburned or frost-bitten.

This girl, who never saw the sea, was taken to Wildwood, last August.

On their arrival at the seaside resort, they went down to the sunlit beach, and the lady of the house, waved her hand out toward the great, windy

spread of rolling waters and said, "There, Mary, there's the sea. What do you think of it?"

"Gosh," said Mary, "it smells like oysters, don't it?"

We have no particular reason to feel sore at Old Man 1927, but we are of a certain glad to mitt his offspring, 1928. We have a hunch that we can put something over on the young 'un before he acquires too much wisdom. All we need is time, but we, nor anyone else, can do anything with golden moments which have gone. We're depending on the future. So, "Greetings" 1928.

1-25-28



"The people of Manayunk must be expecting great things for the future, or at least, they are assuming an appearance of curiosity concerning things that are going to happen to them," said a policeman attached to the 13th District, one day last week.

> That is the answer we received to our question "Why all this sudden influx of gypsies in the town of 'the hills and the mills?'"

Sometime or other in the past the lawmakers of Philadelphia decided to pass an edict which compels the descendants of the tribes of Romany to find a permanent place of abode while they are in the confines of the city, and for some reason or other the colorfully arrayed wanderers have picked Manayunk as one of their favorite stopping places.

Scattered along Main street and on various of the side thoroughfares, are huge canvas phrenological signs which signify the headquarters of a group of the fortune tellers.

Lindbergh stories are getting as plentiful as the ones which are told of a certain product which placed Detroit on the map. We heard a new one the other night, in front of our newest movie house, on Ridge avenue. Without asking your consent we're going to inflict it on you.

Gym Instructor: "Good gracious, Gene, your chest measurement has in-

creased four inches since yesterday."

Gene: "Last night I met a man who was acquainted with a sister of one of Lindbergh's cousins—reason enough, I think."

The Stove League, which has several audible branches in East Falls, started its sessions in full force, last week. The division which meets regularly at "Jack" Welsh's Restaurant on Ridge avenue, launched into a discussion of "dementia Americana," otherwise known as baseball, at its last meeting.

The baseball fans of Dobsonville will be interested to hear that many new faces will be seen on the local diamond, when the East Falls Church League starts its summer schedule in May.

James "Hero" McHale was handed the laurels as being the real "father" of the league, with "Bill" Muschamp and "Don" MacKenzie, as his cohorts. These three, according to reports emanating from the Stove League, were the originators of the church circuit. However, their first efforts seemed to be in vain, until they obtained the support of that barrel of dynamic force, Walter Costello. And then the fun began. Foley, Hess, Dougherty, Omensetter, Moorehead, Neilan, Kelly, Shaw and Byrnes were early found in the ranks and the League came into being.

The Stove Leaguers feel satisfied that the baseball bugs of East Falls received their money's worth of the diamond sport last year, and are planning, predicting, and wagering on the outcome of the 1928 schedule.

2-1-28



An Upper Roxborough man works in a downtown office. At our last meeting he started to rave about inadequate transit facilities, and from his talk we gathered the following information:

A commuter is a product of modern civilization. He is made, not born. Contrary to general belief, a commuter is not merely a man who lives in the suburbs, but a man, who living in the suburbs, must use the railroad regularly in going to and from the city. Thus motorists, farmers, and local

tradesmen are not commuters.

It requires great executive ability and perfect self-control to be a successful commuter. One must be able to sleep serenely until 7.30 A. M., get up, dress in dignified leisure, masticate his breakfast, chatting pleasantly the while to friend wife and the kids, and then saunter down to the station without the slightest fear that he will get here ten seconds too early or too late for the 8.02.

The men one sees wildly running for the train, water in one hand, and a package of lunch in the other, and the men who get to the station five or six minutes too soon, were never cut out to be commuters. They should move into the city. They are learners, tyros, bunglers, failures.

Every business college in the country should have its course in commuting, for there could be no better training for a young man who is about to enter business, with its many exactions in the way of method and system.

Read this and then try to "beat" the young folks of today:

The Mom: "I've called you half a dozen times and you don't take the slightest notice. I don't know what you will be when you grow up!"

Mon's Girl: "Well, mother, I can be a telephone operator, can't I?"

Thus in the future generation in training for future activities.

A local doctor tells of one of his patients who came to him to inquire about her husband, saying he repeatedly talked in his sleep. The practitioner explained to her that it would be difficult to prevent that. "I don't want it prevented," she said, "I just want to know what to do to make him talk more distinctly."

An automobile doesn't prove that a man has money, but that he did have.

Its a good thing that good things come slowly, otherwise they wouldn't be so good

2-9-28



The rest of the Roxborough News staff are under the impression that they are having a good time, when

They razz this scribbler about his cheesecake-eating propensities. The satirical comments that are openly and covertly handed out in our presence only make us more determined to laud the sally of curdled-milk dessert, which we believe, despite our army's statistics on beans, is more sustaining than a pound of beefsteak and more brain-producing than a ton of whale meat. This last we are led to believe, on account of inanity of the verbal quips of those who condemn our favorite meal-topper.

Cheesecake was invented in the ancient times by one of the sages in King Solomon's Temple. Some of the wise man's favorite wives became discontented because the harem cooks' dessert recipe consisted largely of rice, which had been carefully gathered up after the Big Boy's numerous weddings. After seeing how his feminine playmates increased the upholstery of their Venus-like forms, and the sagaciousness of the tea-table conversations, Sol himself decided to take a chance on sour milk. It was shortly afterward that he became noted for his wisdom.

Baron Munchausen was cheesecake's first critic, and you know what a liar he was. God's gift to humanity is cheesecake. That's our story and we're going to stick to it.

Get this that appeared in the editorial columns of yesterday's Record:  
Well, Connie Mack has had his way,  
And so Tris Speaker—hip! hooray!  
He's just been branded with an "A."  
Ty Cobb has made a fade-away,  
But what of that? Let's all be gay!  
We'll have a chance, next opening day,  
To see this other veteran play.  
What matter if his hair is gray?  
His punch has suffered no decay,  
And he's still good for many a fray.  
Let's all believe it, anyway,  
And wish him luck and hope he'll stay.  
What piles of jack, Mack had to pay,  
To win this famous star's O.K.  
We do not know—they will not say,  
But never fear for Connie Mack;  
He'll get it back, he'll get it back!  
It's joy enough to know today,  
That Speaker's gonna be an "A."  
So, let the band strike up and play;  
And let us all shout hip! hooray!

## IN THE RUT AND ON THE RISE.

The Stove League, the winter branch of the East Falls Church Baseball League, held its first official meeting at "Jack" Welsh's Restaurant on Saturday night.

Plans are all arranged for the coming campaign of the League, and if the new factory which is being built on Dobson's Field doesn't interfere, the grand game of "swat" will soon be in full swing.

In addition to last year's six teams: St. Bridget's, Methodist, Lutheran, Baptist, St. James and Presbyterian, there will be teams representing the Church of the Good Shepherd and Grace Reformed.

P. J. Neilan, the Miracle Manager, will again have charge of St. Bridget's nine, George Shaw will be at the helm for the Lutheran crew; Bill Muschamp will direct the St. James outfit and "Don" MacKenzie will be seen piloting the Meboys. The other teams will more than likely be managed by new leaders.

"Modest Charley" Foley, the active but under-cover secretary of the league, has been in training for his arduous duties by playing basketball on the St. Bridget's basketball team. At the luncheon last week, the League presented their able "see" with a leather brief case, and now when we see him on the street, he has all the dignity and appearance of a lawyer.

Everybody in East Falls is waiting to hear the two most famous words in Kid Webster's Dictionary, "Play Ball!"

Our idea of a total loss of time is to watch two experienced players cleverly manipulating the men in a rough and exciting game of chess. We lost fifteen minutes last Friday afternoon watching "Ye Ed" and Bill the Compositor indulging in the sport. The strain was terrible.

Our own personal sport—and take it from us, we are expert at the game—is eating cheese cake.

We are one of the bunch who traveled up to Chalfonte last Saturday night, with Camp 50, of the P. O. S. of A. and it gave us a real thrill to see the young women and middle aged men doing their best to amuse the little children in the orphanage up there.

The kids, too, got a great kick out of it. We noticed a little 2 1/2 year-old Miss staring, with open mouth and eyes, as one of the entertainers fiddled a tune out of a saw, and as the evening wore on, the poor little kid could hardly hold her eyes open, but she was game and hung on until the last act was over. Another Miss, a girl about 16, unconsciously repeated every word that one of the young lady elocutionists uttered.

The matron was here, there and everywhere, and holding tight to her hand was a tiny lad, whom we guessed to be about two years old. When the telephone rang, she turned the youngster over to an older boy who watched him as carefully, if not more so, than his own brother.

The thrill came in seeing how happy all these folks seemed to be, despite the fact that all of them are orphans. Sometime when you think you are having all the trouble in the world, visit an orphan home, and you will come back home feeling better for having made the visit.

Mar. 21st 1928



Coincident with the opening of the great Conowingo Dam, which took place a few weeks ago and which will provide electric power to operate thousands of factories and light millions of homes, we had a few thoughts.

If this "yere" electric business continues at its present rate, the following things will soon cease to worry us.

Coal strikes, (thank goodness!) with the consequent increases in the price of fuel for the furnace.

Coal trains, with their tooting whistles and escaping steam.

Ashes, which we now carry up from the basement, to have a careless ash collector strew all over the highway.

to blow into our eyes and ears. Frequent abolutions to remove the debris from our anatomy, tends to block up the drain pipes of our dwellings. Plumbers bills will decrease, thereby eliminating another worry.

Our houses will be heated by electricity and we'll have the control button placed right at our bedsides, to save midnight trips to the cellar.

Heating babies' bottles has long since ceased to be one of our personal favorite pastimes, and although we have our doubts that electricity will displace human beings as the parents of children, a few amps and volts will work wonders in stilling the wee small voices which cry in the night, by means of a conveniently heated bottle of milk.

Our homes will be cleaner, and fuel bills for light, heat and cooking will all be paid at one office, a new departure which will save many footsteps. And we'll only have one man to make gibbis to, when we're delinquent, instead of three or four, as at present.

The future certainly looks rosy, and the power from Conowingo is not going to hold back any of life's comforts from us.

Here's hoping Mac sees that one, and shows it to Herman.

"It won't be long now" said the dog breeder of Upper Roxborough, as he cut off two inches of a fox terrier's tail. And the same thing applies to the baseball season. The bugs will soon be out a bleaching themselves and paunching the ball tossers. We are ready to say ~~when~~ ~~then~~ ~~ever~~ ~~you~~ ~~can~~ ~~see~~ ~~the~~ ~~day~~ ~~is~~ ~~already~~ ~~started~~ ~~to~~ ~~train~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~coming~~ ~~campaign~~. And also some of the other old-timers, such as Carlin, Reed, Moyer, Yeabeley, "Leather" Sykes, the Lowerys, Charley Quinn, Robinson, and the Connellys'.

It's quite possible that the local medicos' have completed their plans for the annual game of swat, and the Doc's Hoffman, Schlotterer, Carmany, Entwistle, White and the rest of the bonesetters are getting in shape for their contest.

Why not a Twenty-first Ward Church League of baseball teams to play at the Freeland Kendrick playground? We imagine a crowd could be collected every Saturday afternoon to witness a couple of games which could be played there. Come on out, and play ball.

Radio Hints  
When your better half gets sulky—  
Exciter.  
If she gets excited—Controller.  
If she talks too long—Interrupter.  
If she goes up in the air—Condenser.

If she wants chocolates—Feeder.  
If she eats too much—Reducer.  
If she gossips too much—Regulator.  
If she is contrary—Transformer.  
If she is willing to come half way—  
Meter.

If she wants to go farther—Con-  
ductor.

If she will come all the way—Re-  
ceiver.

If she is a poor cook—Discharger.  
If she is wrong—Rectifier.

An East Falls young man's defini-  
tion of an optimist is a member of the  
genus homo who is making fifteen  
dollars a week and proposes to a girl  
who says she just loves children.

It takes a mighty conscientious man  
to tell the difference between when he's  
tired and when he's just lazy.

You can buy a gun, but you can't  
buy marksmanship. Some people buy  
the best automobiles in the world and  
then don't know how to use them.

#### The Effects of Spring

It was a hot November evening.

In August, last July,  
The sun was raining brightly,  
Not a star was in the sky.  
The grass was chirping sweetly,  
And the robins were in bloom.  
As I went down to the basement,  
To clean the third-floor room.

I saw, ten thousand miles away.  
A ship, just out of sight,  
All alone, beside two others,  
Painted of the blackest white.  
The villain's lips were tightly sealed,  
As he yelled with might and main,  
"You may shoot me with your huntin'  
knife,  
But the window gets the pane!"

Rox Times 4-19-28

## In the Rut and on the Rise

With the Rusty Rambler and  
Jack "Johnny-on-the-Spot" Sick-  
inger, the writer of "this yere col-  
yum" feels that he is responsible  
for a lot of the athletic strides for-  
ward which have been made in the  
territory covered by this paper, in  
the past two years and Modesty—  
herself—is standing beside us giv-  
ing us a dig in the ribs, as we write  
it, but we also have Old Man Pride  
on the other hand urging us to tell  
the world about our success, so

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that in case some other scribbler  
happens to attempt to grab off all  
the credit, he'll find that we have  
beaten him to the honors.

We haven't any idea of claiming  
all the credit, understand, for some  
of the hereinafter named organi-  
zations were in existence for years,  
but with the advent of the East  
Falls Church Baseball League,  
sponsored by "Bill" Muschamp,  
Walter Costello, James "Hero" Mc-  
Hale, "Don" MacKenzie, Charles  
Foley and Lyman Harker, last  
year, and from them, in addition to  
the Roxborough A. A., St. John the  
Baptists diamond warriors, and  
Carnival Park, we received our in-  
spiration.

We talked athletics up to the  
skies with the result that the  
Twenty-first Ward Church Basket-  
ball League was formed as a run-  
ning mate to the East Falls cir-  
cuit, under Willard Hess. We saw  
the erection of the new Manayunk  
A. C., the organization of the Rox-  
borough Panthers, the Cadix and  
Belfield football teams, which came  
at a later date than the old East  
Falls eleven, managed by Walter  
Jenkinson, we witnessed and wrote  
of the doings of the Rexton Club,  
and have ceaselessly boosted them  
all, in addition to the various teams  
of the Roxborough High School,  
the possibilities of the W. Freeland  
Kendrick Playground facilities for  
tennis and baseball and it sort of  
tickles us skinny to think that we  
had a part in advancing all of these  
organizations and their sports.

And whether it be in the Rut or  
on the Rise, we are going to keep  
on encouraging healthy recreations  
for the youth of the vicinity.

Rox Times 7-5-28

## IN THE RUT AND ON THE RISE

We notice that the Green lane  
bridge over the Schuylkill is be-  
ing completed with unusual speed,  
despite the great amount of rain  
which we've had lately. The  
railroad bridge on the west side  
of the river is finished and the  
road is being graded. It won't be  
long, now.

The iron fence rail, on the Ken-

worthy bridge, at Wissahickon, which was carried away when an automobile skidded on to the roof of the Wissahickon Plush Mill, several weeks ago, has been replaced.

It is rumoured that Fred Whitaker has purchased some more of the old Dobson mill buildings on Scott's lane, in East Falls.

We note that George Shaw's Lutheran team and Paddy Neilan's St. Bridget's nine are tied for first place in the East Falls Church League. The teams are now off in the race to ascertain the winner of the second half of the schedule.

With traffic lights being placed at various dangerous corners, East Falls residents are wondering when they will see one at Ridge and Midvale avenues.

Everything comes to him who waits, is a platitudinous old thing to say, but nevertheless it is true, for new trolley tracks are being laid on Levering street, above Cresson. Dwellers on that thoro-fare will welcome the quietness which will come when the broken old rails are removed.

We noticed in last week's edition that "Sick" took a walk, and the thought comes into our minds about the mail carrier who spent his vacation taking hikes.

Although police have placed a red lantern at the junction of Cresson and Mill streets in East Falls, the hole which was made there by the recent heavy rains is still to be filled in. Unless some action is taken very soon, there is apt to be a fatal accident at that point.

Gustine lake has already claimed one life for its 1928 bathing record. Parents should not permit children under 12 years of age to go to the pool without accompanying them. The great number of children which were in Gustine lake last week made it impossible for the guards to watch them all.

The Wissahickon Presbyterian church is rapidly nearing completion, and is an architectural monument to the locality in which it is situated.

The improvements which are

going on around the athletic field of St. John the Baptist High School for boys, are giving a park-like atmosphere to the vicinity. The embankment has been terraced and sodded and a California privot hedge planted which adds to the attractiveness of the place.

The new home for Friendless children, on the old Merrick Estate in Wissahickon, will soon be ready for occupancy.

*Ray Jones 7-12-2A*

**IN THE RUT  
AND  
ON THE RISE**

Independence Day has gone, but it has aroused the annual summer picnic feeling and the craving for the ol' outdoors. And we're to have our share of the good times in store for the picnickers. First, on next Wednesday there will be the Third Annual Outing of the Wissahickon Business Men's Association, which will be held this year at Mermald Lake. Oh, Boy! Swimming, eating, racing, running, jumping and then more eating. The merchants from the lower end of the Ward certainly know how to put these things over.

Following that, just exactly one week later, on July 25th, will be the Manayunk Business Men's turn to hold a good time for the folks of the community. And will we be there? I'll say so. The Boosters' Committee, with George Bovard at the helm, will give us some more details later and don't worry, we'll pass all the information along to you.

This year will see Roxborough Business Men's Association carrying a larger crowd than ever on their specially chartered trains to Wildwood for they have been augmented in their efforts by the Wissahickon tradesmen. August 15th is the date when they'll need traffic cops in the Atlantic.

East Falls folks are all het up about their native sons, Paul Costello and Charley McIlvaine going over to Amsterdam in an effort to bring the Olympics Doubles Championship back to the Yankeeland

once more. They say that the pair will do it or—bust an ear.

Local flower growers and truck farmers are now in the slough of despond. The Japanese beetle has started his annual campaign and neither the Republicans or the Democrats have had anything to say, about this foreign invader, in their platforms.

Old Man Bliss is certainly shooting a lot of business to the tailors, these days. A tailor, like a flapper, always thinks it's pressing time.

We hear that in the last batch of bills passed through Councils, that Mill street, or as the elite call it, West Coulter street, is to be placed on the city plan and that the west side of the said thoroughfare is to be sold for building lots. This will permit East Falls to grow a little closer to Wissahickon.

The Reading Company is certainly making a fine job out of the new freight yard at Wissahickon.

We understand that Al. Reh, of the Empress, is taking a vacation, but that it's apt to be spoiled, for word has reached us that The Charter Box is on his trail.

Do you remember the time when optimistic souls were wont to break out with the strains of that old ballad: "It Aintu goyne Arain nomore?" We never hear those birds a chirping anymore, Josey.

Manayunk, Roxborough and East Falls celebrated last week, when the public bathing pools opened. It was a victory for the wets.



# SPLINTERS



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["Little bits of fuel, scattered monthly to keep the fires of  
comradeship burning brightly in Post interests."]

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THE adversities encountered in the operation of our Veterans' Frolic were many and the gallant manner in which our personnel met and overcame these obstacles registers another triumph to the credit of Hattal-Taylor Post. The morale of our workers was put to an extreme test due to the forced postponements. Every person, we are proud to say, passed this test with unflinching courage. The result of the victory means more in additional prestige than in the actual financial gain and SPLINTERS takes this opportunity to tender its hearty congratulations to every person who had a part in this highly successful affair. The enthusiastic spirit and aggressive action shown by everyone marks another milestone in the forward Progress of our Post.

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

DEAR COMRADE:

The Frolic figures given herein prove that even with the handicap of the inclement weather Hattal-Taylor still runs high in the estimation of the folks among whom we have the pleasure of residing and that the party again proved successful. It was regrettable, in a sense, that the earnings were not higher; however, if your Post ever stood a test it did so on the Frolic of 1929; the conditions which we faced were such that many an organization would have quit discouraged or suffered severe internal strife due to restlessness caused only by an act of God.

Let our Post at all times display this spirit of dogged determinedness and we can but go forward. Sometimes these trials are placed before us in the game of life to show of just what kind of material we are composed, thanks to the fact that our outfit is built of men, most of whom saw real service in the World War, who have such determination and adaptability that will at any time be found a victory-gaining asset.

It is believed that our Ladies' Auxiliary fits in well with its Post in this respect, they surely played real soldier on the Frolic this year and dug in harder than ever; their efforts we hope will link them closer than ever to the Post; we must appreciate such effort as they made, not only the effort however, but the results also.

The Auxiliary will run a Baked Fresh Ham Supper on Saturday, October 26th; we should patronize this affair as we have never patronized anything they have held before, to show them as good a spirit as they showed us. You will not regret coming as these occasions are of a type that bring us all closer together and surely there is no better place to get together than around the festive board. The girls always supply good, clean, wholesome food most deliciously prepared. It is a wonderful opportunity to save your wife the preparation of a meal and it can be done at such small cost.

On behalf of the Post as a whole it is desired to thank all of those who participated in the Frolic and helped to make it such a success; it is further sincerely hoped that the lesson we all learned from the Frolic of 1929 will be of such a nature as to strengthen us in any endeavor we may undertake.

Yours in Comradeship,

G. A. DESSIN.

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The best evidence of ability is immense capacity for hard work and an intense conviction of its necessity.—*Napoleon.*

## AN APPRECIATION

One of the most gracious and enduring of all human emotions is the sense of true appreciation. Without this feeling life would hold very little for one devoid of gratitude and the appreciation of an act of kindness done by someone for somebody.

And again, if this feeling of thankfulness existed in the heart but did not find a means of expression, the act of service would lose its greatest reward.

To do good and to know that the recipient of such benevolence is duly appreciative, warms the heart and creates a feeling of mutual understanding.

The officers of Hattal-Taylor Post and ladies of its Auxiliary feel very kindly to all those willing ladies and comrades who aided in bringing about a successful conclusion of the 1929 Veterans' Frolic. But the realization is ever present that all the organizing and working out of the plans would not produce such a golden harvest were it not for the picturesque and ideal setting at Langhurst.

Therefore the entire personnel of Post and Auxiliary join in an expression of heartfelt appreciation and warm gratitude to Mrs. Charles E. Meyers and Comrade J. L. Jones for their kindness to the Post by extending the use of the spacious lawn at Langhurst for the Veterans' Frolic.

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CHOW HOUNDS—"ATTENTION"  
AUXILIARY SUPPER ON OCTOBER  
26TH AT THE POST

Chow call will be sounded at the Post Home at 5:00 p. m. on Saturday, October 26th.

Come out and enjoy a good Fresh Baked Ham Supper. The chow hounds know the way the Auxiliary puts out those tasty meals, is just nobody's business.

Everything cooked right in the Post Home and served piping hot. Remember the previous supper. Gee, I can still work up an appetite thinking about it. Following the supper you can sit down and play Beano while that overloaded tummy settles down to work. After the wonderful work done by the Ladies at our Frolic, we shall certainly turnout to give the Auxiliary a little well-earned support.

Then for a finale, George Taylor has provided a few select acts of vaudeville. Take George's word for it. The Show will be good. The long-awaited-for news of the Frolic profits will be given in detail by Director Glanding.

Every Comrade will be mailed two tickets so be sure and bring the wife along to enjoy the supper and the entertainment which will follow.

AUTO OWNERS—  
 "COMPRENDRE VOUS?"

A request was made in the September issue that those Comrades owning automobiles turn their applications for 1930 tags over to the Adjutant. Last year we had 60 numbers reserved for us through the courtesy of the State Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Mr. Benjamin G. Eynon. This year we have requested the same favor in spite of the fact that there were only eight of the Comrades who took advantage of the plan.

We have requested the State Highway Department to name a final date for the forwarding of our applications. That date has not been set as yet. We have upwards of 100 cars owned by Post members and at this writing we have just four applications. Four per cent response is not so good. Imagine the Post driving to Baltimore next June to the V. F. W. National Encampment with a line-up of cars bearing tags numbered consecutively. When you see one of those tags ahead you know you still have friends on hand when you get that flat, which we hope to avoid. Those numbers are bound to attract attention as you know it pays to advertise.

What has become of that flock of car owners who declared last year that they would procure their 1930 tags through the Post? If there had not been so many who were long on promises and short on performance the effort to obtain a series of numbers would not have been made this year. Come on car owners, we want to mark our cars in a distinctive manner. We want enough responses to make the effort worth-while. We want the three-threes to be conspicuous, especially at V. F. W. gatherings. Ante-up.

BUGLE CORPS

We have tried for some time to form a corps of twenty-four members, but for some unknown reason we are unable to get very many regulars to come out for more than two rehearsals straight.

Last Friday we started a beginners' class for both drummers and buglers. Comrade Chas. Auman is instructing the buglers and the tireless Tommy Thring the drummers.

We are now planning the formation of our corps upon different lines. Starting next Friday Evening only those Buglers and Drummers who can play to the satisfaction of their respective instructors will play during rehearsals. All others must take instructions.

This is by no means an attempt to keep anyone out, but rather an attempt to teach all alike so that they may actually play and not have to bluff along. These

instructions will be given separately. The buglers under Comrade Auman occupy a room by themselves and will in no way be disturbed. The drummers under Comrade Thring will also occupy a room by themselves where they will rehearse on the pads until they become proficient. Comrade Geary as drum major will be required to lead the corps at the rehearsals. Rehearsals for the classes under the instructors will start at eight o'clock and stop at the discretion of the instructor in charge. Rehearsals for the playing members will start promptly at eight and will last one hour. If it becomes necessary to start later we will practice until one hour has been consumed.

The playing unit will be under the direction of Comrade Turner. Hoping for a successful Corps, yours in Comradeship,

THOS. H. A. TURNER,  
 Chairman.

TO ALL THE WORKERS OF THE  
 1929 "FROLIC"

I personally, and in behalf of the Hattal-Taylor Post thank every member of the Post, Auxiliary and friends that helped to make the "Frolic" this year the success it was.

Although we did not reach the goal set, as this was something beyond human possibility, as old man sunshine disappointed us by going on a vacation at the wrong time. After all is said and done I would say that we came out very good.

You remember I asked for a twenty per cent increase over last year's profit on every table; although this was not accomplished I am well satisfied with the results under the conditions we were forced to work; however I can not write this without mentioning the noble work done by the ladies. I do not remember a "Frolic" when our ladies worked harder than they did this year. The fourth division, under the supervision of Ida Cooper, went over the top and not only reached their twenty per cent gain but went beyond this on every table except one. This proves to me that the ladies worked one hundred per cent. Their goal this year was (\$900.00) nine hundred dollars, and they turned in a total profit of \$949.52. Let me pause here to say that it behooves every member of the Post to take a lesson from the ladies and back them up one hundred per cent in the affairs that they are planning to put across in the future.

I found by dividing the "Frolic" into four divisions with an assistant director in charge worked out to perfection. The comrades worked very hard, and it was somewhat of a drain on them from the way

it was drawn out; however I noticed that the comrades had the Post at heart or this would not have been done.

The public was very faithful to us and supported us to the extent of (\$7700.00) seventy seven hundred dollars, which to my mind is quite a sum of money and surely expresses their faith in us.

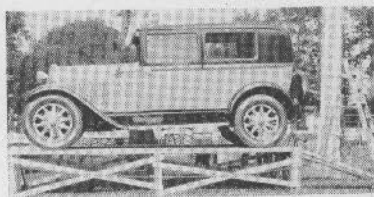
I could go on writing paragraph after paragraph explaining the good work done by the different workers but this I will not do as I feel that every one cooperated to their utmost, and had this not been done we could not have reached the profit of \$3917.89 which is shown in the report.

May I urge you to read the other articles in this issue and also study the report of the various tables. It is very encouraging.

Here's hoping that next year's "Frolic" will pass that (\$5000.00) five thousand mark.

Yours in Comradship,  
C. A. GLANDING,  
*Director.*

P. S.—Comrades who have ticket money will please turn same over to the Quartermaster as he has the list of the unpaid accounts.



*The Essex Car attracted considerable attention*

### DONATION BOOKS AND THE PRIZE WINNERS

All things considered, meaning of course the elements, lack of work in the community, and the laxity of some of the members, the donation books did very well. While not up to last year's mark, still a great many were sold. The total receipts on donation books will be in the full financial report elsewhere in this issue so I will not confine my remarks to the prize winners, the ones who sold the winning tickets and those members who sold the most Books.

The first prize, an Essex Coach, was won by ticket number 14521 held by W. J. Kirkpatrick, Jr., 2015 So. 56th St., and was sold to him by Comrade Hans Leopold.

The second prize, a Sparton Electric Radio, was won by ticket number 5949 held by George F. Craven, 234 West 11th

Ave., Conshohocken, and was sold to him by Comrade James McClusky.

The third prize, a Three Piece Porch Furniture set, was won by ticket number 23073 held by Jas. P. Coyle, 3825 Manayunk Ave., and was sold to him by Comrade William Holgate.

The fourth prize, a Wardrobe Trunk, was won by ticket number 9779 held by our own Ernestine Schwarz and was sold to her by Comrade Thomas Thring.

The fifth prize, a Graybar Vacuum Cleaner, was won by ticket number 11772 held by Edward Stumm 4650 Silverwood St., and sold to him by Comrade Thomas Thring.

The sixth prize, an Eastman Kodak, was won by ticket number 2819 held by T. Bloomberg, Jr., 815 Sansom St., and sold to him by Comrade William Fritz.

Now we come to another interesting part of the competition, that of selling the most books.

The first prize goes to Thomas Thring, who sold 148 books.

The second prize goes to Samuel Geary, who sold 107 books.

The third prize goes to Harvey T. Sturgis, who sold 84 books.

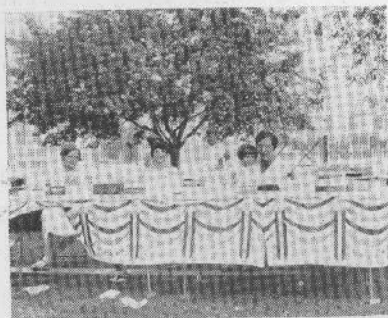
The fourth prize goes to Harry P. Prager, who found time with all of his other duties to sell 78 books.

The fifth prize goes to A. T. Fozard, who sold 75 and the sixth prize to Wm. Speers, who sold 65 books.

This is a total of 556 books for six members. Think just what a dozen fellows like these can do to make our Frolic more successful next year.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank those Comrades who stayed with me on the donation books, both before and during the Frolic.

THOS. H. A. TURNER,  
*Capt.*



*Candy Table was a popular place*

*Patronize the advertisers who make SPLINTERS possible*

VETERANS' "FROLIC" 1929

RECEIPTS

Borrowed Home Assn. ....	\$130.00
Borrowed Post. ....	175.00
Change By Check. ....	200.00
Change By Check. ....	500.00
Int. on hand. ....	6.35
Gross Receipts. ....	7763.41
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	\$8774.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Returned Loan Home Assn. ....	\$130.00
Returned Loan Post. ....	175.00
Change By Check. ....	200.00
Change By Check. ....	500.00
Int. on hand. ....	6.35
Expenses. ....	3845.52
Net Profit. ....	3917.89
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	\$8774.89

DIVISION NO. 1

Admission Tickets. ....	\$ 42.20
Cash Admissions. ....	334.75
Chance Books. ....	1496.19
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DIVISION NO. 2

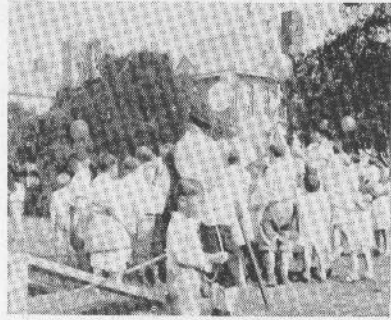
Gen. Merch. 1. ....	\$ 450.60
Gen. Merch. 2. ....	130.45
Baseball Wheel. ....	52.53
Candy Wheel. ....	78.01
Flicker. ....	88.71
Flash Light. ....	174.00
Horse Race. ....	152.56
Grocery Wheel. ....	74.64
Game of Skill. ....	142.84
Tobacco. ....	7.97
Ice Cream. ....	95.36
Soft Drinks. ....	73.21
Razzle Dazzle. ....	185.10
Golf Game. ....	95.35
Beano. ....	266.60
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	\$2047.93

DIVISION NO. 3

Flower Market. ....	\$ 120.40
Sandwich. ....	167.48
Candy Table. ....	162.54
Cake Table. ....	125.50
Fancy—Useful Art. ....	141.45
Fish Pond. ....	18.10
Novelty Game (String) .....	216.05
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	\$949.52
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	\$4870.59
General Expenses. ....	\$952.70
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Net Profit. ....	\$3917.89



The way to accomplish a difficult feat is to try to do it, coming, at each attempt, as nearly as you can to a perfect job.



The Balloon Race was the Magnet that drew the "kiddies"

THE BALLOON RACE IS WON

By MISS MARY TAYLOR

Her "airship" traveled to Freehold, N. J. On the afternoon of September 7th the annual balloon race was held in conjunction with Veterans' Frolic. This afternoon is set apart for the children and they certainly enjoyed themselves.

Cards were distributed among three hundred children and a few members of the auxiliary also signed their names. After the cards were attached to the balloons, the zero hour 3 P. M. arrived.

It was a wonderful sight to see all the balloons traveling in a northeasterly direction. The distance record was not broken this year due to atmospheric conditions, as an electrical storm was approaching from the northwest.

The winning ticket was forwarded from Spring Lake, N. J. with the following note:

"We were driving from Spring Lake, N. J. to Trenton, N. J. on the week-end of September 7th and found this balloon in Freehold, N. J. Hope I am not too late in sending it in so Mary Taylor may receive a prize.

Douglas Conover,  
503 Morris Ave.,  
Spring Lake, N. J.

Freehold, N. J. is 58 miles from Philadelphia. Mary Taylor who is five years old, lives at 416 Naomi St., Roxborough. SPLINTERS congratulates her on winning this event. The success of the race was due largely to the fine work of Geo. Brewington and Bill Fisher. The writer found these two comrades in the dugout filling the balloons with hydrogen gas and they deserve a lot of credit for their faithful services. The chairman of the committee desires at this time to personally thank those who assisted him in making the race a success.

MERREL J. HILBERG.



*The Boy Scout Troops depict Indian War Dances*

### A RÉSUMÉ OF THE 1929 FROLIC

*By Tom Thring*

Now that the 1929 Veterans' Frolic is over there is nothing left for us to do but talk of what happened. As you know we started out this year to make history, and history we made but not as we had hoped it to be. We had hoped and planned to put on one of the largest, most attractive and biggest money makers we had ever attempted, the proceeds to net us not less than five grand and what happened to thwart our scheme was something beyond our control, three rainy nights out of four, and how it rained is just nobody's business.

The preliminary work, as you already know was well taken care of by the four horsemen, namely Glanding, Prager, Thring and Geary and not an item was overlooked from the selecting of the automobile to the ordering of the hot-dogs. The advertising was handled by our premier of advertising men, Harry Prager, and the buying by Glanding, Prager and the writer. The list of gifts for the grand drawing was to my mind the best ever offered and the actual selling of the books was by far the easiest. A great line of merchandise was purchased for the wheels and the Beano game and everybody who won seemed pleased with what they received. The articles displayed on the tables handled by the Ladies were bought, made, or begged by them and the wonderful display and credit for the proceeds goes wholly to them and their Directress, Ida Cooper. Our hats are off and we bow low in grateful acknowledgment.

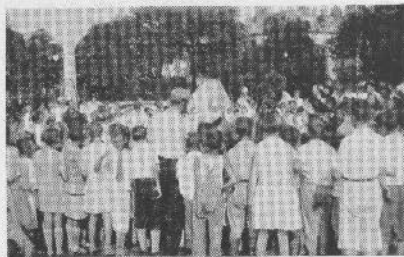
I dare say that few of you realize, what a great amount of work is necessary long before these Frolics actually take place, the planning, the scheming, estimating,

ordering, and finally buying, to say nothing of the paper work and preparation for the meetings to stir up interest. This, to a large extent, is the work of the Director and we had the good fortune of having one wholly capable in our own Charlie Glanding. The next big item is the job of getting the public interested, or at least bringing the affair to their attention and this was the work of our advertising committee with none other at the head than our own Harry Prager and if you noticed anything unique or original in this line, Harry alone is responsible.

Now the next committee which deserves honorable mention was the decorating, hauling and grounds. This committee was very much in evidence all during the preparation period, while the Frolic was on, and long hours after each night's work was done. The boss of this outfit was our ever willing, always active Sam Geary, ably assisted by Ralph Hinkle, Bill Fisher, George Taylor, Commander Dessin, A. Bice, Len Wrigley, Hughy Giles, Billy Spears, Charles Miller, Sam Clark, Jimmy Batty, Spruce Baird, and a score of others who came along and lent a hand.

Then there were the store-room boys, headed by Ollie Mills and assisted by Eli Shaw. This aggregation took care of the stock and some stock there was to take care of, believe me. They checked the goods on delivery from the stores, checked them when they arrived at the grounds, made another check when distributing them to tables, checked again at the close of each evening; about the only check these boys didn't make was at the gate when the people were carrying the goods home, so they deserve credit for doing a very efficient job.

The tables and equipment had been carried from the Post Home to the grounds several days before the Frolic dates, the strings of lights were in place, the decorations all hung and during the afternoon of the first opening day business trucks were arriving with their loads of

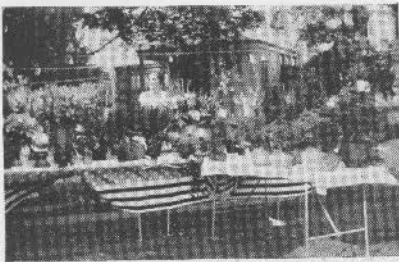


*Watching the "Voice Throwers" do their stuff*

goods and as the many comrades and ladies were busying themselves with the task of setting up the tables and booths, the beautiful lawn of Langhurst was slowly but surely taking on a carnival aspect.

As the afternoon wore on, the skies which had not looked so promising were getting darker and our hopes were fast fading. Our aeroplane which was scheduled to go up at five o'clock did not leave the ground and shortly afterward the rain started to fall and continued, so that all was off for the time. Friday was a dull day but the rain held off and we did get started in the evening but due to the dampness of the turf and the heavy clouds, our crowd was not up to expectations but we did fairly well, thanks to all concerned. Saturday started out warmer and clearer and all had fond hopes for a wonderful day. In the afternoon we had our usual entertainment for the kiddies which consisted of a balloon race after which a group of Boy Scouts, all bedecked in paint and feathers, did a real Indian dance to the beat of real Indian Tom-toms. This delighted the kiddies immensely and we are greatly indebted to the boys for their wonderful showing and the entertainment they afforded the youngsters of the ward.

Supper time arrived and with it the aroma of real, homecooked fresh ham, corn on the cob, mashed potatoes and other fixings; with coffee, bread and butter and dessert thrown in, for the large sum of fifty cents. Our ladies were holding this supper on the grounds and this in itself attracted quite a crowd of people to the Frolic and of course helped in swelling the proceeds for the evening. As the evening approached the customers arrived in droves and by eight-thirty, four thousand people were tramping about enjoying the festivities. As the sun sank in the west the sky took on a doubtful appearance and it was evident that our time was short lived for the evening but we decided to go on until driven indoors by the elements.



*Ethel Milligan amid the wonderful showing of plants and blooms*



*The Japanese "String Game" went over big*

Sure enough, just before ten o'clock the rain started to fall and after rushing the equipment and merchandise under cover we were through for the night.

A hurried conference was held by the directors and their aides and it was decided to hold the Frolic over for the following Saturday afternoon and night, September 14, and accordingly the advertising committee started their campaign to tell the community of the change.

Several thousand additional Vet-o-gram hand-bills were printed and Alex Wilson was again instructed to engage a plane from the Pitcairn Field for another air trip over the Ward. This was in addition to the trip Alex had made on Friday the 6th when he so successfully distributed 7,500 Vet-o-grams over an area of ten miles.

Saturday the 14th arrived and the workers were out early to re-decorate their tables. The attendance during the afternoon consisted mostly of children, who were entertained by an hour's show by a pair of well-known ventriloquists.

The patrons started to arrive about seven o'clock, took a sweeping glance at the display on the grounds and started back home as the clouds coming from the west were getting blacker every minute. By seven-fifteen the rain was falling in torrents and our hopes were dashed on the rocks for another night. Some of the good people who were not quick enough in starting homeward were forced to seek shelter under the roofs of the buildings on the grounds. The thought of starting a merchandise wheel under the garage roof was favored by the workers and patrons alike and the game went merrily on, despite the rain

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which was still coming down by the bucketfuls. A great deal of fun and quite a lot of merchandise was disposed of on this wheel which was operated until nearly ten o'clock. By this time the rain had stopped and it was decided to start some of the other wheels, as quite a number of new arrivals had joined those already there. Things went merrily on, despite the soft marshy turf, and the proceeds for the evening were something better than nine hundred dollars. The rain started again shortly after eleven o'clock and again we were forced to postpone the affair till another night. We hurriedly decided on the following Monday night, rain or shine, we would hold our drawing and call it a day.

Monday the 16th was clear and somewhat cooler and although the time was too short for our usual advertising campaign, yet we had a goodly number of patrons and the proceeds mounted to fourteen hundred dollars although nothing really got started until well after nine o'clock. The drawing was held at eleven-thirty with several thousand onlookers and a chap from West Philadelphia won the Essex, the Radio went to Conshohocken, the furniture stayed in Roxboro, the trunk went to Queen Lane Manor, the vacuum cleaner to Manayunk and the Kodak to Frankford, thus ending the 1929 Frolic and all hands started homeward. I say all hands, meaning of course the patrons but the bulk of the work was just starting for the grounds committee, the equipment crew, the store keepers and last but not least, the money changers, under the guidance of George Knipe, who was surrounded with such diligent workers as the Secretary of the 1929 Frolic, Charlie Stout, Steve Gilliard, Sam Clark, Bunny Fozard and Vaughn Hilberg and their work at the Frolic kept them there until the wee hours of the morning.

After an affair of this kind there are always some features which stand out more prominently than others and if I may be permitted I would like to make mention of some of these features. First of these is the crew which operated the General Merchandise wheel headed by none other than that sorrel-topped live wire, Len Wrigley; the profits of this outfit attest to the earnest work of this bunch. Then there were the ladies who served the supper and made this feature one of the biggest in the history of Frolics. Thirdly was George Dessin and his Beano crew, operating a new feature to Frolic concessions and satisfying all who were fortunate enough to secure a chair to play. Next the honorable mention goes to Jim McClusky who handled one hundred and

twelve cases of soft drinks in one afternoon and evening and with very little help from the men who were assigned to him. This is a record for one day's sale on this table and it will have to be a very hot day before it is broken. Next I would like to mention the General Merchandise No. 2, headed by John Cronin. This wheel sold out completely each evening and this was only achieved by hard work and constant plugging such as John is capable of. Then there was the candy table Captained by Helen Sowden and she with her co-workers conceived the idea of apple taffies and three-cent candy grab-bags, which made a feature of this table such as it has seldom seen. Then there was the cake table, headed by our old reliable Ann Geary with a score of the lady members helping and such an array of cakes was never seen before and had it not been for the rain which forced them to reduce their prices, there is no telling what the proceeds would have been.

Honorable mention should go to the Flower Market, headed by Elmer Milligan's better half, for the display she presented and also for the businesslike way in which she disposed of her perishable merchandise when the Frolic was postponed for a week. The String Game, headed by Tine Schwarz and her half-acre crew, also come in for mention for the cunning way in which she and her workers held the interest of the patrons and finally disposed of every single article on their table, selling a total of 2450 single pieces.

And so we go down the line mentioning all the concessions and tables who gave their all for the success of the Frolic but whose efforts were not as successful as some of those I have just enumerated. For instance Mrs. T. H. A. Turner was again captain of the Fancy and Useful Articles and the display was just as attractive and prices much less than former years but people passed by and took to the chance wheels, no fault of theirs but



*The cake table went "over the top" with a greater profit than ever*

*Patronize the advertisers who make SPLINTERS possible*



just one of those things. The horse race game, the golf game and such other games on which we had pinned so much hope, were somewhat of a failure, due to no cause of the workers nor the weather but due to a certain pressure which we were unable to overcome. The Candy Wheel did not come up to expectations and we are supposing that the threatening weather had a great deal to do with that. The Grocery Wheel did have one good night and they disposed of quite a number of their baskets and again we say that the weather which chased our patrons from the grounds had something to do with keeping this 25-number wheel from turning more frequently.

The Flash Wheel, headed by Bill Douie, was fairly successful and exceeded last year's mark by several dollars, disposing of twelve of their eighteen lamps. This is extra fine when one considers that this wheel possesses 56 numbers and is located at the far end of the lawn. The Fish Pond captained by Miss Betty Hilberg was very much in evidence near the front of the lawn and disposed of their wares at five cents a line and they sold completely out. The Tobacco Table managed by our head Boy Scout, Joe Sumner and his charming wife, took very good care of the smokers who needed such supplies, and again our little friend Asa Bice took care of the Ice Cream with such rapidity that seldom a crowd had a chance to gather around his stand. One concession I almost overlooked and that would have been an oversight, as this outfit did do a rushing business, that was the throwing game headed by Jim Batty, who gave candy away if you knocked all the bottles off the stand and the merry ha-ha if you didn't. Jim kept this game going from starting time until closing. They busted all the balls, split great rents in the heavy canvas, smashed the tables which held the bottles, took nearly all of Jim's

candy and in general nearly wrecked the works. We certainly have some pitching material in Roxboro and Man'yunk for Connie Mack to look over for the future but all in all we had a lot of fun out of it, and no one is worrying about the wreck they left.

Now last, but far from, least are the workers on the chance books. This part of the Frolic was successfully handled by Thomas H. A. Turner with a corps of workers sufficient to take care of the many purchasers of books, while Tom was kept busy receiving the proceeds from the members. Twenty-two hundred books were received, checked, separated, placed in the electric turnstile by this crew, this was the largest attraction on the lot and the real reason for our patrons staying with us until nearly twelve o'clock on the last night.

As we look over the history of this Frolic we find several things of note; first we did not make as much profit as we had hoped to; secondly we stretched the affair over three weeks; third we took in more money than ever before; fourth our operating expenses were far greater than ever before due to extra advertising, loss by rain, sacrificed perishable goods, re-decorating and other added expenses; and fifth we experienced three rainy nights out of four and these are all records never before equaled by us.

In closing I wish to convey my thanks to all in my division who worked so earnestly for the goal which the Director had set for us to shoot at and I feel certain that with favorable weather and other objections removed we would have passed the mark. I wish to congratulate the Director and the assistants whom I had the pleasure and honor to work with, for their distinguished efforts and complete cooperation and to the ladies and many friends who served in various capacities. I am sure the Directors and the whole Post join me in a rising vote of thanks to you and your splendid body, the Auxiliary of Hattal-Taylor Post.

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#### "FROLIC" PICK-UPS.

Now Bill Fisher will say that we mean by Pick-Ups, the back-bending exercise usually practiced by very few at the close of hostilities.

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Yea, Bill thinks partly right at that, as the boys certainly faded from sight as the time arrived for the sport of plucking the small tickets out of the grass.

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Ray Curry was one who stayed to the finish on the first night but that was all as he mistook something for a bright



*How the kiddies do love to "fish"*

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shiny dime, we'll let you guess what it was.

Louey, the chauffeur, and Uncle George, the gardener, surely proved their loyalty to us. They were with us 100 per cent and worked a darn sight harder than some of our boys. Our thanks are extended to them for their help and courteous attention.

George Knipe and his worthy assistants were regular Jews when it came to guarding the money coffers.

Jim McClusky, Eli Shaw and Bob Flynn must be ex-bartenders as they shoved the soft stuff out like experienced hands.

Vaughn Hilberg and his co-workers were busy boys before the rain storm hit us on the night of the 7th.

Ralph Hinkle and Bill the Fisher made a clever job of providing the electric light display. The large bulb on the top of the flag pole was a work of art. We hope Hink puts that wire away where nobody can find it until we need it next year.

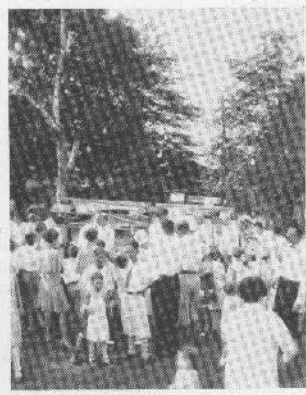
George Dessin and his gang of bohunks, Joe Lynch, Bill Fritz, George Brewington, Merril Hilberg, Neil Emmering, Morris Hunter and Norm Leeser certainly "beaned" the people with their game. It's a wonder they have any throats left the way they yelled all through the damp nights. Anyway their profits show it was well worth while.

Aleck Wilson was the ace who flew the skies, on behalf of the Post, tossing thousand of Vet-o-grams to be carried by the winds over our sector. Aleck performed a dandy job.

Charley Glanding, our Director, was the most optimistic man on the grounds; he smoked his pipe in stoical silence while his bowers, Tommy and Harry, raved and cussed about the tuff breaks.

Len Wrigley and his crew of hustlers worked hard and faithfully and their efforts were rewarded with a dandy gain in profits over last year's affair.

Comrade Doc Mitten was sure a favorite with the "kids". He had a couple hundred of them following him around the grounds and no wonder, because Doc's attraction was his pocketbook and when he departed for home he was temporarily busted.



Everybody wanted a basket of groceries to haul home

The Flower Mart was the most talked of display on the lot, the gorgeous blooms and large assortment of plants, etc., was the finest ever we've had. Doctor A. A. Mitten was chairman of this picturesque sector and provided a carload of his prize-winning gladiolas to be sold. Ethel Milligan, George Weber, Elmer Milligan and Harold Landis deserve a whole lot of credit for their untiring labor in putting the profits at the highest peak.

Harry Oliver was like a Will-o'-the-Wisp, he appeared on the scene for a time, worked awhile and disappeared only to pop up again and work some more. We were glad to see Harry out in harness as he has been missing from the last few affairs.

Jake Protevi and his corps of fellow workers, both at the office and in the Post, were disappointed because they were not permitted to run as they expected but they had the old "pep" and did fine under the conditions. They even had an eight-ton truck on hand to help out, a twelve-cylinder baby disguised as Bob Hager, and maybe he wasn't cute in rompers.

Charley Miller had weather-beaten lungs from trying to induce people to take home a box of Miller Sisters' chocolates.

Wonder what Charley Stout is going to do with the blue spruce tree he won? Will save you the price of a Christmas tree, Charley, if it lives that long.

And to think that George Hudson won the ton of coal chanced off by the Fancy Table. What a hot time he'll have pushing that stuff in the furnace.

The Toy Table was capably managed by John Cronin who disposed of practically everything. They had a dandy assortment of toys and their slogan was "Do Your Christmas Buying Early". Many a kiddie will remind Pop that the aeroplane "Santie" brought, came from the Frolic.

Oh boy, how those girls on the Sandwich Table did hustle and what a meal they turned out on Saturday the 7th. We surely doff our tin lids to Katherine Miller and her aides for the able way they served our interests.

Yep, Ida Cooper is a girl of her word. She said that she would see that every member of the Auxiliary would receive a job and how those girls did work for Ida.

One of our true believers who turned in a marvelous report, backed up with actual cash, and she doesn't belong to us officially either, is Mrs. William Schultz. She spent considerable time in securing subscriptions on a free Roxie pass and behold, she sold over \$80.00 worth. Our sincere thanks to you, Mrs. Schultz, for your splendid help.

We received wonderful co-operation in our publicity from the *Suburban Press*, who not only allowed us a considerable amount of space but also contributed special articles written by the Editor of this valuable paper, Mr. Al J. Chadwick. The directors, on behalf of the Post, desire to extend their appreciation to Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Ewing for their invaluable assistance in putting over in such excellent fashion the news that helped bring thousands of people to our Frolic.



Bill Kavasch and John Cronin  
during a lull period

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"Jimmy" Bice and those who helped him with the decorations made a clever job of it. The signal corps flags along Ridge Avenue added a touch of color that was a dandy advertisement.

We missed two of our regular hustlers this year and wonder what happened to keep Mary Mitchell and Mabel Reimer away from the fracas.

We'll have to hand it to Jack Henderson of the Hudson-Essex Agency in Roxborough. Nothing was too much trouble for Jack and he was a big help in pushing sales for the drawing. His cooperation should be taken into consideration when we turn our thoughts to the 1930 Frolic.

Captain Deegan, Sergeants Bradley and Stevens have our thanks for securing the ropes and stakes from the Police Department. They also stuck right on the job and saw to it that we didn't make too much money.

Janet Dayton, the young daughter of our Past Commander Logan, was the winner of a handsome urn from the Flower Market.

The Cake Table did remarkably well under the guiding hand of Mrs. Anna Geary. They show a larger profit than ever before. Another bit of evidence of the alertness of our Ladies.

Mrs. George Brewington held the lucky number that carried away the cedar chest of goodies. Hope George didn't get a tootache from stowing too much aboard.

As usual the Novelty String Game, captained by Tine Schwarz, made a hit. A couple of the strings caught fire from the friction caused by the rapid speed they were being yanked.

George Taylor disposed of a bunch of baskets on the wheel. The baskets contained a nice collection of Garden Brand groceries and brought a healthy response.

Elizabeth Hilberg and her crew ran their sloop into a fishing bank and in no time cleaned out all the fish in the bay. They discovered another school and were busy for a long time baiting up hooks and dragging in the bounties.

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The Lamp Wheel, with its dazzling and enticing array of lights, made its usual hit so that Bill Douie and squad were kept right on their toes raking in the thin pieces.

Tom Turner attracted a lot of attention to his donation book-centre by the nice display of prizes. The Essex was mounted on a trestle, and nobody could miss it and the other prizes were in public view at all times.

Well we can't overlook the Hoss Race Wheel with Chief Jockey Billy Speers in the saddle. Bill's brother riders, Hinkle, Fisher, Baird, Little and Guba all rode well and up to expectations. While they didn't exactly finish in front, they were in the money and need a bit more saddle experience before entering the derby.

Our novel broadcasting outfit furnished by the Jacksonfield Co. of Camden did certainly pour out the music. It also permitted us to do our own broadcasting and maybe that wasn't something. You should have heard some of our guys trying out their voices—Wow.

Jimmy Batty's Milk Bottle Game got so rough they nearly busted up the works. The canvas was torn to shreds by the cannon ball service of a lot of Earnshaws and Groves, so Jimmy constructed a wooden barrier that broke up the balls instead. We should worry so long as Jim brought in a profit of \$140.00 plus.

We won't dwell much on the merits of the Flicker, Razzle Dazzle or Golf Game as everybody knows the reason for the small return, we say small because when compared with other years the amount seems insignificant, but we all appreciate the zealous work by those in charge.

The softest job on the Frolic was held by Harry Hahn who was one of the "Coppers" delegated to maintain order, also to protect life and property. Harry protected life all right but his aim was poor when he attempted to open a window in the tool-house—zooie property.

Sam Geary and Ollie Mills were as idle as a hive of bees. They were responsible for the hauling and stock of supplies and that was no small assignment. They operated with such smoothness and precision that everything was O. K.

Oh yes, the ice cream got soft, then got hard again but Jimmy the Bice was able to vend enough to keep out of the loss column. He turned in a dandy profit.

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We could go on and on but have to stop sometime. If we have missed anyone in our little review of the event, please accept our apologies as it was not intentional. It's a lot of horse play anyway and we don't want anybody to get sore if they don't quite approve of our remarks. It all goes to make news and that's what our paper is for.

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October 6, 1929

Mr. Harry P. Prager.

DEAR SIR:

I am writing to you, as editor of the Post's paper, to express my sincere appreciation for the gift of the Essex Coach. The winning of a prize of this sort has always seemed more or less of a myth to me so perhaps you can realize how surprised I was when informed that I was the winner. As a matter of fact it still seems almost too good to be true.

Your post has my best wishes for success in all its future activities and I can assure you that Mr. Leopold, the man who sold me the lucky ticket, will have no trouble selling them to the employees of the Curtis Publishing Company next year. We all seem more willing to take a chance when we know someone who has really won such a valuable prize and that the contest is really on the square.

Thanking you again, I am,  
Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM J. KIRKPATRICK, JR.

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**SICKNESS**

We are sorry to hear that Comrade John O'Day has been laid up with a slight illness and at the last report was doing nicely.

P. C. Hugh B. Giles was a visitor at our Frolic and informed us that he had been incapacitated for a long stretch. He suffered from intestinal disorders and our regret is that we were not notified of his illness. We are happy to say that Hughie is recovering his health and promises to pay us a visit one of these nights.

Our greetings are extended Past County Commander "Mike" Morrissey on his recovery from a siege of sickness.

**BIRTHS**

Congratulations are in order for Comrade and Mrs. George Hudson on the arrival of a son, who was born on Friday, October 4th.

Greetings of good will are extended the proud parents and hearty wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Hudson. Wonder why George didn't give us the name of the young fella.

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The Pastor of the church, the Rev. J. Norman Martin, is arranging an excellent program which will indeed be interesting and in keeping with the spirit of the day. His sermon will be entitled, "What think ye of Christ?" Special music is also being arranged by the choir of the church.

We are depending on every member of the Post and Auxiliary to turn out for this service. The day belongs to us and there is no better nor more fitting way to celebrate Armistice Day than by worshipping the Great Commander in one of His churches, structures that are especially set apart for this sacred purpose. Let us show our appreciation by every member turning out.

The Post will assemble at the Post Home, in uniform if possible (the members who have outgrown their uniforms should turn out in their civies), on Sunday morning, November 10th, at 10:00 a. m. and parade to the church headed by our Bugle Corps.

Lest we forget, it is suggested that every Comrade make an entry in his notebook or on his calendar reserving the date and time stated for this worthy pilgrimage to one of our local churches. Do not consider it a duty, but a privilege to turn out for Hattal-Taylor; brush off the uniform and fall in with the boys. We will expect you. Let's carry on. That means every member on hand.

ONE OF THE COMRADES.

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"Innumerable men had passed by, across this Universe, with a dumb, vague wonder, such as the very animals may feel; or with a painful, fruitlessly inquiring wonder, such as men only feel:—fill the great Thinker came, the *original* man, the Seer; whose shaped spoken Thought awakes the slumbering capability of all into Thought. It is ever the way with the Thinker, the spiritual Hero. What he says all men were not far from saying, were longing to say. The Thoughts of all start up, as from painful enchanted sleep, round his Thought; answering to it, Yes, even so!" "It is the *Thought* of man; the true thaumaturgic virtue; by which man works all things whatsoever. All that he does, and brings to pass, is the vesture of a thought."  
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## A CASUAL LOOK AT FRANCE

By P. C. JOHN LANGDON JONES

It is difficult to give an exact picture of the changes that take place in a country when the observer, a foreigner, is not in that country primarily to study its laws, its politics, its social questions in general.

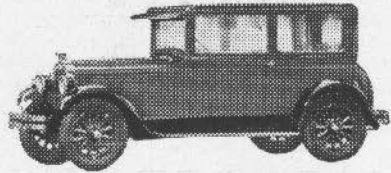
I read once in a preface to a book that when "France is misunderstood, the Frenchman who has travelled grows sad, but he is scarcely astonished; he has measured the extent of this triple proposition: the majority of foreigners compare France to their country before having been able to see it well; the majority of French people have not had the opportunity of comparing it, and no country in the world is more difficult to understand."

Perhaps the word that characterizes France best is variety, which of course, is due to many causes. We find a kind of gentleness in the country, a moderation of light and climate, friendliness and good humour among its people, a country of valleys, white farm-houses, towns sleeping at the feet of gray towers, peaceful rivers floating by in a care-free way, a calmness of clear roads between straight and regular poplar trees, all kinds of beautiful trees, a sweetness of speech and laughter. These seem to be some of the things that make up the varied characteristics of France.

Although these things are accepted by the French, they are none the less real to them. Crusaders of the middle ages speak of "sweet" or "gentle France". But in spite of all this orderly arrangement of the country there is a characteristic of gaiety contrasted, let us say, with the people living in the bleak distances of Norway. As a matter of fact our word "Vaudeville" comes really from "Val de la Vire".

Each province in France has a stamp of its own. Normandy does not look at all like the Basque country, nor does the Champagne country round about Reims and Epernay have any resemblance to Brittany. Let us say for the comparatively small country there is no end of physical interest. Only recently did I ascertain that not very far from Paris is a desert, and in a few hours by train you can sit on a glacier if you want to.

When we say that France is an intelligent country we think of her people. When we say that France is about as large as Germany, we speak of the ground. When we say that France is especially an agricultural country we evoke at the same time a people and the ground. It is of course recognized that in every country the man and the earth act one upon the other. This is especially true in France. It would be difficult to say when that condition was recognized; for that reaction



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has been a part of French life for centuries. For example, if the Frenchman is intelligent it is especially because his territory is infinitely varied and situated between several seas and several peoples. Reciprocally, his ground owes to a large extent its fertility, its appearance, its wide reach to the race which has cultivated it and defended it.

It is this long union between the man and the soil, and consequently between the men themselves, which explains the political and social early birth of France. In the XIIth century, when she was building cathedrals and directing crusades, half of Spain was still Musulman, Germany and the Swiss Cantons and the States of Italy were floating round in the disorder of the Holy Empire. From the confused Europe of yesterday to the uncertain Europe of to-day, France has remained herself. The wars and the alliances of its princes might change the political ties of its inhabitants, but it could do nothing against the solidarity of the relationship between the soil and those who for generations and generations had remained faithful to it. These men had to fight for one another's independence. France became a country and that which to-day makes the unity of the French is no longer their common obedience to a dynasty or to a caste or to a battle-cry, or to a dictum, but their common possession of a long spiritual heritage. "Liberty, equality, fraternity" is much less a word of command than a statement of facts. For several centuries already the sharpest quarrels of France have not been able any more to place national unity in a perilous position, and on that account, the gravity of those struggles. The whole country through civil wars has seen itself more than once almost lost because for each one of the parties in question two Frances were as inconceivable as two truths; each one wished to win to his cause the whole country; for example, the Religious wars, the struggles between Armagnacs and Bourguignons.

To this cohesion is due the social character of the spiritual creations of France. They may have been numerous because the fertility of the ground permitted leisure. On the other hand the climate was rather severe, the country somewhat menaced in order that the man should have to remain energetic. His ground gave him wine, but it demanded blood and sweat. If the race was filled with artists and scholars, it gave also bold captains: Hugo and Pasteur had for their fathers two soldiers of the Grande Armée.

The situation and the variety of the

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soil were bound to maintain between human beings in spite of their age-long solidarity an exceptional diversity. The phlegmatic character of the English is like what you might see in the Flemish people of northern France; the Italian grace comes into flower in Provence; the Pyrénées produce a hardness akin to the Spanish. The Scotch are no more unemotional than the people of Picardy; the Gascon is like the Yankee in bluff. Amsterdam has no more traffic than Marseille, Manchester does not weave better than Lyon. Men and things in France since a long distant past up until now form one whole. Vidal de la Blache, a celebrated geographer, has said that the French soil is also a historical personage and another writer has said that "there is not a bank of river, not a fold in the hills, not a plain, which has now the look that it had at the dawn of history, and not one of them which does not owe something to man.

When you're lost in the wild, and you're scared as a child

And Death looks you bang in the eye, And you're sore as a boil, it's according to Hoyle

To cock your revolver and—die! But the Code of a Man says: "Fight all you can"

And self-dissolution is barred. In hunger and woe, oh, it's easy to blow . . .

It's the hell-served-for-breakfast that's hard.

"You're sick of the game!" Well, now that's a shame

You're young, and you're brave and you're bright,

"You've had a raw deal!" I know, but don't squeal—

Buck up, do your damndest, and fight. It's the plugging away that will win you the day

So don't be a piker, old pard! Just draw on your grit; it's so easy to quit—

It's the keeping-your-chin-up that's hard.

It's easy to cry that you're beaten and—die;

It's easy to crawfish and crawl; But to fight, and to fight when hope's out of sight

Why that's the best game of them all! And though you come out of each grueling bout

All broken, and beaten, and scarred; Just have one more try—it's dead easy to die,

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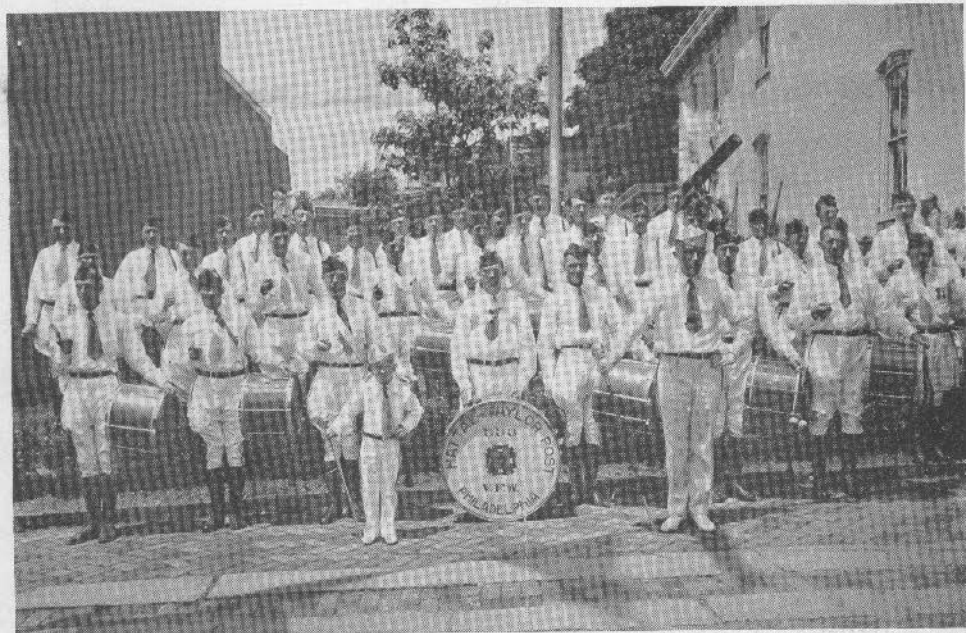


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## The Hattal-Taylor Drum & Bugle Corps Makes Its Début on Memorial Day

WHILE the Drum and Bugle Corps has performed several times in public, Memorial Day marked its first appearance in uniform. Led by the dapper Drum Major, George Winterle and his tiny assistant "Tuck" Turner, son of our Commander, the Corps received rounds of applause for their skilled performance, natty appearance, and snappy drilling.

They literally took the town by storm and the high praise bestowed upon them, spurred the boys on to actually surpass themselves. Tom Thring, the drill master and his assistants deserve a world of credit for their hard work in training the Corps to its present ability and they have fond hopes of increasing this efficiency to such a degree that will place it among the leaders.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*For June and July*

- June 19th—POST MEETING.  
 June 19th-20th-21st—STATE Convention  
 at WILKES-BARRE—Let's ALL go.  
 June 23rd—EXECUTIVE Committee  
 Meeting.  
 June 25th—Auxiliary LUNCHEON.  
 June 26th—Auxiliary Meeting.  
 June 27th—D. & B. Corps Rehearsal.  
 June 28th—PARADE—New Jersey State  
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 July 3rd—POST Meeting—Declare YOUR  
 Independence.  
 July 4th—Drum and Bugle Corps—  
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 Parade.  
 July 10th—Auxiliary Meeting.  
 July 11th—Rehearsal D. and B. Corps.  
 July 17th—POST Meeting.  
 July 19th—PICNIC—Games—EATS—  
 Discuss IT at the meetings—Let's have  
 Your Views.  
 July 24th—Auxiliary Meeting.  
 July 25th—Here AGAIN—Rehearsal.  
 July 28th—EXECUTIVE Committee  
 Meeting.

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

DEAR COMRADES:

Memorial Day of this year should remain in our Memory for a long time, if not for the rest of our natural lives.

On this eventful day the citizens of the 21st ward and its annex (West Manayunk) witnessed the first appearance of our Bugle and Drum Corps in their bright, new uniforms. Weren't they a knockout? Sez you! Also the record for attendance in our Memorial Day Parades was shattered. Check and double check. The Memorial Day Visitation of the Pvt. Mac Arthur Post was something new. The Firing Squad had a new idea all of their own. Did you notice the effects. The first volley was a barrage. The second volley a machine gun; and not to forget the Navy, the third volley a good old broadside. There should have been eight riflemen in the squad, but only seven were active members. The eighth one is going to wait till next year. That the Post was active on Memorial Day can best be attested by those who participated in all its engagements. In the morning we paraded from Terrace and Walnut Lane to the Wissahickon Honor Roll where Memorial Services in charge of Comrade William Jones were held. Did you notice the nurses? Everyone else did. Too,

bad, eh! Cook's tours had nothing on the Alps climbing expedition that held forth in West Manayunk. We marched in rout up hill and down dale to the accompaniment of the Fire Engine's siren. I, for one, don't think it fair to wake the residents of the Alpine Hamlet at such an early hour, namely 11 o'clock. After the mountain climbing we journeyed to the Manayunk Library and for the first time paid homage to the soldiers whose names appear on the Honor Roll that graces the Library Wall on Dupont Street. Then to the Post for a wonderful spread prepared by the Auxiliary. At one P. M., we fell in and marched to Ridge and Fountain and say was that a turnout; I'll tell the cockeyed world. And did the people enjoy that sight; our Corps, the large number of members and our visitors. You tell them. Now with such a congenial membership amongst our Buddies and Lassies, what could be more fitting than a picnic where the families can enjoy themselves in the great out-doors in good wholesome fun. Remember the date and let the same enthusiasm wax high and make it a point to have the whole family come with you. All details promised at the next meeting as to transportation, place and the day's program for all.

Here's hoping to see every one measured for his tincup and sandwiches. 'Till then, believe me, I'm for you all;

THOMAS H. A. TURNER,  
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By WILLIAM J. DOUIE, JR.

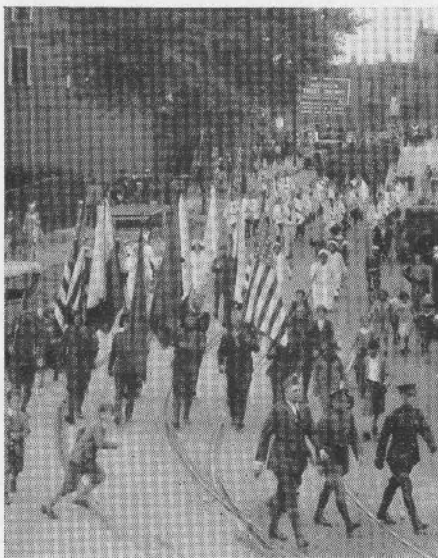
What a day of service was mapped out for Hattal-Taylor Post on Memorial Day. The first assembly was at the Post at 8 A. M. when a brand new American Flag was unfurled to the breezes from our flag pole on the Post lawn. This flag was a gift from one of our benevolent citizens, Mr. John S. Turner, father of our Commander. After reveille was sounded the colors were drawn to the top of the pole while the buglers played the "Call to Colors" followed by the Taps.

Assembly was then blown and the order to fall in given by the appointed Marshal, Sam. Geary; we were off to join the Wissahickon Memorial Services. The parade started from Walnut Lane and Terrace down Terrace to Ridge Ave., to the Honor Roll at the Reading Station. Colors were massed with the Polish Legion Post, followed by our brand new Bugle Corps, resplendent in their snow white uniforms and playing with snap and vigor that put life and pep in every marcher as well as the spectators who lined the sidewalks. After attending the ceremonies at the Honor Roll, under the direction of Comrade Wm. H. Jones and listening carefully to a fine oration from a veteran of the Spanish War, Major Thomas Martin Secretary of the Park Commission; our Buglers blew taps and the firing squad gave its three volley salute, we hopped in autos and proceeded to West Manayunk.

This lively little suburb was roused to a fever pitch over their second annual celebration and sure did put on an appropriate program. The only draw back was the parade, which was led by the fire truck, up and down hills with nobody to watch them, the citizens were all in the line of march; anyway they meant well and outside of the loss of quarts of perspiration no harm was done.

After several airs by the Corps, blowing of taps and the customary salute by the riflers we again hopped off to the Honor Roll at the Wm. Stephens Library at Dupont St., and Fleming, where the riflemen again demonstrated their imitation of a Machine gun in action, and we fell out at 12:30 at the post where a washing up process was in order so as to get ready to don the nose bag.

After such a strenuous morning it was a relief to get back to the post home for a lull in the activities, before starting the big event of the day.



*The Parade in Wissahickon led by "Amos", "Andy" and the "Kingfish". Do you recognize the comrade standing at the extreme right with his hat held at the "alert" position? Send in your answer and receive a tube of S. S. White Tooth Paste if your guess is correct*

The lunch that awaited us was indeed fit for a king; and say when it comes to preparing a lunch, we don't know who can do it any better than the auxiliary of the Hattal-Taylor Post. There was plenty of all and no one left the table hungry. Too much thanks cannot be extended to our corps of faithful ladies for looking after our ravenous appetites.

Just enough time to enjoy a cigarette after this repast, when Spruce Baird sounded assembly on his bugle to fall in for the big parade of the day. Marshal Geary herded his flock together with the acumen of a Pershing. Led by the colors and color guards followed by the Bugle Corps, then the uniformed ranks, with a troop of Boy Scouts bringing up the rear, the line marched out Lyceum Ave., to Ridge Ave., up the Ridge to Fountain St. We were then joined by the Hetty A. Jones Post No. 12 G. A. R. the Sons of Veterans and the Ladies' Relief Corps. of the G. A. R.

From Ridge and Fountain Street the official parade started; our uniformed ranks were augmented by a detail of twenty-five visiting comrades, from the Private McArthur Post. In our own division we had over one hundred bugle corps and uniformed members in the ranks. Without a doubt it was the largest and most successful parade in which we ever participated, with drums beating and bugles blaring, and with much spirit and enthusiasm at one-thirty P. M. we marched to the 21st Ward Memorial Monument situated in Gorgas Park where the V. F. W. paid their respects to all of those from the ward who paid the supreme sacrifice. Comrade Oliver Mills officiated at the ceremony with dispatch and expediency, as a tribute to the memory of falling comrades of the late war, Comrade Gillett of the Hetty A. Jones Post No. 12 G. A. R. placed a wreath in the rotunda of the monument, as did also the Ladies' Relief Corps of the same organization.



*Our Firing Squad under the Command of Neil Emmering had a busy day. Bugler Carpenter stands ready to blow taps at the Wisconsin Honor Roll. Buglers Busby and Baird echoed the call. Notice that Joe Griffith is an old-time Westerner, he shoots from the hip and always gets his man—Zowie*

Directly after the ceremonies the veterans of the G. A. R. and their allied associations took preference in the line of march and the procession started down Ridge Ave. to Green Lane to Manayunk Ave. to Martin Street to German Lutheran Cemetery where the G. A. R. held services for their departed comrades.

After the services at this hallowed spot we again took up the march to Lyceum Ave. to Ridge Ave. to the Leverington

Cemetery. Here a huge crowd awaited the parade and to the music of a dirge we slowly marched to the G. A. R. Monument. Services were held here and then back to the Post Home. Our day's work done so far as parades were concerned but our appetites were well sharpened by the hiking and how we did wolf that generous array of food placed before us by that devoted band of ladies.

We had our guests Commander Geo. Gillett and Junior Dept. Commander Maconahay of the Grand Army; Alexander Chadwick, that staunch friend of Hattal-Taylor, who represented the Suburban Press; a fine delegation of Boy Scouts assembled under the command of Comrade Joseph Summer; Comrades and Ladies of the McArthur Post led by Commander J. Raymond Kenney; Comrade and Mrs. Rudolph Hattal and many other boosters for our Post. Humor was mixed with duty and the day registered several incidents of a hilarious nature; Joe Griffith spreading his full length on Ridge Ave. while star gazing at "Madam Queen" on the sidelines; Carl Volp dropping his drum sticks many times when he missed the drum; Spruce Baird claiming relationship with a Red Cross Nurse of a dummy type in Strawinski's window; Bill Fisher sporting a game leg topped by a goose egg on his head; Ollie Mills all dolled out in a new chapeau; George Perry punching in the heads of a couple of drums, and Tommy Thring showed his lack of training at mountain climbing by puffing like a locomotive when we captured the Alps, and many other cases that brought forth both laughter and cheers. All together the day will go down in history as the greatest we've ever had and that is saying something.

#### OUR CHURCH MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE LEVERINGTON PRESBY- TERIAN CHURCH ON MAY 25TH

A large delegation attended the Post's Memorial services at the Leverington Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, May 25th. Arrangements for details of the affair had been in charge of Comrade Oliver Mills, who officiated in the reading of the V. F. W. ritual. Acting Pastor of the Church, Rev. Dr. John A. Higgons delivered an address, while our own Comrade, Franklin Spencer Edmonds made the Memorial oration. Mr. Edmonds spoke briefly on his own experiences in France during the war. He made a plea for a continuation of the unselfish service of War days, and cited a new



organization for young men known as the Toc-H, which is a society formed to honor their "Big Brothers" of the World War. The Toc-H was instigated by the Bishop of Manchester in England, and has for its purpose the continual firing of the ideals of patriotism, and an everlasting memorial to the honor of the sacrifices of the World War.

Our Post has suffered no loss through death during the past year but the Auxiliary has not been so fortunate as they have lost four of their members since our last service. Mrs. Mary Ellen Hannay, Mrs. Elizabeth Ambler, Mrs. Alice Wrigley and Mrs. Katharine Miller were called to their Heavenly Home and services were conducted in the memory of these splendid ladies.

### SCHOOL VISITATIONS

The Grand Army of the Republic, among other good and patriotic duties, started some years ago in the annual pre-Memorial Day school visitation and as usual this year carried on the good work. In the local field all of the schools were visited, Commander George Gillett of Hetty A. Jones Post No. 12, G. A. R. being the only member of his Post physically able to carry on the work was assisted by two of his comrades from neighboring posts.

On Thursday the Roxborough High School and the Shawmont School were covered, Hattal-Taylor Post was ably represented on this occasion by Commander Thomas H. A. Turner and Comrade Thomas U. Thring; Commander Gillett was still scratching from the cootie stories that Tommy Thring told the youngsters.

On Friday the 25rd the Joel Cook, Levering and Wissahickon Schools were covered with our Post represented by Past Commander George A. Dessin and Comrade John Magill.

On Tuesday the 27th the Green Lane and Schurs Lane Schools were visited and our representative was again George A. Dessin.

This work is one that the Post should continue which is hoped it will be, then a permanent chairman might well be appointed for the purpose of working up a definite program that will carry with it the serious as well as the frivolous aspects of the service life with proper assignments to those who might volunteer for services on such a committee.

Learn to live, and live to learn;  
Ignorance like a fire doth burn,  
Little tasks make large return.

### OUR AUXILIARY AGAIN PROVES ITS METTLE

RAN A SUPPER FOR THE D. AND B. CORPS ON MAY 10TH

Where would our Post be without that sterling bunch of ladies who form themselves under the banner of the Hattal-Taylor Auxiliary. They are some crowd of darlings, every one of them. Never a call from the Post or any society connected with it goes unheeded. Recently the Bugle Corps needed a few extra dollars to meet outstanding bills, and the only quick way to get these dollars was to seek the aid of our girls and ask them to run a supper. They gladly consented and hurriedly threw together a menu, printed and distributed tickets and on Saturday evening, May 10th, they fed to overflowing over 500 hungry bodies. As a result of this meritorious service the Bugle Corps found themselves \$125.00 richer.

Our helmets are doffed to this ever alert Auxiliary of ours; they are sure a gang of good sports as well as willing workers. No matter how distasteful the job wished on them, they pitch into it with an overabundance of vim that does your heart good to watch. Mrs. William Donie, Sr.; acted as the chairlady of the supper and she didn't have to call very loud in order to secure dozens of helpers, the way they flocked to her support was a splendid lesson of loyalty that some of our boys should take pattern after. No coaxing or wheedling was necessary to round up that crowd, no siree, they don't have to resort to this method of seeking help; why, because they have the love of our Post in their hearts and are only too willing, not only to serve but also to dig deep and donate in order to keep the overhead down. SPLINTERS wishes to acknowledge the sagacity and hearty response of this noble body of ladies and offers its congratulations on their sincere loyalty to their Post.

She was visiting a zoo and gathering as much information about the animals as possible in one short afternoon.

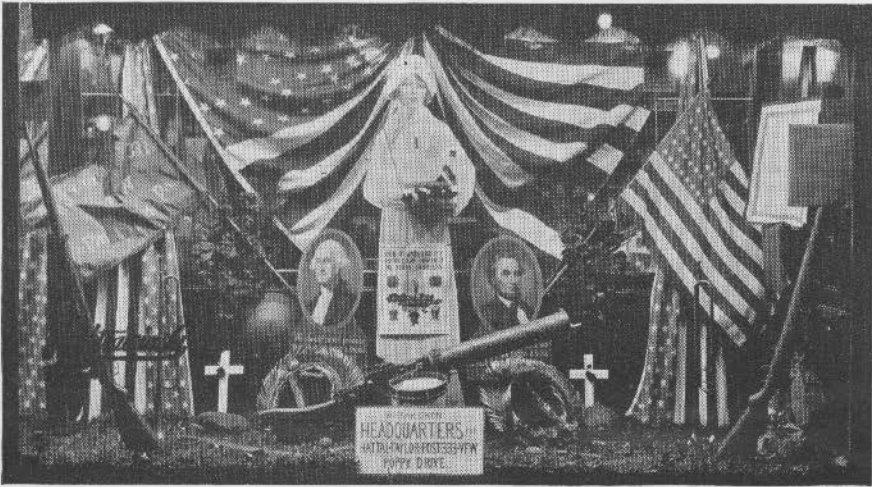
Eventually she came to the bears. "Are those animals carnivorous?" she asked the keeper.

He scratched his head and then smiled brightly.

"They was, ma'am," he answered. "But they're all right since we washed 'em in carbolic."

Teacher—"Who were the three wise men?"

Johnny—"Stop, Look and Listen!"



*This attractive window setting of Buddy Poppies created favorable comment. We thank Dr. Strawinski for his courtesy and service in helping promote the distribution of this memorial flower*

#### POPPIES AND THAT MEMORIAL DRIVE TO SCATTER THEM

With the passing of another Memorial Day a week of Poppy selling was completed.

The chairman of the poppy selling campaign is again within the folds of his family and is able to sit up and give you a brief outline of the work and results accomplished by the committee.

On the morning of May 23rd the 7.37 puffed out of Wissahickon Station with an army of high pressure salesmen and salesladies loaded up with pep and down with six thousand Buddy Poppies which were to be worn by those who passed through the gates of the Reading Terminal.

On arriving at the Terminal the workers unloaded the poppies, donned their attractive bugle corps caps and cleared their throats for action.

The battle cry was on—"Wear a Poppy—Get a Poppy—All for Welfare—Wear a Poppy", and this could be heard for squares.

Every morning during the campaign the railroad customers were greeted, as they came through the station gates, by the cheery smile and the offering of Poppies by our faithful Comrade Joe Sumner. Joe is the boy who sells the smokes at our Frolics and how he sold poppies is nobody's business.

If the commuters happened to get by Joe's front line they were met at the second line by our Comrade George Thackeray who sold them with his original song of "Buy a Red, Red Poppy and help the boys." George deserves a lot of credit for he sure stuck to his story and his post like an old campaigner. George sold his Poppies at any price from one cent to one dollar.

The Poppy Committee takes its hat off to our Comrade Jack Winterle, the Champion Poppy Seller of Philadelphia County. Jack not only sold poppies, but sold mummies in a way that would make tears come to the eyes of a sure-firing oil stock salesman. Jack had a way of putting a poppy in the hand of one of a family of three children then turn to the fond Mommy and say buy a poppy for the children. The result was, three children had poppies.

Our bashful Comrade Fred Shoemaker has learned not to trust a flapper who wears a red dress. Ask Fred about the girl to whom he offered a Poppy. Fred sang—"Bye, Bye, Red Bird." I might as well tell you, she took his poppy and flew the coop.

Our Comrade, Duke of Guba, handed the girls a fast line which filled Joe's money box to overflowing. Joe's motto was—"Buy a Poppy and wear it."

Johnnie Cronin's presence in uniform among the Poppy Campaigners on Satur-

day the 24th made the boys step on the gas. Our John always has the interest of the Post at heart and is sure full of pep when he is working for a good cause.

Here's to our Comrade William Holgate. Bill sure gave a good account of himself, not only in the Terminal but in Wissahickon where he established a P. C. at Doc Strawinski's Drug Store. Bill's girl, the Red Cross Nurse, attracted the boys who helped fill the contribution boxes distributed by Bill among the Wissahickon merchants. Bill's only disappointment came when Mr. Devon would not allow him and his co-workers to sell Poppies to the horses at the Devon Horse Show.

Too much credit cannot be given to the boys and girls who fought the Battle of the Reading Terminal where over 5,000 poppies were distributed among the public.

The following is a list of those workers who were on the job from sunrise to sunset most every day of the campaign:

Mrs. B. Keely  
Miss Shepherdson  
John Winterle  
George Thackeray  
William Holgate  
Joseph Guba  
Fred Shoemaker

The following is a list of those workers who turned out for part time which was a big relief to the regulars and filled in the gaps during the rush hours.

Joe Sumner  
Morris Hunter  
John Cronin  
George Knipe  
Leonard Wrigley  
Mrs. J. Guba  
Mrs. S. C. Gilliard  
Mrs. H. P. Prager  
Mrs. W. Jenkinson  
Mrs. L. Walker  
Mrs. Ashworth  
Miss E. Schwarz and Niece  
Miss Betty Thomas  
Mrs. T. H. A. Turner  
Mrs. G. Hudson

The Poppy Committee and workers are very grateful to the Reading Company officials for their wonderful co-operation and assistance in making the workers comfortable during the campaign. The beautifully decorated booths located on the 1st and 2nd floors of the Terminal helped the sale of poppies and were also a haven of rest to the tired workers.

#### ROXBOROUGH SECTOR

The sale of Poppies was carried to a greater extent by Post members and Auxiliary members this year than in previous years due to the members taking

at least 100 Poppies to sell among their friends and in their immediate neighborhoods. The approximate sales of poppies by members in the 21st Ward totaled 7,000, making a grand total of 12,000.

#### REMEMBRANCE WREATHS

The sales of Remembrance Wreaths did not reach the figures estimated by the committee, but we hope for a larger distribution in 1931. The Remembrance Wreath was originated by Hattal-Taylor Post mainly for the decoration of Graves of our deceased Comrades.

We hope to see the wreaths used not only for the decoration of graves but for the decoration of shop windows during the week of Memorial Day.

#### AN OLD STORY BUT TRUE

The Poppy Committee asked our Comrade Tommy Thring to build two stands for the display of the Remembrance Wreaths. Tommy, replied sho, sho and finished the job—toot sweet. The committee-men journeyed to Queen Lane Manor for said stands which were built and stored in the basement of Tommy's home. No, we didn't tear down the house to remove the stands, we wrecked the stands to save the house. Ask Jack Winterle about it.

Lest we forget—our wide awake Tine Schwarz was sure on the job when she saw a chance to put Hattal-Taylor Poppies on sale at the Reading Terminal. We trust that Tine will put in a good word for us for next year's campaign.

In closing the Chairman thanks everyone who helped make the sale of Poppies a success.

COMRADE GEORGE HUDSON,  
*Chairman.*

#### HATTAL-TAYLOR POST SCHOLARSHIP

It is now but a matter of days before we shall know which student has been selected from the Roxborough High School to be our guest at the University of Pennsylvania for one school year, September, 1930 to June, 1931.

The committee has gone into the matter of a permanent scholarship which will perpetuate the name of our Post, permitting our work to live on long after our membership of this time have ceased to battle on with life. This work has already come to the attention of a public spirited citizen who has through one of our number anonymously donated the sum of One Hundred Dollars, this the committee has

invested in a Certificate of Deposit in the Roxborough Trust Company until such time as we shall definitely decide as to the method of holding funds.

Judging from present information the Roxborough Trust Company will act as depository and in a co-trustee status with the University of Pennsylvania. The Post will be enabled to transfer such funds as it might deem advisable from the Roxborough Trust Company to the University of Pennsylvania on resolution of the Post.

Funds which are donated for this worthy bit of work can not be used for any other purpose. The funds so held cannot under any conditions be withdrawn except for the Scholarship Fund. In fact there can be no withdrawals but only a transfer of funds can be affected as specified.

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### THE BUGLE AND DRUM CORPS BROADCAST FROM STATION WFAN IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR COMRADES:

Well, I sure did get the thrill of my young life on Saturday the 24th of May when I heard the Hattal-Taylor Bugle and Drum Corps strut their stuff over the air. We had our doubts about their arriving on time as they were due at the studio and in place to shoot their noise at 10.15 P. M. and at 10 P. M. not a soul on hand to beat, blow or hammer. Well, McPartland, Schoch and myself arrived at 9.50 P. M. and when we saw no one from Hattal-Taylor, Mac broke out in a cold sweat and stayed that way until the first arrival came concealed behind a big bass drum and peeping underneath was good old Tommy Turner who assured us that the rest of the gang were on the way. That relieved Mac and myself to the extent that everything looked rosy and predicted a successful broadcast.

This program was in connection with the Poppy Drive and we were shoved into a room about 12x12, completely air and sound proof. The speakers were ready and Comrade Thring arranged his gang of blowers and beaters about the room and hissed what dire things would happen to the guy who twitched an eye the wrong way so it would be heard over the mikes. The Corps opened with a blast and blare that threatened to tear the apparatus apart, so loud in fact that the operators waved their arms in alarm in the control room to cut down the volume. Everything ran smoothly until Thring noticed a lad named Pickels or Olives coughing for want of breath and wanted him to

ram a hanky down his throat and actually started to do this service for him when he dropped his drum sticks on the piano keys from where they rolled toward the floor only to hit the head of a drum on the way down. Ye gods, what a racket and then that guy Thring got so excited over his mishap that he fell over the big drum and carried six buglers with him. Well, what Mr. Thatcher, who was speaking over the mike, the management and myself said surely wouldn't look good in print.

The greatest sight I saw on that night was Prager peeling off his coat, collar, shirt and something else, then to be followed by the rest of the crowd. I wondered where the swimming contest was to take place, took one look at the thermometer which read 104 degrees in the shade, then off came my coat and other unnecessary apparel. Talk about drowned rats when that half hour was up, what a lovely bath we had in our own sweat.

However, I enjoyed it all and hope some day to be honored by having your Glee Club do some broadcasting.

Yours in Comradeship,  
SAMUEL J. KARSEVAR,  
Adjutant, Post No. 251, V.F.W.

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### WILKES-BARRE ENCAMPMENT TO BE REPLETE WITH ACTION

JUNE 19, 20, 21 THE DATES

BUGLE CORPS COMPETITION ON THE 21ST

A message received from the Secretary of the Encampment Committees, outlines a program of entertainment that promises a continuous round of activity for those who attend the sessions in the City of Wilkes-Barre on the days of June 19, 20 and 21.

Aside from the business session, many interesting tours are listed by this active committee. On the morning of the 19th a welcome will be extended by the Mayor of the City, the Honorable Dan L. Hart; the afternoon schedules a baseball game between? and!; a trip through the beautiful Wyoming Valley and in the evening a Military Ball in the Sterling Hotel. This round of entertainment will continue on the 20th with an Aerial Circus at noon-time; the Military Parade in the evening climaxed with a gigantic Smoker for the men and an interesting show for the Ladies Auxiliary. Election of officers for the fiscal year will take place on Saturday morning the 21st; the afternoon will witness one of the greatest gatherings of Drum and Bugle Corps who will meet in competition for cash prizes aggregating \$500.00 and twenty loving cups to be awarded the winners.

Every comrade is urged to attend this Encampment; it will be a vacation where no idle moments are permitted to creep in. You won't have to seek your pleasures as the program outlined will take all your time if you choose to enter into the spirit of the assemblage.

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Miracles happen mostly in fiction but rarely in civil life; our post seems to be one of those rare occasions as a miracle has been performed within our ranks. From a dim obscurity of six months ago to an almost perfect unit on Memorial Day is the record accomplished by our Bugle and Drum Corps. This miracle was of course not brought about by dropping a finished corps from a clear sky, it was the result of talent, perseverance and unselfish

coaching by those in charge of the training and by the patient practicing, keen interest, and undying spirit of the personnel of the corps. The Corps is a striking example of the effect of good organization and to them belong the laurels of their determined bid for victory. Naturally they lay no claims to having welded together a super corps but they do have the fight and proper mental balance to continue their training with the vision of increasing their talents to the point where they will have a high rating so far as bugle corps go.

Their pluck and effort commends only the highest praise from the Post at large and they deserve your support in their struggle to secure for themselves the equipment necessary to complete a company of at least fifty pieces. They now have forty enrolled.

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display of co-operation is always tendered by the post at large which was evinced a short time ago when the benefit was run at the Roxy Theatre. It takes whole hearted support of this kind to assure the success of any undertaking and the least friction or opposition only retards the advancement of the whole idea. The corps wants you, needs you, and urges you to join their ranks. You don't have to know how to play an instrument; the only requisite necessary is a willing spirit, a determination to master the bugle or drum and an example of your friendliness to be subjected to discipline. A corps in order to be successful must be under the control of a leader, who in turn has a number of assistants obeying his commands and especially in street and drill work, the orders of the leader must be carried out with a snap and precision that actually reverberates from a well trained group of artists.

Your pride does not have to suffer to do this, it only needs a revision, a turn-about to focus it on the glory that comes to the victorious. What a feeling swells within the heart of a human being when he listens to the plaudits of an audience in return for a service or act effectively rendered. Thus will be your future reward if only you will put your all into your work. Every Friday night is rehearsal night; the corps meets at 8 P. M. and sometimes goes to the school yard at Shawmont for drilling. Friends outside the post give willingly of their time to join with the corps and help with the training and drilling. If these men have the interest so at heart as to sacrifice time, talent and money, it is indeed a sad event when our own comrades stand on the side lines and hand out the raspberries. Now this may not refer to you, as we can't expect to enroll the entire post in the corps as that would be too unweildy, but it is only intended for a very few whom we would like to enlist as boosters in place of opposers.

*The Post Gives Every Encouragement*

As an entirety the Post has been very, very encouraging to the corps, by its many willing contributions in the matter of financing and the hearty endorsement to the whole general scheme. No one will dispute the fact that the Bugle and Drum Corps will eventually prove to be a mighty valuable asset to the Post as time goes on and they will never have regret for sanctioning the formation and supporting it morally, physically and financially. A bit more patience is all that

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is asked, then watch with enthusiasm the results of your investment.

*More Equipment is Needed*

It is the aim of the corps to add more equipment from time to time as finances permit. Such an active interest has been displayed by comrades who desire to play certain instruments that we must try and secure them and this means cash and more cash. There is not much incentive for a comrade who expresses a keen desire to play a drum when the drum is not available, we must try to gratify that chap while his interest is keyed up, otherwise he will think he is being persecuted and as a consequence his spirit droops and he passes off and immediately ceases to be a booster.

The time is rapidly approaching, however, when a halt must be called and a reserve list built up to care for the willing workers. Our limit seems to be fifty pieces which will make a mighty complete corps including two base drums and two sets of symbols.

Again we have the completion of the uniforms to consider. Coats, belts and helmets are next in order and the corps will do their part to earn the cash needed for this expenditure. Watch them when it comes to advertising the VETERANS FROLIC this fall.

*Will You Contribute or Loan?*

The sooner we outfit the corps the better for them and the Post. Several comrades have donated sums of money for the purpose of purchasing implements for the use of the corps, others are no doubt waiting to see if the interest of the Corps is sincere enough to warrant financial support. You have had an evidence of their sincerity.

Now, don't you believe in them? Aren't you convinced that the many hours of hard rehearsal has borne fruit? We've agreed that they have reached the point where they are marching gayly ahead, the real hardship has been passed and the Corps has emerged with flying colors. They have met the test with undaunted courage and the next job is to polish up the rough spots and add equipment that will show to the best advantage.

If you believe in them and are pulling for a bright future, see if you can't secure some financial assistance, either as a contribution or as a loan. You'll collect your dividend in the way of satisfaction, a lasting joy that comes from a feeling of pride that you did your bit to make the Hattal-Taylor Drum and Bugle Corps one

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### OUR SURPRISE VISITATION

Our hustling Past Q. M., George Winterle, holds down the Chairmanship of the Visitation Committee under the present administration. Some time ago, George arranged a visitation to Private John MacArthur Post. Everything was set, but on the appointed night, George visited the Post Home and found a Directors' Meeting in progress. George said that he never knew there were so many directors. At any rate the number who could go on the visitation was so small that both of them decided to forget about it.

George favored the problem with a great deal of deep thought between sales at the P. & R. Station in Wissahickon. He finally decided that the old motto, "Better late than never" still held good and proceeded to plan a surprise visitation. George knows his onions. If it came through it would be fine, if not there was no harm done. Well, it was a surprise to both George and the MacArthur Post. First of all thirty comrades and more than necessary machines to haul them showed up, ready to travel to our sister Post on North Twenty-fifth Street on May 6th. George nearly expired when he found out that his prayers had been answered.

After some discussion we finally started out and upon our arrival received a hearty welcome from the MacArthur Post. Comrade Kenny, present Commander of that Post, is a live wire and I suppose we will hear more from him in V. F. W. Circles in the future. He is just the type to accomplish things. He seems to have the cooperation of a lot of live-wire committees, headed by chairmen who are full of pep and rarin' to go.

Private MacArthur Post has remodeled a former dwelling house, doing a great deal of the actual work themselves. The Post Home is indeed a credit to the bunch of Babe Ruths who have the active work of the Post in hand as well as in heart. A canteen occupies the basement; the first floor is taken up by a large meeting room and kitchen; the second floor is arranged into a couple of rooms for lounging and the Adjutant's and Quartermaster's Offices; what might be on the third floor is unknown to me for I did not get that far.

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to any ex-service men's organization. Our own Officer-of-the Day, who was present, certainly had a fine chance to improve his technique and he was all eyes.

Several Comrades gave interesting talks too lengthy to cover in this article. Past Commanders Prager and Geary held up the Hattal-Taylor side of the discussion. After the meeting, refreshments were served. This part of the program was enjoyed by all the Comrades but more especially by our good Comrade George Winterle. Now we know why he likes visitations. *When do we go to Elizabeth?*

LEN WRIGLEY, P. A.

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This is the season for conclaves, conventions, encampments or whatever you call them. Not to be outdone by the Penna. Dept. who meet in Wilkes-Barre during the third week of this month, the Dept. of New Jersey is planning a live wire time in Camden during the fourth week. All the Posts of Philadelphia and vicinity have been invited to participate in the Military Pageant to be held on the afternoon of the 28th. Complete details regarding this Pageant will be mailed to each Post in plenty of time to permit the organizing of their forces so they can enter the event.

Many cash prizes and silver cups are offered in competition for marching units and Bugle Corps drills. Don't forget the date Saturday afternoon the 28th of June.

Hattal-Taylor Post will be there with the Bugle Corps in the lead and it is hoped that they will be augmented by a large delegation of comrades and ladies. A grand time is guaranteed every one who attends.

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A pretty debutante at a dinner dance given in Baltimore soon found that a certain uninteresting youth intended, if he could, to monopolize her. Indeed, he had not been with her very long before he bored her frightfully.

Later he chose to regale her with a dissertation upon his family. "Now, there's my brother, Alexander," he said. "He is just the opposite of me in every way. Do you chance to know my brother, Alexander?"

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Silently, mysteriously, disastrously,—the Grim Reaper stalks among us, and we know not where it will lay its mortal hand to collect the frightful toll it demands. It has struck heavily into the ranks of our Auxiliary during the past year and recently plucked one of our most zealous, loyal and loving friends from the bloom of life.

Sister Katharine Miller, wife of Comrade Charles Miller, died in the Memorial Hospital from pneumonia on May 9th, 1930. Her passing leaves a wide gap in the activities of our Post and Auxiliary. Her cheerful disposition, splendid talent, and hard work in behalf of both these organizations will be sadly missed. It is with profound sorrow that we acknowledge the superior will of our Master and tender our heartfelt sympathy to the husband and family that survive her. Sister Miller was buried from her late residence on Paoli Avenue and interred in Leverington Cemetery where ritualistic services were held by the Auxiliary.

**MRS. ANNA MAGILL**

Our sincere sympathy is tendered our Comrade John S. Magill who suffered the loss of his mother, Mrs. Anna Magill, by sudden death by heart failure on May 22nd. SPLINTERS joins the Post in extending its heartfelt condolence to Comrade Magill and his family in their hour of bereavement.

Comrade Harold Landis is another of our number who has been initiated into the appendicitis club. Harold recently underwent an operation in the Polyclinic Hospital for the removal of that pesky and they say useless "tail". He is now convalescing at home and conditions favor a rapid return to good health.

Mrs. Edward Hannay, another one of those toilers for the name and fame of Hattal-Taylor, is confined to her home with heart trouble. Her many friends extend their greetings and kind wishes for a speedy recovery to health. We were indeed happy to see Mrs. Hannay at the Post on Memorial Day.

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## OUR SERVICE OFFICER

Hattal-Taylor Post is blessed with a number of Comrades who are always willing to give of their valuable time for the good of the Post and the ex-service buddy who might be in need. The one Comrade that I have in mind is Comrade Sam Geary, P. C. At the present time he is chairman of the Relief and Welfare Committee. Most of his work on this committee never draws a word of commendation due to the fact that by the very nature of the work, it must be kept more or less secret. To those receiving the benefits of this committee's work, while in the larger sense of the word, it might be considered as charity, we don't like to look at it in that light. It is something that is due to the comrades benefited thereby from a bond of fraternalism, the depth and strength of which is only understood by those of the comrades who really give time to thought and study of our organization and its real purposes. I can conceive of no other order where the real ties are so great. Before Sam had a car of his own and when I had more spare time than I have at present, it was my privilege to travel around with Sam on some of his work. By the way I believe that the main reason that Sammy got a car was that he might cover more ground in his welfare work.

He has been working on one compensation case in particular for the last year. In spite of disappointments and set-backs that might have tried the proverbial patience of Job, Sam has stuck to his job even though other service men's organizations had given up in disgust on this particular case on account of those same difficulties and disappointments encountered by Comrade Geary on the intricacies involved with this same case. The comrade benefited would rather have his name kept out of it I suppose, at any rate, we will not mention his name unless he should request it. I know that he can repay Sam in only one way for his interest in his case and that is with a heart-felt "Thank you".

Comrade Geary unearthed witnesses and testimony in a way that would do credit to Sherlock Holmes. In the end it is results that count.

The U. S. Veterans' Bureau has its rules and regulations to live up to and it is necessary that the service connection be proved before any award can be made. In the case I have reference to there was a great deal of difficulty proving that service connection. Even though we knew that the comrade's disabilities were due

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to his service in the U. S. Army, the difficult job was to obtain proof which would be satisfactory to the U. S. Veterans' Bureau.

Comrade Harry Crosson, Regional Manager of the Veterans' Bureau, deserves a word of commendation and a great deal of thanks for his kind consideration and aid in having this particular case reopened.

Comrade Geary deserves the highest praise for his sincere work on this committee and the results of his work on this case speak for themselves. I might say that we have another case in which Sam has been interested, it is of a different nature and I feel safe in saying that his efforts are about to be successful.

LEN. WRIGLEY.

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**OUR FIRST GRANDDAD APPEARS,  
—COMRADE ELI SHAW COPS THE  
HONOR**

When the crowd gathered for the parade on Memorial Day, we noticed one of our old stand-byes wearing a smug grin of contentment. He was bubbling over with glee and upon inquiring learned, between chuckles of delight, that he was a proud granddaddy. Eli Shaw, that stalwart warrior of the A.E.F., holds the distinction, so far as we can trace, of being the first of our number to be so honored. Gee, it must make him feel ancient and hoary to have a wee toddler call him Grandpop and we hope that he will be able to turn out on future Memorial Days without his age telling on him.

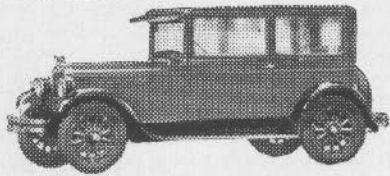
SPLINTERS congratulates Granny Shaw and his daughter Pearl who brought this honor to Eli by bearing a little girl on May 29th.

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**MY FIRST EXPERIENCE UNDER  
SHELLFIRE**

By "BUTCH" ANDERSON

It was in September, 1918, when our Supply Sergeant and I decided to go on a days outing on a truck running supplies to first aid stations from the Medical Supply Base to the front line which was at Bullianville. This was supposed to be a hot place according to the Sergeant in charge of the truck, but Sarge bragged, "he wasn't scared", "no, not at all". So our Supply Sergeant and I asked if we could go along and we started on our picnic with a couple of sandwiches and a canteen of water, gas mask and helmet from Batzun Barracks outside of Toul. Everything went fine in the beginning, we had some wonderful sights of "No Man's Land". On the way up we picked up a

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doughboy with full pack who fell out from his outfit on the hike, he rode in the back of the truck with me. Nearing the little town of "Bullianville" I noticed big clouds of black smoke on top of the mountain, at the foot of which laid the town. Not having been to the front before, I didn't realize that it was shells falling short; but as we got to the outskirts of the town there was a line of dugouts on the side of the hill and I noticed the Sergeant in charge of the truck unloaded and disappeared in one of them;—he wasn't scared, no, not at all.

I was watching the smoke clouds on top of the hill, when I missed the doughboy, looking around I saw him laying flat on his stomach on the bottom of the truck, I asked him if he was sick, he said, "No, that smoke on top of the hill is shrapnel falling short." I said, "The hell you say, I am coming down with you." It wasn't long before Jerry elevated his guns and the shells came whistling over the top of the hill, that didn't make me feel so good, I sort of wished I had brought a spare suit of underwear along. Then it sort of dawned on me why the Sergeant left the truck for the dugout, but I wasn't scared either n-n-no, not at all.

When we stopped the driver said, "Get this junk the hell off that truck and let me get away from this bloody place, the sooner the better." I felt the same way, and our Sergeant too, if his face did not lie, he was as white as a sheet, maybe mine was too, I don't know, but I know whoever was in charge of the first aid there, said "like hell we will, that truck will stay where it is until Jerry is done throwing over this hardware." We had to get under cover until Jerry eased up a bit before we could leave, which was one hour, the longest hour I have spent anywhere, especially listening to those shells come whistling, and then go "boom". We had no appetite so we didn't eat our sandwiches until we were safely away from Bullianville. We picked up the Sergeant of the truck on our way back.

The boys in Bullianville told us that the Americans had made a direct hit on one of the German Batteries that morning and the Germans were retaliating. We wished they had picked another day for their practice, but we wasn't scared, no, not at all. Neither was any of the rest of the boys in the A. E. F., no, not at all.

Kansas City, Mo., May 30.—With approximately 50,000 Civil war veterans on the pension rolls of the government and a death rate of nearly 15,000 a year among the thinning ranks of the "boys in Blue", America's annual Memorial Day

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pilgrimage to the cemeteries of its heroic dead will very soon rest in the hands of the volunteers of '98 and their younger comrades of the A.E.F.

Statistics on file at national headquarters here of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States reveal that on June 30, 1929, there were 59,945 Civil war veterans on the pension rolls of the government at Washington. During the fiscal year, ending on that date, 14,985 Civil war veterans had joined the bivouac of the dead.

In the same period, 16,699 Civil war widows had passed on, leaving the names of 181,255, who are receiving financial assistance from the government.

"The next three or four years will mark the final passing of these men who harkened to the call of patriotism back in '65. Yet congress has seen fit to ignore legislation that will give these few surviving heroes and widows the little necessities of life they direly need," deplors Hezekiah N. Duff, national commander of Foreign Wars of the United States.

"A year ago the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic appealed to congress in behalf of his dying comrades, revered patriots who by reason of age and accompanying disabilities must rely on their pensions for their very existence.

"Any pension increase granted in response to this appeal from the G.A.R., can only be a temporary expenditure," Duff pointed out.

"It is the government's final opportunity to show its gratitude to these disciples of Abraham Lincoln, and soon that chance will be out of its reach.

"The few dollars involved in the proposed pension increase for these veterans and widows will by no means constitute an economic burden," the V.F.W. chief added.

"These surviving veterans of the army in blue ask no luxuries and seek no pleasures. They have lived their lives and the harvest has been reaped. They await only the Gleaner.

"As an organization of overseas ex-service veterans, who followed in the footsteps of these honored comrades when the call to duty was sounded again in '98 and '17, we heartily urge congressional action that will permit pension increases in their behalf. Action along this line cannot be taken too promptly.

"Tomorrow the lives of these men and women will exist only as a memory, one of the finest and sweetest in this country's great store of traditions and unless congress takes immediate action—tomorrow will be too late."



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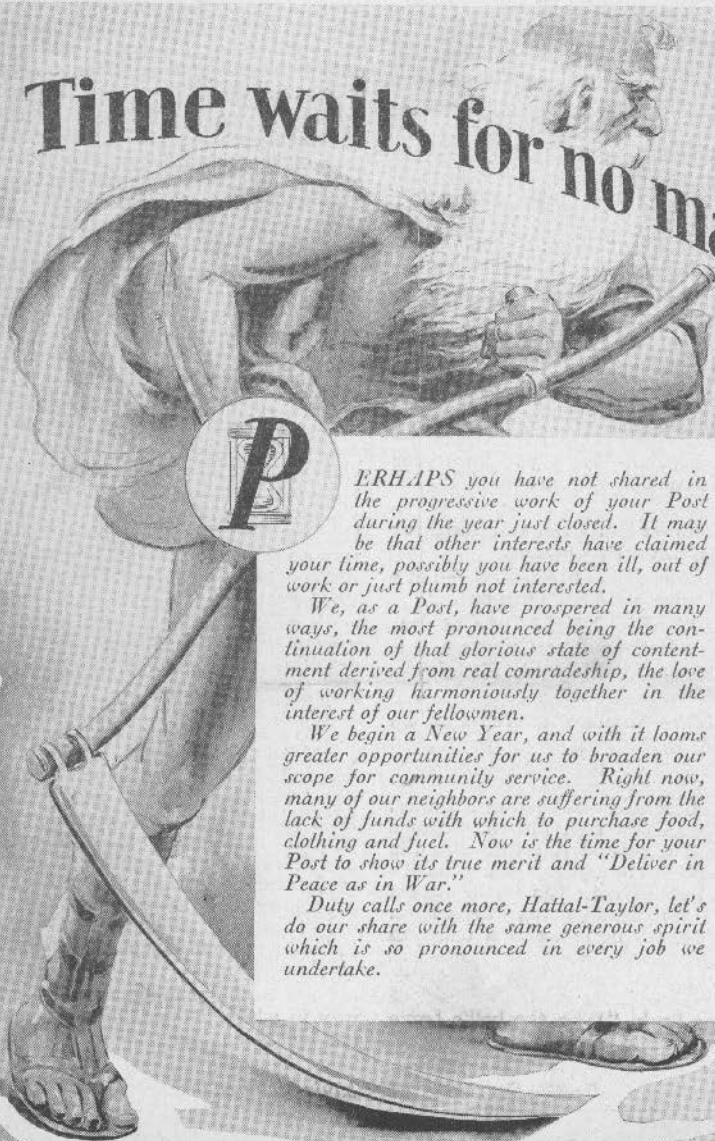
*"Little bits of fuel, scattered monthly to keep the fires of comradeship burning brightly in Post interests."*

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## Time waits for no man



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*PERHAPS* you have not shared in the progressive work of your Post during the year just closed. It may be that other interests have claimed your time, possibly you have been ill, out of work or just plumb not interested.

We, as a Post, have prospered in many ways, the most pronounced being the continuation of that glorious state of contentment derived from real comradeship, the love of working harmoniously together in the interest of our fellowmen.

We begin a New Year, and with it looms greater opportunities for us to broaden our scope for community service. Right now, many of our neighbors are suffering from the lack of funds with which to purchase food, clothing and fuel. Now is the time for your Post to show its true merit and "Deliver in Peace as in War."

Duty calls once more, Hattal-Taylor, let's do our share with the same generous spirit which is so pronounced in every job we undertake.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*January and February*

- January 1st*—Hope YOU have RESOLVED to be a more ACTIVE MEMBER During the NEW YEAR.
- January 5th* — Rah-Rah-de Boom Rehearsal.
- January 8th*—Auxiliary Meeting.
- January 12th*—More Boom-Booms.
- January 15th*—POST MEETING—Let's see if YOUR Resolution has meant Anything.
- January 19th*—Double Time for the Buglers—Drummers at Ease.
- January 22nd*—Auxiliary Meeting.
- January 26th*—Drummers with sticks at the alert, Buglers will serve hot notes.
- January 30th*—Drill for the Drummers and Buglers.
- February 2nd*—Major Thring's Battalion Rehearses.
- February 5th*—Post Meeting—IMPORTANT NEWS of VITAL INTEREST to EVERY COMRADE—DON'T fail to be on deck.
- February 6th*—Drillmaster Turner puts the Corps through its paces.
- February 9th*—More Blowings and Pounding.
- February 12th*—Abe's Birthday—A jolly good time by the Auxiliary.
- February 14th*—Our annual BANQUET—Good Eats, Fun—Well, you know our reputation on this occasion—Got YOUR Tickets?
- February 16th*—Final Dress Rehearsal for the BIG Show at Camden.
- February 19th*—Post MEETING—Let's RALLY with a REAL Turn-out.
- February 20th*—BIG DOINS' at Camden, N. J. Bugle Corps will participate.
- February 22nd*—Washington's Birthday—Revere His Memory.
- February 26th*—Auxiliary convenes at the Post.

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Once a household consisted of a father, deeply religious, a son, also a religious fanatic, and a second son who was the other extreme. The last mentioned finally becoming fed up with the home atmosphere, left for distant parts, where, upon the father's death he received a telegram which was intended to read "Jesus has taken our father away." Apparently it was a bit garbled in the sending because his reply came back, "Who the hell's Jessie and where has she taken father?"

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Now that we are into the New Year our thoughts naturally are for the future. Our hopes are for bigger and better things in life, we visualize prosperity, we promise to advance in all things we undertake, we are one year older in body and of course one year older in experience. With this experience we should be more successful in all our undertakings, and, with this thought in mind nothing can hold a good man down. May I take this opportunity to wish all my readers the very best that this New Year may afford, and that our Post, thru your efforts may never cease to grow, in numbers, in interest, in its welfare work, in its many other undertakings and last but not least, in its endeavor to "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

In reviewing the past year it seems to me there were many of our number who, thru their personal and unselfish efforts have enabled the name of Hattal-Taylor Post to forge to the front and in brief I should like to mention some of these outstanding members.

First of these was the remarkable growth of our Drum and Bugle Corps under the capable leadership of Thomas Thring. The Corps surely made history during its short period of existence and is the biggest asset of our Post at this time.

Next in line was our retiring Commander, Thomas H. A. Turner, who assumed the responsibility of Commander. His personal interest in every committee stirred up an interest and elevated the Post to a higher plane where it rightfully belongs, Tommy did his job in a masterful way and our hats are off to him.

Special mention should be made of the Welfare Committee for their splendid work throughout the year and this was mostly accomplished through the untiring, unselfish and persistent efforts of Samuel Geary.

Another fact in helping Hattal-Taylor to the front was the splendid work of our Publicity Committee, J. Ellwood Barrett who seldom failed to have a glowing account of all our doings published in the local papers and many times in the city papers. Such unselfishness of one's time and talents are an inspiration to any organization and should be an incentive to others to do bigger and better things. Our only regret is that Ellwood will be unable to be very active this year, due to business confinement.

Next of importance was the splendid way in which Steve Gilliard stepped into the breach as Director of the 1930 Frolic

and all but equalled our high dollar year for all times.

Another committee which functioned most successfully was the Poppies headed by George Hudson. The proceeds of several hundred dollars gives one an idea of how hard this committee worked and the business-like way in which the drive was handled.

Last, but not least, is the Christmas Welfare Committee, headed by J. Langdon Jones for the past eight years. This committee not only saw to it that the families were fed, but they saw to it that the children received toys, coal was in the cellar and folks were properly clothed. Much credit is due Langdon for his unceasing interest each year in the welfare of others, may his interest never waver.

Many columns could be written of the members who helped on all these committees but space prohibits me from mentioning their names. Please know that your efforts have not been in vain and without your earnest help no committee could possibly have functioned.

To our splendid Auxiliary I send the same Greetings, and may all their endeavors in the year of 1931 be as beneficial to their organization and to the Post as they have been in the past.

OLIVER MILLS.

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The show was staged for the benefit of the Welfare Fund and the proceeds used to defray the expense incurred by the Auxiliary in distributing Christmas boxes to the stricken comrades at the Veterans' Hospital at Coatesville. Our grateful appreciation is tendered the Players' Club of this Church for their kindness in staging this show for this worthy cause.

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Hattal-Taylor Post and Auxiliary have adopted the custom of visiting a veterans hospital on the Sunday preceding Christmas. On Sunday, December 21, 1930, the Annual Pilgrimage occurred. We were joined by Yearsley Post and Auxiliary of Germantown and through the good offices of Comrade Karsevar of that Post, the Funfield Entertainers also took part.

About 2.30 p.m. a caravan made up of the members' cars, a big bus, obtained through the kindness of Comrade A. A. Mitten, and a truck, furnished by Comrades Dessin and Gilliard started for Coatesville. Upon our arrival at Coatesville we proceeded to the new hospital which has recently been completed on the hill overlooking the town. This hospital is the last word in Government Hospitals for the treatment of mental cases. Those men undergoing treatment there deserve the best that Uncle Sam can provide for they are paying for their patriotism in the days of 1917 and 1918, and many will continue to pay until death. Many of them are violent, some of them are rather harmless. Some have little or no conception of just what is going on. They are all given the best of care. The Red Cross has a large Recreation Hall provided by the Government. This hall contains a large auditorium, pool tables and a reading room for the convenience of those patients whose condition will permit of their making use of these facilities. All buildings are connected with underground passageways making it possible to go from one building to another without exposure to the weather.

We were received at the Red Cross Building by the Matron in charge. From there we proceeded to the various wards and distributed the packages made up by the Ladies of our Auxiliary. The packages contained candy, cigarettes, stationery, toilet articles and other useful articles most likely to be appreciated by the recipients. After the distribution of packages, we returned to Coatesville for dinner, then back to the hospital for the evening program.

The Funfield Entertainers of Funfield Recreation Center of Philadelphia put on a vaudeville entertainment that certainly pleased those poor Vets. A cast of thirty-two certainly kept things going for some time and if the applause is any measure of appreciation, those patients enjoyed themselves. The entertainment consisted mainly of dance acts, singing and dialogues well rendered.

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L. WRIGLEY.

### BUGLE CORPS ACTIVITIES

From now until February 20th, there will be a lot of activity for the Corps. Two (2) rehearsals will be held each week. The Monday night rehearsal will be devoted to musical numbers, while Friday evening will consist entirely of drilling. We fully expect to announce that starting Friday, January 23rd, these drills will take place in the old First Regiment Armory at Broad and Callowhill Streets. Further announcement regarding these drills will be made at the Monday night rehearsals. We hope to be able to win one of the prizes that is offered in competition, and as there is to be keen rivalry it will be necessary to attend all drill nights until February 20th. As an interested member of the Corps you should feel it your sacred duty to attend all rehearsals, thereby increasing our chances for success, and also make the work of the instructors much easier. Of interest to all members of the Corps should be the financial obligation that we have incurred by equipping each member with entirely new uniforms and instruments. In the near future the Corps will run a movie benefit at the Roxy Theatre. Another activity that can serve two purposes, financial and social, is "A Night in Monte Carlo" and the writer deems it advisable to start these affairs in the immediate future. As a member of the Bugle Corps you have more opportunities to place your Post in the limelight than any other member, and you should morally obligate yourself to attend all rehearsals and to take a real active part in all of the proposed plans, either financial or social, that will tend to make the Corps more of a success. Your whole-hearted support will be a big factor in making your Post one of the outstanding Posts in the State.

Read the following poem carefully:

"If you think you are beaten, you are.  
If you think you dare not, you don't.  
If you'd like to win, but think you can't,  
It's almost a cinch you won't.  
Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger or faster man;  
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—Anon.

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Via A. C. CHADWICK, JR.

There may be times when you folks who work for the maintenance and progress of Hattal-Taylor Post grow discouraged if some project you have launched doesn't seem to attain the success that was at first hoped for, but let me tell you—after all the good work you have done for the ex-service men of your vicinity, and the community in general—don't despair. For oftentimes you wield a far-reaching influence of which you have no realization.

Here's an example: At Christmas time, A. G. Hennessey, of 6064 Ridge Avenue, volunteered to help me—in my yearly task of making children happy—by placing a mail box in his store, in which the youngsters could deposit letters containing a list of the things they most desired me to bring to their homes.

One of the letters placed in the box was from a little chap who lives on Conarroe Street—Raymond Geary, the son of Past Commander and Mrs. Samuel Geary—which shouts in loud-speaker tones of the impression your new Bugle and Drum Corps has created in the mind of at least one child. Here it is:

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a bass drum, a bicycle, and a bugle. If there are too many little children to get toys, just bring me the bicycle.

Yours truly,

RAYMOND GEARY.

The body of this missive contains twenty-eight words—but in them one can sense four qualities—Faith, Hope, Manliness and Unselfishness—which someday—I'm sure will carry this lad on to great things.

The Faith is expressed in writing the letter to me—Santa Claus. The Unselfishness is noted in the willingness to stand aside for others. Manliness is perceived in the plea for a bicycle—for what real he-man hasn't at one time, or another, wanted a bike?—and Hope is confined in his admiration for the instruments he has undoubtedly seen when the Post Corps has been on parade—a hope to sometime be a member of a like body of men.

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Hattal-Taylor Post has indeed been fortunate in being able, in the past, to put across an exceptionally fine type of banquet, an affair of the type that if attended once the desire is always present to attend again. This year, as usual, the annual banquet will be held, the date is February 14th at 6.00 p. m.; the place, P. O. S. of A. Temple, Manayunk and Krams Avenue, Roxborough; and the Guest of Honor of this occasion is none other than our latest addition to our Past Commander's list, Thomas H. A. Turner.

You have all been notified about the matter of tickets, members are limited to 2 at \$1.50 each, members of the Auxiliary who have no Post connection come under the same limitation and tickets in addition for sale to others will be priced at \$3.00. The committee has already received some reservations and checks also and it is believed that the sooner you take care of this matter the sooner will you be assured of a place for the biggest party of the year.

We want to show Tommy Turner that his splendid efforts during his term are appreciated by all, the writer knows of no finer tribute to a leader than presence at a party such as has been arranged by the committee under the able leadership of Tommy Thring.

A very splendid menu of food has been arranged for, the catering will be of the possible kind securable in the City of Philadelphia, the facilities in the hall are excellent, and the program in general is splendidly laid out. Speech-making will not be the main attraction; there must be some, but anyone missing this party will know that they have missed something.

Get on the jump, return your card to Steve Gilliard, send a check too, money never made him mad, and then know that you are provided for on this gala night.



## A TRIO OF SONS ARRIVE

It is not believed that at any time since the organization of our Post have we had the pleasure of announcing the arrival of three sons in the homes of our Comrades within the period of a month, however, in this issue we had that pleasure.

The homes of Comrades Ross C. Hammes, Harold McCabe and John Bickhart have been so blessed very recently, and SPLINTERS most heartily commends these youngsters as fitting future citizens if they carry out all the parental wishes that we feel are now being bestowed upon them.

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SPLINTERS regrets the necessity of noting the departure from this life of Comrade Henry W. Little, aged 39, since our last issue, and extends to the members of his family its heartfelt sympathy.

Regretably to date we have not been able to secure a photo of the departed Comrade but will attempt to have same appear in a later issue of SPLINTERS.

Comrade Little saw Service in the World War in France, having been attached to Base Hospital No. 54 of the Medical Reserve Corps, he enlisted June 6, 1917, and received an honorable discharge April 29, 1919, foreign service was rendered from December 14, 1917, to April 19, 1919.

The profound sympathy of our Post and Auxiliary is tendered the family of Comrade Little in their hour of sorrow.

**VETERANS' BOWLING LEAGUE**

**HATTAL-TAYLOR CAPTURES  
FIRST HALF**

Captain Jack Winterle led his Hattal-Taylor Team to Victory in the Veterans' Bowling League, finishing the first half of the season with 17 games won and losing but 4 games, which makes them champions of the round. G. W. Pote Post was the runner-up with 11 won and 4 lost. Many spirited contests were rolled on the wooden ways with the race narrowing down to the last night when our lads won three games from Junkin Post while Pote dropped the same number to Liberty Bell. The race for supremacy of the second half is now under way and may the best team win.

**HATTAL-TAYLOR**

Ambler.....	160	147	136
W. Miller.....	160	...	164
Winterle.....	161	166	160
Wood.....	168	120	...
Hilberg.....	134	196	170
Buzby.....	...	135	132
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Total.....	783	764	762

**LIBERTY BELL**

Hamilton.....	159	178	159
Reese.....	97	103	84
Sobleski.....	157	132	140
Kaufman.....	142	181	125
Blind.....	154	120	132
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Total.....	689	714	640

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Ambler.....	180	182	155
W. Miller.....	167	143	...
Wood.....	151	...	117
Winterle.....	190	190	132
Hilberg.....	157	178	153
Buzby.....	...	147	134
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>691</b>

JUNKIN

R. Clifton.....	142	112	181
L. Martin.....	149	130	158
Rose.....	125	119	84
S. Martin.....	120	112	138
C. Clifton.....	122	103	114
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>675</b>

FINAL STANDING AT END OF FIRST HALF

	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>
Hattal-Taylor.....	17	4
Pote.....	11	7
Liberty Bell.....	7	11
Junkin.....	4	17

SECOND HALF

HATTAL-TAYLOR

Ambler.....	148	191	176
Buzby.....	126	132	159
Ward.....	109	156	126
Wilson.....	138	120	214
Hilberg.....	174	155	151
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>826</b>

LIBERTY BELL

Reese.....	117	109	109
Kaufmann.....	187	147	168
Holgate.....	115	106	157
Wood.....	167	110	163
Strauss.....	120	130	124
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>721</b>

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HATTAL-TAYLOR

Ambler.....	187	174	143
Buzby.....	113	162	123
Ward.....	120	139	149
Hilberg.....	174	147	169
Wilson.....	.....	126	151
Blind.....	108	.....	.....
Total.....	702	748	735

POTE POST

Torr.....	146	153	183
Reed.....	151	124	108
Hartman.....	108	136	100
Whitmarsh.....	115	181	134
Baldwin.....	129	191	180
Total.....	649	785	705

STANDING OF THE SECOND HALF

	Won	Lost
Hattal-Taylor.....	4	2
Pote Post.....	4	2
Junkin.....	3	3
Liberty Bell.....	1	5

THREE SUBJECTS SELECTED FOR 1931  
V. F. W. ESSAY CONTEST. WALTER  
I. JOYCE OUTLINES PLANS

Conditions and subjects for the 1931 annual essay contest conducted by the Americanization committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States were announced at national headquarters of the organization here today.

The three subjects selected by Walter I. Joyce, director of the National Americanization Committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and members of his group, are listed as follows in three distinct fields of competition for those who submit contributions:

"Disarmament or preparedness as an American policy."

"Prosperity for American labor through restricted immigration."

"The first Stars and Stripes."

In the first contest the author is expected to discuss whether or not the time has arrived for greater disarmament on the part of this nation and whether existing principles of preparedness, as encompensed in the national defense act, should be abandoned. In the second con-



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test the author has the opportunity of interpreting the value of restricted immigration in relation to labor problems—either as a boon or a handicap. The subject of the third contest is devoted to the history of the American flag, the story surrounding its creation and its first appearance as a symbol of American freedom and liberty in time of conflict.

The annual essay contests sponsored by the National Americanization Committee of the V.F.W. are open to all American citizens of any age or sex. Essays must be submitted written on one side of the paper only in the handwriting of the contestant, and not more than 1000 words in length. Essays must be in the hands of the Americanization Committee not later than noon of April 27th, 1931, with each manuscript bearing the name, age and address of the author.

In awarding prizes the judges will consider age, originality, handwriting, spelling, neatness and apparent sincerity. Prizes ranging in value from \$5.00 to \$100 and medals of gold, silver and bronze are offered for the best essays written on the subjects suggested.

All manuscripts should be forwarded to Walter I. Joyce, Director, National Americanization Committee, Veterans of Foreign Wars of U. S., 32 Union Square, New York, N. Y., from whom further particulars in reference to the 1931 essay contests are available.

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# SPLINTERS



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*"Little bits of fact, scattered monthly to keep the fires of  
comradeship burning brightly in Post interests."*

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*"You may break, you may shatter the vase  
if you will,  
But the scent of the roses will hang 'round  
it still."*

—Moore.

AS WE journey along the highways we are greeted on all sides by a myriad of Nature's most beautiful flowers which fill the air with fragrant and enchanting odors. With the bursting of the rosebuds is associated the traditional period for weddings and likewise the popular month in which conventions, commencements, encampments, conclaves and other important events are held.

IT IS a joyous season, a fitting time for everyone to resolve to help each other. Draw your own conclusion from this timely bit of poetry—how true it is and how effective if universally carried out:

*I would rather have a little rose  
From the garden of a friend,  
Than to have the choicest flower  
When my stay on earth must end.*

*I would rather have the kindest word,  
And a smile that I can see,  
Than flattery when my heart is still,  
And this life has ceased to be.*

*I would rather have a loving smile  
From friends I know are true,  
Than tears shed 'round my casket,  
When this world I bid adieu.*

*Bring me all the flowers today,  
Whether pink or white or red;  
I'd rather have one blossom now  
Than a truck-load when I am dead.*

—Anonymous



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*June and July, 1931*

- June 1st*—Bugles and Drums.  
*June 4th*—POST MEETING—DON'T FORGET TO BE THERE.  
*June 8th*—Drums and Bugles.  
*June 11th*—Meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary.  
*June 13th*—Gigantic Field Competition at the Temple Univ. Stadium under the auspices of the North Penn Post of Glenside, Pa. Our Corps will compete. All are urged to attend this meet.  
*June 14th*—FLAG DAY.  
*June 18th*—POST MEETING—Your attendance is expected.  
*June 18-19-20*—Encampment of Dept. of Penna. at Conneaut Lake Park.  
*June 22nd*—Rehearsal of B. and D. Corps.  
*June 25th*—Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting.  
*June 26th*—Mardi Gras of the Greifzu Post of Darby, Pa. OUR CORPS will attend—You are Invited.  
*June 27th*—BRIDGETON, N. J., Parade of the New Jersey Dept. Encampment—All are Invited.  
*June 29th*—Bugle and Drum Corps rehearsal.  
*July 2nd*—Post Meeting—EVERYBODY OUT TO THIS SESSION. Our Post is host to a large delegation from the Phila. County Council, also a visitation from the Nuss-O'Hara Post of Norristown.  
*July 4th*—INDEPENDENCE DAY—observe it in a manner befitting the occasion.  
*July 9th*—Auxiliary Meeting.  
*Note*—Our Post will hold but one meeting during the months of July and August, this meeting will be on the FIRST THURSDAY of EACH MONTH.



## TEN BUSINESS COMMANDMENTS

- Work Hard*—Tackle the hardest job first each day.  
*Study Hard*—The more you know, the easier and more effective is your work.  
*Have Initiative*—Ruts often deepen into graves.  
*Love Your Work*—There's a sense of satisfaction in doing work well.  
*Be Exact*—Accuracy is better than haste.  
*Have Courage*—A stout heart will carry you through difficulties.  
*Be Friendly*—Only friendly people become successful leaders.  
*Cultivate Personality*—Personality is to a man what perfume is to flowers.  
*Wear a Smile*—It opens the door into the sunshine beyond.  
*Do Your Best*—For if you give to the world the best you have, the best will come back to you.

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

DEAR COMRADES:

May I express my sincere appreciation to each member of the Post and to each sister of the Auxiliary for the wonderful turnout on Memorial Sunday and on Memorial Day. It goes to show the people of our community that Hattal-Taylor truly honors those who passed on to the Great Camp Ground above. The turnout was a fitting testimonial to the memory of Hattal and Taylor and our other deceased buddies.

Now that Memorial activities are over our thoughts turn to events for the summer and fall. With that thought in view a committee has been appointed to arrange for a picnic sometime in July or early August. Remember the good time we had at Forrest Park last year? Well, another such time is in store for you this year, and all that will be necessary is that each member wholeheartedly support the committee. Go along and see the married men get their bumps or will it be the single men this time?

The Frolic this year will be under the directorship of Comrade Geo. Dessin, P. C., a tried and true leader. Give George every minute of your time when called upon, and I will have no fears for the outcome of the Frolic.

The Post will be the host to the Phila. County Council and outlying Posts on Thursday, July 2nd, so turn out comrades and fill the meeting room. The attendance so far this year has been very good, so don't let down as the hot weather approaches. There will be but one meeting in July, that of July 2nd and one in August, on August 6th.

The Frolic Committee will call meetings from time to time and I urge every comrade to be on his toes and attend these sessions, offer suggestions wherever possible and give all the help possible to put the Frolic of 1931 across in the true Hattal-Taylor way. Be a hustler and help rustle the shekels into the Frolic pocket book. Don't let the old time slang phrase, "Let George do it," be your motto, but rather let your motto be, "Everybody's doing it, and that includes me."

OLIVER MILLS, *Commander.*



The company had made a long and tiring march, and all were perspiring. "They must change their shirts," said the Captain.

"But very few of them have more than one shirt," said the Sergeant.

"Orders must be obeyed," said the captain, sharply, "let them change shirts with one another."



*Carrie Turner placing wreath, on behalf of Hattal-Taylor Auxiliary, to the memory of the World War Veterans.*

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Hattal-Taylor Post honored its departed Comrades on Memorial Day with a fullness of reverence and an appreciative activity more complete than ever before. With scores of its members and Auxiliary led by the Bugle and Drum Corps, the Post participated in patriotic exercises at numerous locations throughout the community.

The old time urge to murder the bugler was tamed into a feeling of respect for the lusty lunged brass instrument wielders who sounded reveille from the Post Home at 6 o'clock in the morning. From the moment that familiar tune was heard on the early morning breeze until the last straggler stumbled home at night, tired, hot, but filled with the rapture of his military memories, this Memorial Day of 1931, will go down in the annals as the greatest, the most complete, the finest—

and hottest—that has assembled the Comrades to do honor to their dead.

All day long, the Post Home was a rendezvous for the veterans of the community, and whether or not he officially wore the V. F. W. Cross of Malta, if he once donned the olive drab, or the Navy blue, he "belonged" and was welcome.

With Past Commander Samuel P. Geary, acting as Marshal, and accompanied by a group of French War Veterans in charge of Major A. Louis Pop, the Comrades and Members of the Auxiliary left the Post Home at 9 o'clock, and proceeded to Memorial Park in the Ashland School grounds, at School and Washington Streets, in West Manayunk. Here the ceremonies were presided over by Hon. Peter C. Hess, Treasurer of Lower Merion Township. Rev. Harry Boughey, Pastor of the Ashland M. E. Church, made the opening prayer. Hattal-Taylor Post firing-squad, directed by Comrade John Cronin, saluted the dead with three



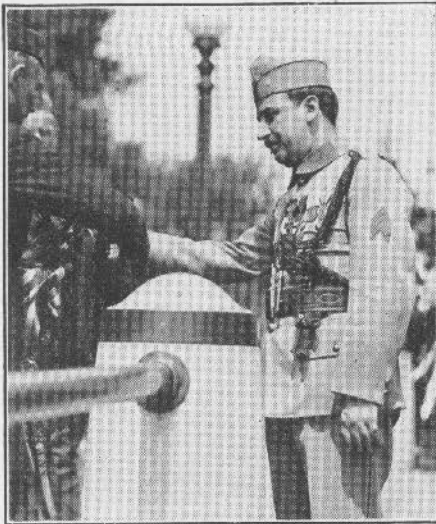
*George Gillet, Commander of Post No. 12, G. A. R. with his laurel wreath in honor of the 65 World War Veterans whose names are inscribed in the rotunda of the Monument*



volleys. William Holgate, musical director of the Post Bugle Corps, gave a muffled drum roll. Buglers John Winterle, Walter Buzby, Spruce Baird and Fred Shoemaker sounded and echoed taps. Major H. A. F. Hoyt, Rector Emeritus of St. John's Episcopal Church made the address.

Because of the approaching schedule for the Memorial Services at Wissahickon, it was necessary for the representatives of our Post to leave the scene of these activities before the close of Major Hoyt's address.

At Terrace Street and Walnut Lane, a delegation from the Thomas F. Emery



*Major A. Louis Pop, of the French War Veterans offers a testimonial for his organization.*

Post No. 229, American Legion, with a detail of sailors from the Navy Yard, met the Hattal-Taylor men. Polish-American Veterans of the Manayunk Post joined the procession and the parade moved down Terrace Street to the Wissahickon Honor Roll, opposite the Reading Station. Here, Benjamin C. Miles acted as Master of Ceremonies. Rev. L. Wartena, Pastor of the Wissahickon Presbyterian Church made the invocation. The orator at this ceremony was Stanley J. Kapa, Esq., of Washington, D. C.

Returning to the Post Home, Hattal-Taylor's representatives made ready for lunch, prepared by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Before dining, however, the Hattal-Taylor Veterans paid a tribute to Comrade Frank Rawden, who is suffering with a very critical service-connected disability, by journeying forth in a body to

the Comrade's home at 366 Dupont Street. The Bugle and Drum Corps here played several selections and the bugler of the French War Veterans played a number. Following this, the Comrades marched to the Manayunk Public Library and fired a salute over the Honor Roll at that point.

Immediately after lunch, Past Commander George A. Dessin, representing the Naval Veterans of the Post, presented the Post with a handsome Union Jack and Past Commander J. Langdon Jones personally made the presentation of the State colors. Both of these flags were accepted by Commander Oliver Mills for the Post and turned over to Color Sergeant C. J. Emmering and entrusted to his care.

At 2 o'clock the Post formed at the home, proceeded out Pechin Street to Conarroe, right into Conarroe where they awaited the arrival of the Thomas F. Emery Post, American Legion, and the DeHaven Post of the American Legion from Conshohocken. When the line was fully formed the procession moved out to Ridge Avenue left into Ridge Avenue to



*Hon. George P. Darrow, Congressman of Sixth District delivering an address in the Leverington Cemetery.*

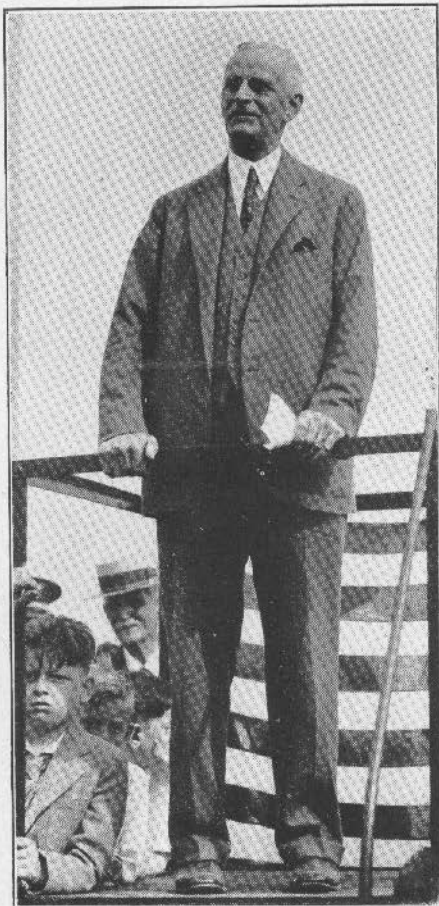
the headquarters of the G. A. R., at Fountain Street, where we were joined by the Hetty A. Jones Post No. 12, G. A. R., Samuel Clegg Post No. 9, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Women's Relief Corps, and the Boy Scouts of the 21st Ward. These groups formed a formidable parade. It moved down Ridge Avenue to Gorgas Park, where exercises at the Memorial Monument were held, sponsored by Hattal-Taylor Post. Rev. Henry A. D. Wacker, Chaplain of both the Hattal-Taylor and Thomas F. Emery Posts, made the opening prayer and the principal address as well. At the conclusion, wreaths were placed at the base of the monument, a large wreath being the joint offering of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Posts; the Ladies' Auxiliary of Hattal-Taylor Post No. 333, Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Thomas F. Emery Post No. 229, American Legion; the Hetty A. Jones Post No. 12, G. A. R.; the French War Veterans; the Women's Relief Corps; the 21st Ward Memorial Monument Association, and the Boy Scouts of America.

The Post then fell in line behind the G. A. R. and proceeded to the German Lutheran Cemetery where the ritual of the Samuel Clegg Camp No. 9, Sons of Veterans, was said. Hattal-Taylor Post rested on Pechin Street as a Guard of Honor for our Comrades of the G. A. R. as they passed through to the head of the line.

Leverington Cemetery was the scene of the principal and final ceremonies of the day. These exercises were in charge of Commander George Gillet of the local G. A. R. Post assisted by his closest Comrade, Department Commander Charles McConaghey. The Hon. George P. Darrow, Congressman from this District was the orator.

When the ceremonies had ended, Hattal-Taylor Post marched to the headquarters of the Thomas F. Emery Post of the American Legion where our Bugle and Drum Corps rendered several numbers as serenades. The "retreat" was sounded, the flag was lowered by Commander Ralston of the Emery Post, to the booming of cannon. Members of the Post then proceeded to the Hattal-Taylor Post Home where open house was maintained.

The Hattal-Taylor Post Committee for Memorial Day consisting of Past Commander Samuel P. Geary, Department Chief-of-Staff, Chairman; together with Past Commander Harry P. Prager, Past Commander Stephen C. Gilliard, Past Commander George A. Dessin, and Senior Vice-Commander Merrill J. Hilberg, wish



*Alvin Mills, Neighborhood Commander, Boy Scouts of America, paying a tribute to the World War Veterans at the Monument.*

to express their appreciation to the many who helped to make the affair a success, and particularly singled out the splendid aid of the Ladies' Auxiliary of our Post for their service in connection with the distribution of approximately 1,500 meals at the Post Home, the serving of refreshing lemonade along the line of march and their general cooperative spirit; the French War Veterans and their able Commander, Major A. Louis Pop for his extra effort in bringing with him three Comrades, one a bugler and two to carry their colors; the splendid and usual cooperation of Commander Gillet of the Grand Army of the Republic; the spirit of coordination displayed by the entire committee of the Thomas F. Emery Post, A. L.; the help-

fulness of Comrade J. R. Sumner of our Post in securing the assistance of the local Boy Scouts under the capable leadership of Neighborhood Commander Alvin Mills, and the individual efforts of our own members, this of course covers our Bugle Corps.

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QUALITY

Quality counts. It always has and it always will. Wherever on this earth there has been a conspicuous success, it will be found that somewhere along the line, quality has paved the way for it.

The world, as far back as Emerson's time, had worn a path to the door of the shoemaker who made the best shoes, and there is no danger that the grass or the weeds will ever grow thick on that path so long as the shoemaker sticks to his quality and his last.

Mark Twain makes characteristic contribution to the universal acclaim of quality as a means of getting things done. During his Egyptian travels, he says, he one day came across an engineer who was feeding his locomotive with mummies, occasionally calling out pettishly, "D—n these plebians, they won't burn worth a cent—pass out a king."

**MEMORIAL SUNDAY SERVICES**

The Memorial Sunday Service this year was held on June 24th at 10:45 A. M., when we joined with the congregation of the Church of Saint Alban in Roxborough to worship the Almighty.

The service was in all respects one of a peaceful and patriotic nature, proving to mankind throughout the world that man can be patriotic and at the same time a peace-loving member of any one of the families of nations.

The Rev. N. Herbert Caley, Rector of the Church officiated at the opening and then turned the services over to Commander Oliver Mills to carry out our end of the program.

Comrade J. Langdon Jones, Past Commander of our Post was our speaker for the occasion and we believe the message delivered by Comrade Jones should go into the records of the Post, should be read by every Comrade and kept for future reference and rereading, and we reprint the text of the message in this issue.

The services were well attended by Hattal-Taylor folks, and on this occasion were a tribute to Comrades Percy Kemm and Henry W. Little, who answered the call of the Great Commander during the past year. The Auxiliary offered their testimony to the memory of Mrs. Ella Pickel, who passed away during the past year.

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and the services held us until ten-fifteen. We arrived at the Honor Roll at about 10:45 after a mile and a half parading through Terrace Street and down Ridge Avenue. Arrived back at the Post Home at 11:45, formed and paraded to Dupont Street where we serenaded Comrade Frank Rawden at his home, we then proceeded to the Sunnyclyffe Honor Roll where a salute was fired and then back to the Home for lunch. Formed again at



*J. Langdon Jones, Past Commander presents Pennsylvania State Flag to Commander Oliver Mills. This set of colors will be added to the Bugle Corps Color Guard. The Navy Comrades also presented a Union Jack to the Post.*

one o'clock and stood at attention while two flags were presented to the Corps, namely the Union Jack by the Sailor Comrades of the Post and the Pennsylvania State Flag by Comrade J. Langdon Jones. After much delay we finally got started about two o'clock for the afternoon activities. The sun was getting hotter every minute and some of our fat ones seemed as though they would melt entirely away before we reached our first stop at Gorgas Park. The short rest during the

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services had the desired effect and we were able to carry on for the balance of the parade. We arrived back at the Post Home at about 5:15, much fatigued but happy in the thought that we had been making history both for our Corps and our Post. Many local people had seen us for the first time, while others marveled at the progress we had made since our appearance of last year, all agreed that this was the finest Memorial Day Parade ever to be held by the local Post, and we promise to present something even better for next year. Forty-three members. |

Our latest endeavors was the Bugle Corps Competition, held at the Temple Stadium, on Saturday, June 13th, by the North Penn Post of Glenside. We entered for the experience we would derive from competing with such wonderful Corps as Frankford, Norwood, Houston, Wilmington, Lancaster, Trenton, Palmyra, and several others all Legion but ourselves and had it not been for the fact that we over-stayed our time on the field, the outcome would probably have surprised many of us as the writer has heard from reliable sources that we scored high in several departments. However, as we entered for the experience, we are not discouraged, we saw plenty, we were out-classed by some and we outclassed others, we saw the errors we have been making and will try to rectify them. One thing we are certain of and that is success, if we continue to improve as we have done in the past.

Our next turnout is for the New Jersey State Convention, held at Bridgeton, N. J., on Saturday, June 27th, all out and let's make more history, bring home a trophy and show them that the "High Hatters" of Hattal-Taylor are also "High Steppers." Buses leave Post Home at 2 P. M. Again on Independence Day, July 4th, we will take part in the pageant of Sunday Schools in the 21st Ward. This is to be a gala event, it being the 100th Anniversary of this safe and sane observance of our National Holiday. We will furnish Marching Music for the First M. E. Sunday School. I'll be seeing you.

THOM. THRING.

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"Now, sir," the prosecutor stormed at the defendant, "I'll ask you if you weren't convicted on the 20th of March, 1929, on the charge of bootlegging?"

"Oh, yes," the prisoner admitted assuredly, smiling in a friendly way at the jury, "but I ain't got you for my lawyer this time."

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## DEATHS

Since our last issue we have the sad duty of reporting the following deaths:

Mrs. Arthur Morrissey, wife of Comrade Arthur Morrissey, formerly Philadelphia County Council Commander and Department Junior Vice-Commander.

Our condolence is tendered to Comrade Hans Leopold, who suffered the loss of his father a short time ago.



## BIRTHS

Since the last issue the staff has learned of two visits of the stork:

The home of Comrade Harvey Sturgis has been blessed with the arrival of a little son, while at the home of Comrade Erwin Simpson we learn a little daughter has arrived.

Greetings youngsters, may you grow up Hattal-Taylor Boosters.



## MEMORIAL SUNDAY ADDRESS

MAY 24, 1931

*By John Langdon Jones, Past Commander*

The purpose of Memorial Day has the dignity of a funeral rite without its sorrow. It is not a new wound that brings us here, but one which time has healed somewhat. In a few days we shall not meet around a newly-opened grave, but among those which nature has already decorated with the memorials of her love. She has given her smiles and her tears over each tomb. To the signs of Nature's tenderness we add ours; we sprinkle not ashes, but plant laurels for the laured.

We think not only of the great armies of the Civil War and the World War, mustered in and then discharged, but of another army whose numbers so Presidential opclamation can reduce, no congress or General Orders disband. They camp under tents of white stone.

Time has enriched many memories. The touch of death, like the call to arms, destroys all distinctions of race and creed. Even differences of rank in the service mean nothing after the sacrifice. Death has given the same brevet to all, and officer sleeps quietly beside enlisted man. We have grown consistently older since 1865 and 1918, and we have all changed; but our lost heroes are embalmed in our minds in their beautiful youth. They never will seem less fresh, less gallant, less daring. We are full of faults and weaknesses. Those whom we once mourned are free from stain. Their life ended at its climax and the end made holy that which went before. Their enlistment was short-lived; their service is eternal.

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tragedies than they are except for the feeling of brotherhood left behind them, based on the secret feelings of days like these. The Civil War gave peace to the nation. The World War was a new reminder of the folly of settling arguments by bloodshed.

As we, the survivors, stand among the graves without blushing, we must carry on the great project—the difficult burden of peace. The great French soldier, de Latour d'Auvergne, a war hero of many battles, remained by his own choice in the ranks. Napoleon gave him a sword and the official title "The First Grenadier of France." When he was killed, the Emperor ordered that his heart should be entrusted to the keeping of his regiment, that his name should be called at every roll-call, and that the next comrade should make answer, "Dead upon the field of honor." When the name of each dear one of ours is called, we shall answer in flowers, "Dead upon the field of honor."

The great sorrow that lies upon soldiers living today is not that they have buried comrades; but that the world for them has made such little progress in the direction of the assurance of peace. We cannot insure the hope of our sons against war. Conclaves and congresses will not bring that about. Arguments and papers will not accomplish it. Contracts and treaties will be no guarantee. There seems to be only one war, and that lies in the direction of the spiritual power of love.

Emerson, in a striking paragraph in his remarkable essay, "Man the Reformer", gives a picture. He says, "Have you not seen on a late autumn morning a fungus or mushroom, a plant without any solidity—nay, that seems nothing but a soft mush or jelly, by its constant, feeble, and unconceivably gentle pushing managed to break its way up through the frosted ground, actually lifting a crust on its head? It is a symbol of the power of kindness. Love would put a new face on this weary old world in which we dwell as pagans and enemies too long, and it would warm the heart to see how fast the vain diplomacy of statesmen, the impotence of armies, and navies, and lines of defense would be superseded by this unarmed child. It is really a great panacea of nature, a remedy of all ills. Then the author adds, "This great, over-grown, dead Christendom of ours still keeps alive at least the name of a lover of mankind; but one day all men will be lovers and every calamity will be dissolved in the universal sunshine."

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With the passing of the May and June activities our thoughts just naturally turn to the annual Fall Classic of the Post, better known for eleven years as "The Veterans' Frolic." Many of the old timers will recall with pleasure the tremendous amount of work involved in organizing for our first Frolic and of the wholehearted enthusiasm displayed by the comrades and their lady friends, as we did not have a Ladies' Auxiliary to rely on at that time. We are still reaping the benefits of those earlier affairs as the foundation was laid upon which was built our organization to successfully operate the affairs. The success of any undertaking depends largely upon the perfection of the forces necessary to carry out the ideas adopted. We in Hattal-Taylor are blessed with many comrades who are imbued with a wholesome spirit of enthusiasm and who likewise are capable leaders to successfully navigate any project the Post wishes to put over. To date we have run ten Frolics and the net return has varied from \$2,200.00 to \$4,500.00 a year, depending upon the conditions. Last year we faced the same economic situation which still prevails and by an extra effort on the part of all comrades and auxiliary sisters we pulled the amazing profit of \$4,300.00 plus. Enough credit cannot be heaped upon the personnel of the Post and Auxiliary for the mighty way they worked and all we ask for is a repetition of that same interest and courage.

George Dessin has been appointed as the Director General this year and will select assistant directors to aid him in what is hoped will prove to be our greatest Frolic.

Let every Comrade make unto himself a resolution to put just a little extra effort in his work this year and by so doing you will be amazed how that "higher speed" will affect the financial return. Watch the July issue of SPLINTERS for the organization chart, find your location, dig your old time PEP out of the reserve and let's go to it with cylinders wide open.

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 If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
 Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
 Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
 And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise.

If you can dream, and not make dreams your master;  
 If you can think, and not make thoughts your aim,  
 If you can meet with triumph and disaster  
 And treat those two impostors just the same;  
 If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
 Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
 Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
 And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools.

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
 And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
 And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
 And never breathe a word about your loss.  
 If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
 To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
 And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
 Except the Will which says to you:  
 "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
 Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
 If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
 If all men count with you, but none too much,  
 If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
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"It's no use, sir, it's no use."

"What do you mean?" said the C. O., "haven't you washed that Heinie yet?"

"It's no use, sir, we have washed him for two hours and it's no use."

"Why no use," said the C. O. angrily.

"Well, sir," said Fitz, "after rubbing and scrubbing him till our arms ached, I'll be hanged if we didn't come to another suit of clothes."

The demure young bride, a trifle pale, her lips set in a tremulous smile, slowly stepped down the long church aisle, clinging to the arm of her father.

As she reached the low platform before the altar, her slippered foot brushed a potted flower, upsetting it. She looked at the spilled dirt gravely, and then raised her childlike eyes to the sedate face of the old minister.

"That's a helluva place to put a lily," she said.—*Walla Walla.*

"Booh!" said the playful husband, for the third time that evening, as he met his wife in the darkened hall. This time, however, it happened to be a visiting neighbor lady. "I beg your pardon," he finished, lamely.

"Don't mind him," said the wife. "He's full of 'boohs' tonight."

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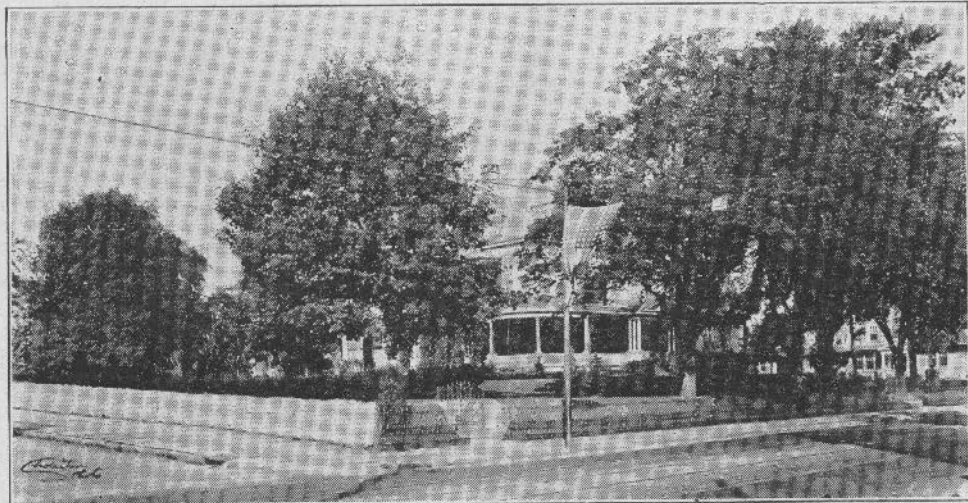
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*August and September*

- August 1st*—Sale of Home Baking—Ridge Avenue and Green Lane. Benefit of Frolic.
- August 3rd*—Bugle Corps Rehearsal on Plaza at Shawmont.
- August 6th*—Regular Post Meeting.
- August 8th*—Parade in Phoenixville, Pa. Testimonial to Dept. Commander, D. J. C. O'Donnell—ALL OUT.
- August 10th*—Bugle Corps Drills.
- August 11th*—"Beano" Party at Post for Frolic Committee.
- August 12th*—Bugle Corps at Ray Steel's Training Camp at Brinton Lake, Pa.
- August 14th*—Corps and Post Officers to attend Steele-Skikat Wrestling Bout at Phillies Ball Park.
- August 17th*—Bugle Corps Rehearsal.
- August 18th*—Executive Meeting of Post officials.
- August 18th*—"Beano" Party at Post—Benefit of Frolic.
- August 20th*—General Meeting of Veterans' Frolic.
- August 25rd*—Hattal-Taylor Post to entertain Buddies at Coatesville Government Hospital.
- August 24th*—Bugle and Drum Corps.
- August 27th*—Auxiliary Meeting at Post Home.
- August 31st*—Boom-Boom Drills.
- September 1st*—Card Party at Post Home—Benefit of Frolic.
- September 3rd*—Regular Meeting of Post—COME OUT and HEAR DETAILS of FROLIC—ALSO request MORE BOOKS for the Drawing.
- September 5th*—ALL Hands on Deck in the afternoon to arrange equipment on the Frolic Grounds. In the EVENING BUGLE CORPS will Parade to Advertise the coming Frolic.
- September 7th*—Labor Day—While you rest, think and THINK some more about the FROLIC.
- September 10th*—OPENING NIGHT OF THE FROLIC—BE SURE TO BE ON HAND.
- September 11th*—MORE PEP WILL BE NECESSARY—FROLIC.
- September 12th*—The hardest, toughest night of the three, so BE SURE to be on hand to do your part in making the FROLIC the best ever.
- September 17th*—Post Meeting—HEAR the RETURNS.
- September 19th*—?????A Big Surprise?????
- September 21st*—Dinner at Fuhrman Inn, Germantown, Ladies only, 6.00 P. M. sharp—Benefit of Veterans' Frolic.

## EPISTLE FROM YOUR COMMANDER

TO MY COMRADES,

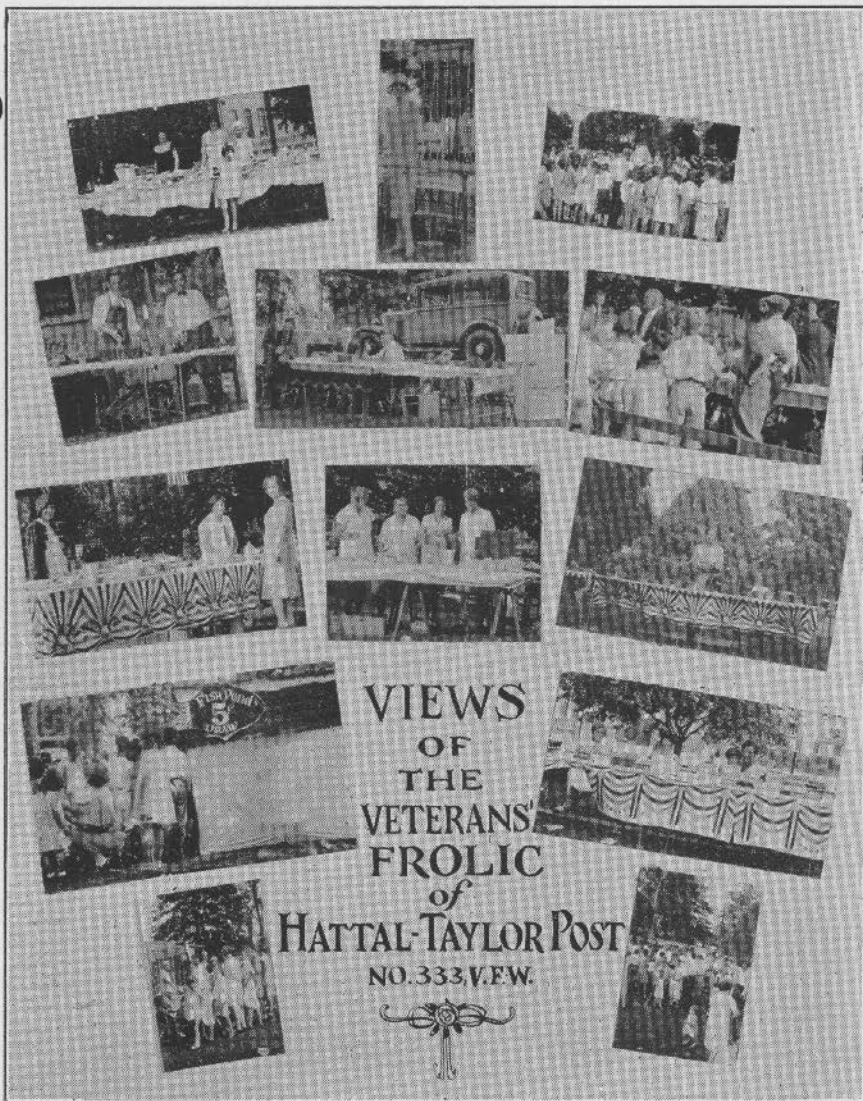
Naturally our thoughts turn toward the most important activity of our calendar year—the Frolic. This will be our eleventh annual affair of this kind and if advance work is a criterion then we are assured of the greatest Frolic ever held by our Post. The secret of a huge profit on any undertaking is the amount of preliminary work done in advance and there is more of this being done this year than ever before. It has always been the aim of our Ladies' Auxiliary to turn in as large an amount without a heavy expense, so they run social events of various sorts and in addition to having an evening of pleasure they usually make it a profitable one as well. If the Post in general will adopt the same spirit of helpfulness as displayed by our loyal aides, we can truthfully say that we have adopted a real slogan,—"Prosperity Begins at the Veterans' Frolic." We too, can do a mighty bit of work beforehand and that is to sell the books of tickets sent you and come back for more. I am told that a new comrade, not in the Post a month, has disposed of 52 books. That is SPIRIT, comrades, the kind of spirit that should show you the way. May we all share a portion of that same devotion to Hattal-Taylor Post and go forth with a renewed determination to put this Frolic over and put it over BIG. Director Dessim has set a goal for us to reach and that objective is \$4500.00. This sum seems small when compared to the objectives of past Frolics and my guess is that he has purposely placed it low so that it can be said that we for once had reached and passed the mark. Well, if this is so, let's not disappoint him. We will take up the challenge and with every comrade doing just a wee bit more of hard hustling we can reach and surpass the figure laid down for us. Remember that we are working for the success and glory of Hattal-Taylor Post,—the Post we all love and honor.

Yours in Comradeship,

OLIVER MILLS,  
Commander.\*  
CARD PARTY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

The opening card party of the fall season will be held on Tuesday, September 1st, in the Post Home. This party is to be run for the benefit of the Fancy Goods Table of the Frolic and it is hoped that you will attend and persuade your friends to do likewise. Mrs. Beulah Keely will act as hostess on this occasion.



**"ALL HANDS ON DECK—CLEAR SHIP FOR ACTION"**

**IS THE CALL OF THE VETERANS' FROLIC OF 1951**

In the U. S. Naval Service a husky-throated Boatswain blows his Boatswain's pipe and roars out the preparatory command "All hands on deck"—this is followed by a further command and when it happens to be "Clear ship for action" the crew is on its toes and gets all set for the affray at hand. At this moment we of the Post need to heed such a call—we do

not of necessity require the leather-lunged orator to impress us with the importance of action but need only to think of the splendid success with which past Frolics have been conducted to induce our stepping into the breach and answering the call of **SPLINTERS**, the Post, the Auxiliary, and our many boosting Friends.

Our objective for the Veterans' Frolic of 1951 has been set at a net profit of \$4,500.00, the goal is not impossible, it has been reached before, and if each person affiliated with us in any way will strive

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to do his utmost we should not fall short at this time. Editor Prager recently put on his thinking cap, result a slogan for the Frolic—"PROSPERITY BEGINS AT THE VETERANS' FROLIC," a good slogan and one that should inspire us all to do bigger and better things.

The amount of progress to date on the project is very interesting as well as encouraging—donation books are all out, their sale will mean much, please push them to the extreme; purchasing committee has bought all prizes for the donation books and gets to work on the general merchandise Tuesday, August 11th; the original Jew Committee, including Prager, Glanding and Thring, are scheduled to see what is on the market that might be suitable for our affair; the Ladies of the Auxiliary have been about as busy as bees, so far they have had two Beano Parties, also a Bread, Pie and Cake Sale, on Tuesday, August 11th, another Beano Party, which was repeated on Tuesday, August 18th, and on September 1st they are holding a Card Party at the Post Home; it is hoped that these enterprises will be patronized by all as they will materially reflect on the profit side of the Frolic accounts.

The organization chart for the Frolic is published in this issue of SPLINTERS, if your name does not appear and we can have your services please communicate with the writer who can without trouble find a place to use your services in the interest of your Post.

The next meeting of the general committee, which includes all Post and Auxiliary members, as well as interested friends, will be held at the Post Home, Thursday, August 20th, at 8.30 P. M. An overflow meeting would be appreciated and would be very helpful in further pepping up the entire organization.

Yours in Comradship,

G. A. DESSIN.

#### AUGUST 23 IS HATTAL-TAYLOR DAY AT COATESVILLE HOSPITAL

If there is a comrade who is doing more than his share for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he is Louis Kramer, Commander of Chester-Delaware County Council and a member of Sahler-Sedan Post of Coatesville, Pa. In addition to his duties as County Commander, Lou has accepted the responsibility of handling the welfare work at the Government Hospital at Coatesville. This alone is an undertaking that would tax the ability of a corps of veteran workers as entertainment must be provided every other Sunday and is only one of the many tasks that are performed

by Comrade Kramer. To keep his program filled for months ahead Lou has to rely on the interest, generosity and talents of the V. F. W. Posts in Eastern Pennsylvania. The day assigned to Hattal-Taylor Post is Sunday, August 23d and the Post will attend with a group of entertainers who will put on a show to last for two hours. Logan M. Dayton, P. C., is chairman of the entertainment group and has arranged for a show that will be well worth the trip to see. Included in the program will be an old-time minstrel show, several solo artists, Scotch specialty numbers, an exhibit of magic by one of our comrades and a tumbling act by two of our local boys. We will leave the Post Home at 12.30 P. M., so as to be on hand at 3.00 P. M., in time to start the performance at 3.50 o'clock. Everyone who can possibly go on this trip should do so as it is a work worth while. We commend most highly the benevolent work of Lou Kramer whose interest is keen for our comrades who are suffering the aftermath of their war service.

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When the General Committee selected a Chevrolet Coach as the first prize for the drawing, which was subsequently ordered by the Purchasing Committee from a local dealer, it was the sole thought that by patronizing a home merchant it would be in harmony with the "Shop at Home" slogan, so often brought to our attention. We are thoroughly in accord with this idea of buying from community merchants whenever possible and so placed our order in good faith. However, the local purchase of a Chevie is to be denied us through the retiring from business of the dealer with whom we placed the order. Still firm in our belief that local business men should be patronized, as we likewise look to them for support, we have substituted, at a higher cost to us, a Pontiac Coach which has been ordered from the Schofield Motor Co. of Roxborough. It is appreciated that this Company will not receive the full benefit of our advertising as the tickets in circulation feature the Chevrolet, nevertheless a fine display of sportsmanship was shown by the Schofield Company in agreeing to accept our order under the conditions. We feel that we have been fair in our decision to give the winner a Pontiac because the winner will receive a higher-priced car and our conscience will be at ease in that we have stood by our ideals, by buying at home. Should the winner



however, insist on the make of car as advertised on the tickets it is our duty to acknowledge the request, even though we have to secure it from another dealer who will naturally be from out of town. Make known the change in machines when you are selling your customer.

The second prize is a Norge Electric Refrigerator; the third a Philco Highboy Radio; the fourth a comfy Occasional Chair; the fifth a 9 x 12 Rug—all purchased from local dealers while the sixth prize—an Electric Clock, is to be donated by that reliable and zealous comrade, Bill Speers. We have gone to considerable expense in order to maintain the usual high standard of prizes and despite the economic condition, we have absolute faith in the ability of our comrades and friends to feel safe in saying that the profit on this branch of the Frolic will be greater than ever.

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*It is never too late to begin anything, and the time to begin is today.*

—Albert Edward Wiggam.

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#### DINNER AT FUHRMAN'S INN SEPTEMBER 21ST

In order to boost the receipts of her table at the Frolic, Mrs. Isabel Fortune will give a dinner at the Fuhrman Inn on Monday evening, September the 21st. The Inn is located at 215 West Walnut Lane, Germantown, and as the number of guests are limited it is suggested that you purchase your ticket early so as to be sure of a seat. Tickets are on sale at 50 cents each and may be secured from Mrs. Fortune or Mrs. Cooper. A good dinner and a better time await you girls, so don't be backward about reserving a place at the festive board.

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#### PICK-UPS FROM THE PICNIC

The day, July 25th, was ideal, the picnickers were sociable, so what else was necessary to guarantee a good time for all who attended the 2nd annual outing of our Post. A merry crowd numbering about 200 took advantage of the splendid weather and met at the Post Home where a large bus and many private cars were at their disposal for journey to Lakeview Park at Royersford, Pa., to indulge in an afternoon of rich fun. The main event, it seemed, was the baseball game and such rivalry as existed between the "Chain Gang" and the "Never-Marries" was not even present at a World Series Ball Game. After the crushing defeat last year the "Ball and Chainers" have been hungering for revenge so they were on the field early to grab all the practice possible.

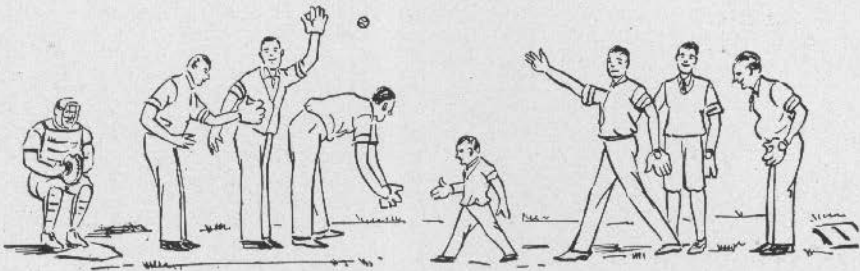
Led by Tom Turner's Quartermaster's truck which hauled the equipment, the gang arrived at 2.00 P. M., and immediately began to caper around the ball field until the game was called at 5.00 P. M. when the opposing teams took the field to participate in as bitter a battle as ever contested on the diamond. "Topsy" Campbell led the "Chainers" who lined up as follows: Bill Miller, catcher; Topsy the Camel, pitcher; Sam Clark held down 1st base, flanked by Tom Turner at second, Aleck Wilson at short, while Harry Walmsley held down the hot corner; the outfield consisted of Karl Volp in left, George Kinsey in center with Orvil Boles capering in right. Opposing them on the Bachelors' team were Steve Gilliard, Jr., as the receiver with Lloyd "Acme" Ambler tossing 'em up, "Legs" Price at first, Merrill Hilberg at second, Eddie Buzby at short and Tommy the Twing bowlegging at third; in the outer gardens paraded "Goo" Hilberg, Len Wrigley and Fritzie Shoemaker with reserves consisting of Georgie Dessin, Georgie Thackeray and Mush Magill. The reserves of the Benedicts contained such stars as Georgie Knipe, Tom Crowley, Ollie Mills, Walt Buzby, Fritz Riemer, Irvin Grindrod and George Taylor. After a heated discussion the umpires selected were Bob Hamilton to call 'em as he saw 'em, Harry Prager to wallow in the mud at first base and Jimmy the Wood was perched at third. The "Ball and Chainers" lost the toss and had to bat first and how they did plow into the round-house curves of "Acme" was sad to behold. When the smoke cleared away five runs were registered by the "Poor Fish" which gave them the necessary encouragement to play ball like nobody's business. "Topsy" was a revelation as a pitcher and hooked shoots that bewildered the opposition to the extent that they fell easy prey to his skill. He hung up what appeared to be a strike-out record and so clever was his mastery of the sphere that only one tally was scored on him during the nine innings. While the official score was not handed over to the editor, reports say that 14 runs for the "Browbeaten" to 1 run for the "Brow Beaters".

Much humor was injected into the game by the seriousness of the players and in one instance Topsy Campbell wandered off third base after a put out at first, thinking it was the last out. After awakening to the fact that only two were down "Tops" was trapped between third and home and after dodging for at least 45 minutes, took advantage of the plate being left unguarded and scurried for the platter, being hotly chased by 6' 4"

"Pricey" and here is one for Ripley, Believe it or Not. "Topsy" who measures about five foot-two inches from stem to stern, outfooted the long-legged Freddie in the race and scored the run. The fielding feature was made by Scotty Wood who speared a liner at first base that would have done justice to Lou Gehrig. Danny O'Donnell, our State Commander, replaced Turner at second base and turned in a fine play on a hard hit grounder to his left. Freddie Shoemaker and Orrie Boles were unable to do much with the stick as they had to spend so much energy swimming around in right field that they were badly spent when it came their time to wield the willow. Bill Miller certainly showed his lack of training as he sure did throw flies to second base in a vain effort to stop the pilfering of that sack. So much for the ball game and now the "Never Marries" have a

welfare of the younger generation and lends an encouraging hand in helping to foster this splendid idea of military training among boys. Next was the program of sports and brielly here are the winners: Paper Race, Jack Fair and Ruth Hepner; Nail Driving Contest, Mrs. George Taylor and Tom Crowley; Potato Race, Florence Mosier, William Speers, Jr., Mabel Thiess, Ruth Hepner and Elmer Miligan; Shoe Race, Jimmy Wood; Spoon Race, Elizabeth Hilberg, Mabel Riemer; Tug-o'-War was won by Jack Fair's team, consisting of Volp, Poissant, Clark, Wood, Taylor and Hilberg.

At the conclusion of the races darkness had fallen and many journeyed home while others danced and tried out their skill on the rifle range. Those who attended voted the outing a huge success and many are clamoring for another such affair before the summer ends.



Imagine seven big bozos trying to put the "Camel" out. Topsy led 'em a merry chase and finally scored the run that busted the morale of the "Never Marries".

year in which to prepare their offensive against the fort now occupied by their rivals. Their only alibi is that they claim they were compelled to play against twelve men; they of course blame the umps for their defeat and as an eye witness, the writer can testify that their downfall was caused by a little shrimp who resembles a "Camel" in name and fame, as he can go seven days any time without a drink. Swimming was indulged in, following the ball game, then chow was next in line and what a growl came from the depths of Sam Geary's chest when he had to make a fire to cook the coffee. Johnny Bickhart, being a fireman by trade, came to his rescue however, and showed Sam how to use matches. Across the pond was pitched a Boys' Brigade Camp and we were invited to witness Retreat preceded by a formal guard mount and parade. It was an inspiring sight and reminiscent of old times for many of the comrades who had gone through the same maneuvers many times. The camp was named after Dr. Earl C. Rice who is actively interested in the

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A good friend of the Post, Mr. Alexander C. Chadwick, Editor of the *Suburban Press*, purchased a cake at one of the Auxiliary sales and was so delighted with his buy that he decided to "Say It With Poetry." The poem is a tribute to the baking art of one of the girls, we know not who it was, but if the cake was as

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Who erected it,  
But when we were  
Courteously invited to  
Purchase it, by  
The good friend Wife  
Of a friend of ours,  
Who was ably assisted by several  
Other good-looking women,  
And our eyes fell on the  
Delights of its construction,  
We couldn't resist a  
Lightning-like contemplation  
Of the joys it would  
Bring us,  
So we purchased it.  
The lady who sold it to us  
Consummated the deal with all the  
Finesse of a high-powered salesman,  
And saw to it, that the  
Thing was delivered to us  
With all of its charms intact.  
But, before we go any farther,  
We must state, in order to keep  
The history straight,  
That previous to arriving at the  
Place of the sale,  
We had been approached by an  
Advance agent of the same  
Hustling organization, which was  
Engaged at the time, on this  
Particular campaign, who  
Requested us to stop at the  
"Counter" and see "the girls".  
We did, and between the  
Sales talk of the ladies,  
And the weakness of our personality—  
A characteristic which we remember  
Our parents who used to tell us, at times,  
Was that of  
An over-ambitious youth—  
Which was also encouraged by  
What our eyes saw,  
We bought it—  
And lugged it all the way  
Home from Roxborough,  
To East Falls.  
But we weren't sorry,  
For after we arrived at our  
Peaceful domicile—  
And being unable to put up any  
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 What happened.  
 We know not who built that  
 Culinary work of art,  
 But this we state—  
 That cake had a short life!  
 Yum-yum.

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## BUGLE CORPS NEWS

As stated in the last issue of SPLINTERS after the Bridgeton engagement there were to be no more except the Norristown competition but hardly had the news gone to press when several invitations were received, and as we crave action we accepted those which seemed to have the best possibilities for a good time.

The first of these was a trip to the Motor Paced Bicycle Races, at the Municipal Stadium, on July 30th. This engagement was arranged through the efforts of Comrade Burke of the Sparrow Ship, Bobby Calhoun, The Coast to Coast Announcer and our Thos. H. A. Turner, P. C. A general invitation was extended to the entire Post and their families. Our party numbered nearly two hundred. The Corps consisted of 33 members and our performance on the field was highly applauded by the spectators.

The next turnout was on August 8th, when 30 members made the trip to Phoenixville, Pa., to participate in a parade in honor of Daniel J. C. O'Donnell, our Department Commander. Parade started at 8.00 P. M., and entirely covered the town and all surrounding suburbs. Many streets we marched on seemed to contain nothing but empty houses and parked automobiles and the night was hotter than hades. We arrived back to the Ettinger-Powers-Campbell V. F. W. Post from whence we had started two hours before and there shed our blouses and proceeded to do the town until our bus arrived to take us home.

From our showing at the Municipal Stadium on July 30th, we had attracted the attention of Ray Fabiani, the wrest-

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ling promoter who through Bobby Calhoun, extended us an invitation to attend the big wrestling bout between Ray Steele and Dick Shikat. He also invited us to Ray Steele's training camp at Brinton Springs, Pa. On the evening of August 12th a bus was put at our disposal and 50 members made the trip to Steele's Camp where we attended a very interesting card of amateur boxing bouts, after which we were escorted to the Country Club to partake of a tasty lunch which had been provided for us by Mr. Fabiani.

On August 14th we attended the big Wrestling bout at the Phillies Ball Park, some of the boys witnessing their first wrestling match, others were hardened devotees of the game, but we saw one of the biggest upsets in the history of the game when Ray Steele pinned the shoulders of Dick Shikat to the mat. We were supposed to be rooters for Ray Steele and the fact was announced by a large sign tied on the back of our bus. We made our appearance twice on the field, once before the bouts started and another when we escorted Ray Steele from his dressing room across the field to the ring. A section in the stands was reserved for the Corps. Thirty-five members made the trip and everybody enjoyed the evening to the utmost as each bout was furiously fought and each had its moments of comedy which brought forth loud outbursts of laughter. This was one of the best evenings of fun we have ever had as a corps and we hope that Mr. Fabiani will remember us in the future when another big event is scheduled by him.

Through most of the summer the Corps has been somewhat handicapped due to the fact that our Musical Director, Billy Holgate, has been absent on an extended vacation, but we understand that he will soon return so the preparation for some real stiff competitions this winter will soon get under way again. Many of the musical numbers used by the Corps during this summer were either written or arranged by Billy and that personal touch of his will be welcomed at our weekly rehearsals.

During the past month or so we have enlisted into the fold several new members who we hope will do credit to our bunch; they are Bob Clemens, the silver-toned tenor from Roslyn, Whitey Morgan who has taken up the Bass Bugle, Eddie of the famous Buzby Family, George Brewington who has been filling in at Bugling and carrying of Colors and two others we have not as yet uniformed. More power to you, new men, and our hope is that your interest will grow with the Corps.

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Ye Editor, being only an infantryman during the big stuff saw nothing of artillery shells and heard only the enemy's G. I. shells explode in his neighborhood. The only way he could gauge the difference between a 3" and 6" shell was when our artillery fire fell short, then one exploded louder than the other and dug a bigger hole. Danny O'Donnell, an ancient artilleryman himself also asked the same question as Gene Carver, so we checked our m. m.'s with inches and the critics are right. We'll have to pass the buck on to Logan Dayton, he penned the eulogy to Danny, and being one of those artillery guys himself, maybe he can explain the phenomenon.

Harry P. Prager, Editor-in-Chief,  
SPLINTERS, Hattal-Taylor Post, No. 333,

DEAR COMRADE PRAGER:

I am always interested to read at least the jokes that appear each month in SPLINTERS, and they are usually mighty good, but I think the best one yet was in the somewhat flowery career written of Department Commander O'Donnell in which Dayton has him "with jaw set with grim determination behind a 155-Millimeter gun in France pulling the lanyard that sent a 3-inch shell screaming into the pit of war."

I should have thought he would be grim if the Army was giving him only 3-inch shells for a 6-inch gun. That's even worse than some of the No. 11 shoes for men that wanted No. 6.

However, the fact that I noticed your typographical error will at least show that I read your paper, and speaking seriously, I am very much pleased that you have kept me on your mailing list and I congratulate you on the uniform high standard which you have maintained for your Post paper. I have seen a good many others come, blossom up, and die, but yours seems about the same as it was three years ago when I first got on your list.

Please give my best wishes to all the boys, and pardon my facetiousness but it surely struck me as funny.

Yours in comradeship,  
EUGENE P. CARVER, JR.,

*Post Commander-in-Chief Veterans of  
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ED. NOTE—Much obliged, Gene, it shows that you at least remove SPLINTERS from its jacket and read it after you remove it. Glad to hear from you and we likewise extend to you our hearty compliments.

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### BUSY WEEK AWAITS V. F. W. 1931 MEETING

Kansas City, Mo.—The stage is set and the curtain is ready to ascend on the 32nd National Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. in Kansas City, Missouri, August 30-September 4, with Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Wolman, Baltimore, Maryland, wielding the gavel.

A committee composed of 184 men and women, comprising eighteen specific groups and each one assigned certain duties in connection with entertainment of the 1931 convention, has been working for the past six months in anticipation of welcoming the largest assembly held in Kansas City for several years.

Unless all indications fail, the 1931 V. F. W. reunion is expected to attract the largest gathering of delegates, alternates and visitors that has ever attended a national convention of this organization. These expectations are based mostly on a 50 per cent increase in nation-wide membership since the 1930 encampment was held in Baltimore.

Delegates to the National Encampment in Kansas City are selected on the basis of one delegate to each fifty members, or fraction thereof. These delegates, in addition to post commanders, state commanders and national officers compose the voting strength of the annual conclave. With more than 350 new posts organized during the past year, this means that at least one thousand delegates will be attending their first national encampment. Added to these numbers are the increased delegations coming from posts that have increased their membership to a point where their delegate quota has also been extended.

Following is a brief résumé of the program of the 32nd National Encampment.

#### *Saturday, August 29*

Meeting of the National Council of Administration.

#### *Sunday, August 30*

Registration; annual joint memorial services; Auxiliary dinner for national and department officers; V. F. W. national officers and department officers conference; meeting of Auxiliary Council of Administration.

#### *Monday, August 31*

Joint opening session; official opening of V. F. W. sessions; official opening of Auxiliary sessions; Auxiliary states dinner, reception and entertainment; V. F. W. dinner to distinguished guests; Cootie torchlight parade; supreme scratch, Military Order of the Cootie.

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*Tuesday, September 1*

Annual military parade; V. F. W. business sessions; Auxiliary business sessions; veterans' celebration at Fairy and Park; state department and reunion dinners; drum and bugle corps and band contests.

*Wednesday, September 2*

V. F. W. business sessions, Auxiliary business sessions; front line air circus, Fairfax Airport; water regatta and carnival, Winwood Beach; annual military ball.

*Thursday, September 3*

V. F. W. business sessions; Auxiliary sessions; horse races at Riverside Park; state department dinners and reunions; Auxiliary card party and entertainment; "A Night in Bar-le-Duc," a stag smoker.

*Friday, September 4*

Business sessions for both V. F. W. and Auxiliary; election of officers; selection of 1932 encampment city; joint installation of V. F. W. and Auxiliary officers.

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**DAVID ROSS GEARY**

A young man with this name was presented to P. C. Sam Geary and P. P. Anna Geary on Monday, August 3rd. From all accounts the new arrival brought a lusty pair of lungs along which keeps Sam in strict bugle corps training by parading the hallway.

Our hearty congratulations to Comrade and Sister Geary and our wish is that the lad will grow in wisdom to emulate the splendid characters of his parents.

While a surgeon was finishing an operation on a patient, a fire started in a warehouse across the street, illuminating the whole operating room.

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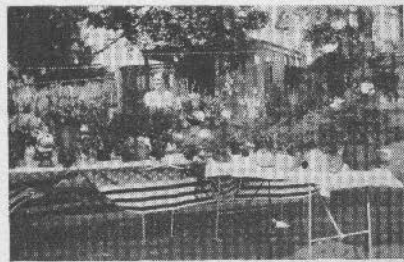


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handling of many little  
things. Every big job is  
a bundle of little ones.*

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## THE VETERANS' FROLIC OF 1931 ISSUES A CHALLENGE TO "HARD TIMES"

THAT fear does not exist in the ranks of Hattal-Taylor Post or in its Auxiliary was conclusively proved by the way they tackled the arduous task of putting over the recent "Frolic." Were they awed by the gloom which seems to shroud the present business world? Not they! It only brought that mysterious something to the fore which makes you fight all the harder in the face of adversity and how that gang did labor and struggle to accomplish the seemingly impossible was marvelous to behold. They deserve all the praise that can be heaped upon them and they set an example for aggressiveness that could well be emulated by our leaders of industry. *SPLINTERS* commends highly the willing spirit of every one who took part in this great offensive and hopes that the rank and file of both Post and Auxiliary will maintain the same high morale in the support of their newly elected leaders for the fiscal year.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*October and November*

- October 1st—POST MEETING—Second night for Nomination of Officers—IMPORTANT.
- October 5th—Bugle Corps Rehearsal—ALL OUT.
- October 8th—Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting.
- October 12th—Drills and Practice by the Boom Boomers.
- October 15th—Post Meeting—ELECTION OF OFFICERS—BE ON HAND.
- October 16th—Bugle Corps Rehearsal.
- October 19th—Bugle Corps Rehearsal.
- October 22nd—Auxiliary Meeting—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
- October 22nd—COUNTY RALLY at the PVT. McDAVITT Post—Broad and Jefferson Sts.—ALL INVITED.
- October 24th—SUPPER at the POST HOME—AUXILIARY BENEFIT.
- October 25th—VINELAND, N. J.—Bugle Corps will Parade. Everybody invited.
- October 30th—Parade in Logan—Bugle Corps will compete for prizes.
- October 31—HALLOWE'EN PARTY at the Post under direction of the AUXILIARY—Prizes for those masked—refreshments for ALL—Fare, 25 centimes.
- November 5th—Combined Installation of Officers of Post and Auxiliary. Dept. Commander Dan O'Donnell and National President Dora Raffensberger. will be special guests and will officiate in the installing ceremonies. EVERYBODY OUT, MALE and FEMALE, FOR THIS GREAT MEETING.
- November 6th—BUGLE CORPS.
- November 8th—Special Veterans Service at the EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH.—Chaplain H. A. D. Wacker will conduct the service. Bugle Corps will attend in uniform.
- November 11th—ARMISTICE DAY—Will you EVER forget the original day in 1918—Special notice will be mailed to each comrade outlining the activities of the day.



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—The Sphinx.



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

COMRADES:

Words cannot express the feeling of pride and admiration that I hold for every comrade, sister of the Auxiliary and the many friends of the Post who made such a valiant effort to put over our Annual Veterans Frolic. Faced by the economic condition, of which we were constantly reminded by the "weaker hearts," the rank and file rallied to the cause with a greater enthusiasm than ever displayed before and the result of this concerted effort will show a profit approaching \$4,000.00. This kind of cooperation is what makes a success of any venture and builds the morale of an organization.

My term of office as Commander is drawing to a close and I wish to express my sincere thanks to those comrades who stood by me so loyally; without their diligent labor the Post would have slipped considerably. We are about to elect a successor to my office and no matter who the presiding officer may be, I beseech the same faithful cooperation that was accorded me during my term and I ask each and every comrade to perform even a little better for the new Commander. Bear in mind that without your help and work he is practically helpless and who can retain an interest in a non-active Post. The Bugle Corps has already made an enviable name for itself and together with SPLINTERS will continue to carry the standards of the Post to many sections unknown to us except through these valuable publicity mediums. Our Welfare and Service Committee have done a mighty fine job and this branch of our activity will be called upon more than ever during the next term.

I trust that every comrade will have a new spark kindled in his breast for Hattal-Taylor and will go forth in search of some duty to do for the Post. One way is to get behind the drive for reinstatements—see that Buddy of yours and re-enlist him in the service so that your Post will prosper in membership as well as in other ways.

May success continue to smile on our Post for a long time to come.

Yours in Comradship,  
OLIVER MILLS, *Commander.*



A little boy with a terrible toothache went to the dentist to have the bad tooth pulled out. When the painful operation was over he asked the dentist to let him have the tooth.

"What do you want the tooth for?" asked the dentist.

"I am going to take it home, fill it with sugar and watch the darn thing ache."

## WE WERE THERE

By A. C. CHADWICK, JR.

When P. C., H. P. Prager, editor-in-chief of SPLINTERS, asked for a few slivers for this issue of Hattal-Taylor Post's "up and at 'em" monthly, our thoughts turned to the corner-lot, bonfire, days of boyhood, when we were asked to "chip or skip", and, so, we chipped our collection of pithy pointers.

This is our impression of what occurred at "Eleventh Annual Veterans' Frolic", on September 10th, 11th and 12th, past.

To describe the scene at Langhurst, the home of Mrs. Charles E. Meyers, is no doubt superfluous, because most of the readers of SPLINTERS were very probably in attendance at the great outdoor party. The spacious lawn was agleam with festoons of electric lights, and was also a riot of colors, contributed by variously-hued flags and bunting, and the summery attire of the ladies who graced the place with their presence. And was the Weatherman kind? We'll say he was! The first night was actually hot—and we don't mean maybe! All of which permitted Joe Sumner to become opulently successful as top sergeant at the soft drink counter.

We pulled a "One-Eyed Connelly" on Sam Clark, at the gate, but "Bull Leave" you me, we don't think anyone else could have accomplished the same feat, for Samuel certainly casts a mean optic when it comes to collecting "thin ones" at the entrance. And then, Sam's a crash specialist himself—especially on the cymbals.

After gaining admittance to the grounds, "General" John Magill snared our first "jit" by pulling a "cold one" from an ice-filled box. It happened to be sarsaparilla. John would be like that! But it quenched our thirst—for the time being!

And then we met the Frolic Director, George A. Dessin, P. C. The "A", we are told, means "Almost", for George is about to take unto himself a wife. After tearing around this terrestrial sphere for a longer period of freedom than any of the "hemale" species is justly entitled to—the pint-sized Past-Commander has at last surrendered and will henceforth assume a second mate's rôle on the Ship of Life. And the signs all read that George will start to "mark time" before this article appears in print. We offer our sincere congratulations to him, and our condolence to the lovely lady he has selected to accompany him on the remainder of his voyage over the seas of earthly existence.

While weddings, and all such necessary things, may have been in George's mind, when we saw him at the Frolic, his

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thoughts were partly subdued by his activities, which were directed toward putting the annual carnival "over the top."

"Teen" Schwarz strung us along a bit—sufficiently long enough to inveigle a few stray dimes from our pocket and we carried home a couple of toys to provide happiness for two youngsters who live in the neighborhood of our home.

Editor Prager, Charlie Glanding and George Schneck were detailed to guard the major awards, consisting of a Pontiac Coach, Norge Electric Refrigerator, Philco radio, a comfy chair, rug, and probably some other high quality articles which we failed to observe. And while these boys were getting rid of their Donation Books slowly, but steadily,—on Thursday evening,—by Saturday night they were hitting on all four.

Loud speakers, mounted on the tall flag-staff at Langhurst, blared out interesting announcements, all of which were interspersed with lively musical selections. Tommy Thring was—as usual—here, there and everywhere. First he was a ham salesman; again, a booster of electric lamps; and then we spotted him folding Turkish towels—man-wise—so as to properly display them at the Radio game-board. Len Wrigley, bally-hoo artist at the General Merchandise counter—after about one-half hour's work, looked as though he'd like to take a bath in one of "General" Magill's soft drink tubs. Enthusiasm and perspiration were commingled in a steady stream from "the Brick Top".

Commander Oliver Mills started to labor early in the afternoon of the opening day, and was still going strong when the public clocks were announcing the coming of the Sabbath. And he spent five days of his annual vacation from his daily employment to be right on the job. That's what the Frolic meant to Ollie!

Another of the P. C.'s who was conspicuous by his continuous activity was Samuel P. Geary. A hand here, and a hand there, with an eye for whatever was most needed. That was Sam.

The Radio game—always a popular pastime with Frolic visitors—was once more handled by a capable crew of Veterans and no doubt proved one of the most profitable ventures. We were particularly impressed with Comrade Emmering's deep bass voice, calling out "Shake that box, Boys!"

It seemed as if the entire Auxiliary was on the job as ardent workers on the opening and following nights, and caused us to wonder just what "the boys" would do, without the assistance which is invariably

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given by such girls. Every member of the Auxiliary is a worker and booster—day in, day out—year in and year out, what a pace they set for the laddies to follow.

There were scores of others—Vets and members of the Auxiliary—who were industriously lending every effort to make the Frolic a success, but a list of their names would be too lengthy for the space which has been allotted to us. Everyone we saw was working, and the goal which the Post attained, was due—not to any one individual, or group of persons—but to the united efforts of every member of Hattal-Taylor post and its organization of womenfolk.

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CHICKEN PATTIE SUPPER ON  
OCTOBER 24TH. AUXILIARY TO  
PRESIDE

Every now and then we are treated to one of those rare events in the form of a delicious repast put on by that Active Auxiliary of Hattal-Taylor. This time it's to be a Chicken Pattie Dinner, or Supper as you please, with all the fixin's that go with such an affair. Saturday evening from 5 to 7 o'clock in the Post Home, price is 65c. for adults, 35c. for children. The proceeds are to be used for the installation of a steam table which has already been placed and all that remains to be done is to collect the necessary cash to pay for it.

Mrs. Myra Buzby will officiate as chief of the cookery, assisted by a capable staff of chefs or chefesses or whatever you call 'em. Don't fail the ladies, boys, as they sure proved their worth on our recent Frolic and they say that "Turnabout is Fair Play,"—well, we'll see you there.

\*  
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Dessin

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Past Commander George Dessin was always noted for speed and he surely lived up to his reputation by the whirlwind courtship which finally culminated in marriage with that charming little lady, Miss Sarah McBride of Roxborough. The ceremony took place on September 19th at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Sheble, 4538 Manayunk Avenue, with the Rev. Frank D. Lawrence, Pastor of the First M. E. Church, tying the knot.

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## BUGLE CORPS NEWS

Now that the summer is over and the winter season is fast approaching, we are arranging our work to conform with indoor competitions, with which we hope to be kept quite busy. Last winter we entered not less than six of these indoor affairs and the results of our showing can best be attested by the display in our trophy case. This year should be even better, as the increased number of corps throughout the City should make the interest keener.

My last report on Bugle Corps was prior to the Frolic and to show you that we were not idle during that time, this short review will enlighten you as to the activities of an active unit. On September 9th we attended the Loughran-Gross fight at the Phillies Ball Park when 32 members made the trip. After a short parade around the field we took our seats, which were located on the field on the north side of the ring. After the show we marched from the Park to our bus, several squares away, playing everything we knew; all hands had a great time. Our next turnout was to bally-hoo the Frolic, on the Saturday night preceding the opening date. We left the Post home at about eight-thirty, covered Roxboro and Wissahickon giving a short concert at the Legion Block Party, which was in progress Dexter Street, finally arriving home about ten-fifteen. Next turnout was at the Municipal Stadium on September 24th, for the Motor Paced Races. We made a great showing on the field and quite a hit with the spectators as we played several numbers while seated in the stand. Thirty members made the trip, some viewing their first Motor Paced Race, and all regretted that such enjoyable evenings have come to an end with the closing of the outdoor season.

Our next engagement was to have been with the Roxborough Business Men on Saturday afternoon, October 10th, in and about Roxborough for the purpose of instilling confidence toward our Banking Institutions, but for some reason, unknown to us, this parade was called off.

Our next engagement is in Vineland, N. J., on Sunday, October 25th, when we will take part in a contest and short parade, the occasion being the presentation of Verdun Medals, by the French Government to men who were engaged in that sector during the war. I cannot resist this opportunity of urging all corps members to be on their toes, attend rehearsals, inspect and clean all equipment, learn carefully the routine and make sure you can attend this important affair. All corps of reputation within the radius of a

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The business men of the Logan section will conduct their second Annual Hal-lowe'en Parade on the night of October 30th when four valuable cash awards will be made for the finest Bugle and Drum Corps. Our Corps has accepted the invitation to compete and we hope to walk away with one of the prizes. Rehearsals are being held twice weekly, Monday and Friday nights, under the skillful tutelage of Bill Holgate who has written several new and sparkling numbers. Once again we extend a cordial invitation to Comrades to join with us and we begin to wonder why so many of our men, who we know are good musicians, continue to linger in the background instead of coming forth and doing all they can to encourage and promote the cause. Burst your shell of disinterest good musicians and lend your talent and experience to the Corps which after all, reflects only honor to the Post of which you are proud.

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I don't want to keep on a closet shelf  
A lot of secrets about myself,  
And fool myself, as I come and go,  
Into thinking that nobody else will know  
The kind of person I really am.

I don't want to cover myself with sham,  
I want to go out with my head erect,  
I want to deserve the world's respect,  
And in this struggle for fame and pelf  
I want to be able to like myself;  
For I never can hide myself from me.

I see what others can never see;  
I know what others can never know;  
I never can fool myself—and so  
Whatever happens I want to be  
Self-respecting and conscience free.

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## REINSTATEMENTS

Last month we published a list of former Comrades and urged that you examine it carefully and make a special effort to bring back into the fold, any buddies with whom you were acquainted.

While the effect of this drive has not been felt to any degree as yet, due to the short time, we believe the idea is a sound one and worthy of your support.

The idea appeals to the Department Adjutant and we take pleasure in printing a letter received from Comrade Chris. Gnau in which he expresses his views of our action. If you haven't gone after that Buddy, do so before December 1st and see that he once more becomes affiliated with the Post in which he was once proud to claim membership.

Harry P. Prager, *Editor-in-Chief* SPLINTERS  
154 Lauriston St., Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR COMRADE PRAGER:

In the September issue of SPLINTERS I read with great interest the idea your Post is sponsoring in an effort to reinstate delinquent members. This is a scheme which could be followed to advantage by every Post in the Department. If all Posts would publish a list of members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues and place the list in the hands of all the members in good standing, setting up a low reinstatement and a drive period, hundreds of members who have allowed their dues to lapse would soon be back in the fold again.

While very few Posts in the Department have publications, nevertheless a typewritten or printed list could be sent to all active Post members.

You are to be commended on your efforts to reinstate delinquent members.

Thanking you for keeping us on the mailing list of your snappy magazine, we remain

Yours in Comradeship,  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.  
C. A. GNAU, *Dept. Adj.*

✱

Comrade Frank Rawden, who has been confined to his bed for many months from a heart affliction suffered a relapse and is reported to be in a precarious condition. Frank is endowed with one of Nature's most cheerful dispositions and constantly asks that his comrades stop in for a short visit.

He resides at 366 Dupont Street, just below Pechin, and will appreciate a call from any of his buddies. Make it a point to stop in to see Comrade Rawden, and you'll come away just a bit more optimistic on the views of life.

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P. C. Samuel P. Geary who handles the Relief, Welfare and Service Work for the Post, reports the death of the Mother of Comrade William Jones who passed away recently from the infirmities of old age. Mrs. Jones was the widow of a Civil War Veteran and was buried from her daughter's residence in West Philadelphia. The sympathy of the Post and the condolence of SPLINTERS is tendered Comrade Jones in his period of grief.

Rudy Hattal, that grand old gold star father of our Post, suffered a severe illness a short time ago from an attack of acute indigestion, and at this report has recovered sufficiently to return to his butter and egg business. Mary Hattal, his jovial daughter, accuses Pop of getting too close to one of his pet rabbits who suddenly developed a "Mulish" temper and booted him one in the tummy. That's tuff Rudy.

✱  
Mrs. John F. Winterle, wife of our adjutant, presented Jack with a young son on October 9th in the Memorial Hospital. Congratulations to this young couple, a speedy recovery for the mother and a life of usefulness for the babe is our wish.

✱  
**BOWLING**

Lloyd Ambler, the burly leader of our bowling team, announces the opening of the V. F. W. Phila. County League and is busy seeking recruits for his team.

✱  
If you are one of those chaps who delight in tossing a 16-lb. ball down the wooden ways don't hesitate to let Lloyd know and you'll be signed up.

It might be a good idea to hold an elimination contest and select the best of the flock for your team, Lloyd. Anyway, a night now and then in friendly contest wouldn't go amiss.

✱  
*Show me a man who, as the phrase goes, works himself to death, and I'll show you an unimaginative doll.*

—George Jean Nathan.

✱  
"And, my dear—I think he's some kind of an engineer—he left blue prints on my neck!"

✱  
Hard times are good times in which to get ready for better times.

✱  
*Cautious men are men who will not speak the truth if the speaking of it threatens to damage them. Caution is the confidential agent of selfishness.*

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COMMUNITY ESTEEM AND THE HATTAL-TAYLOR POST

The success of the 1931 Frolic is a fine community compliment to the Hattal-Taylor Post. That support of a value less than 8 per cent below last year's figures is given to an organization of war veterans in such gloomy days of depression such as we are now witnessing, is indeed an evidence of the esteem in which our home town holds us. And in admitting this fact, we are not registering conceit. Rather, we are appreciative of the fact that the Community holds us in such high regard.

This, while advantageous from the standpoint of our organization, entails upon us a real responsibility. The price of community support is service to that community. In this we must have no selfish motives. Our service under the flag of the United States has qualified us as individuals to form ourselves into an organization, the patriotism of which have been baptized in the blood of battle.

We have attempted to take the obligation to our home town seriously. We have established a welfare department which caters not only to our own members, but to any war veteran in the community who needs our help. We have annually distributed hundreds of Christmas baskets to the poor and needy of the 21st Ward, and some years ago, mainly through the efforts of our committee chairman, Past Commander J. Langdon Jones, systematized the distribution of charity by the organization of a central bureau among all of the charity dispensing agencies in the 21st Ward. More recently we have established the Hattal-Taylor Memorial Scholarship at the Roxborough High School. In connection with this activity, we are now sending a local young man through the University of Pennsylvania, where he has recently matriculated for his sophomore year. It is our intention, as soon as it is possible, to endow the fund necessary for the scholarship so that it will constitute a permanent memorial to the Hattal-Taylor Post.

In addition to these efforts toward reciprocating the esteem in which this community holds the Hattal-Taylor Post, we have joined with other organizations in the promotion of any community effort to which the activities of a war veterans post have been relevant.

But the results of the 1931 Frolic increase these responsibilities, which we have accepted as a material part of our program. We are now in the midst of a widespread economic depression. Prophets and seers are looking forward to the hard

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days of winter, expecting much distress and suffering. It is a *time* for service, and the Hattal-Taylor Post will not shirk the duty which is as plainly written upon the pages of our destiny, as the now historic pages of our post are engraven in the halls of Time.

J. ELLWOOD BARRETT.

*The success in any venture depends chiefly upon the character and ability of the men directing it.*

—Alvan T. Simonds.

Little Sally—"Mother, is it true that animals can't go to heaven?"

Mother—"Yes, dear."

Little Sally—"Well, if there are no cats in heaven, where do the angels get strings for their harps?"

*Reputation is a reward for what was done yesterday. It must be earned anew each day.*

—George M. Verity.

He had proposed and the girl had turned him down. "Ah, well," he sighed dejectedly, "I suppose I'll never marry now."

The girl couldn't help laughing a little, she was so flattered.

"You silly boy!" she said. "Because I've turned you down that doesn't mean that other girls will do the same."

"Of course it does," he returned, with a faint smile. "If you won't have me, who will?"

*A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.*

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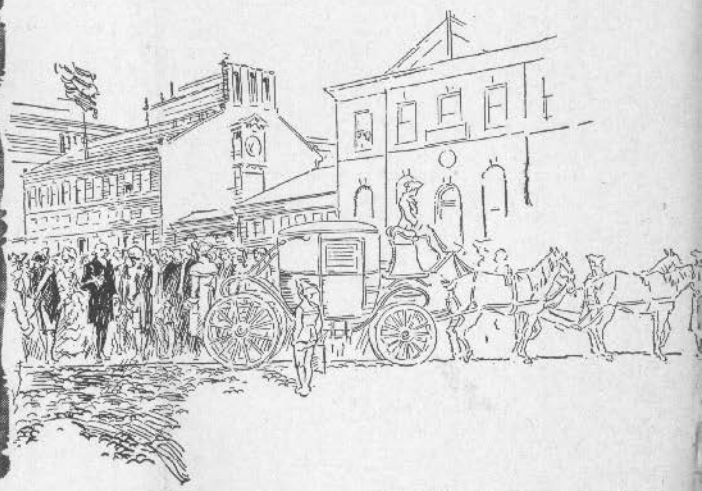


*"Little bits of fuel, scattered monthly to keep the fires of comradeship burning brightly in Post interests."*

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## GEORGE WASHINGTON

HE STANDS the noblest leader who ever was entrusted with his country's life. His patience under provocation, his calmness in danger, and lofty courage when all others despaired, his prudent delays when delay was best, and his quick and resistless blows when action was possible, his magnanimity to defamers and generosity to his foes, his ambition for his country and unselfishness for himself, his sole desire of freedom and independence for America, and his only wish to return after victory to private life, have all combined to make him, by the unanimous judgment of the world, the foremost figure of history.

—Chauncey M. Depew

A Tribute on the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the First President's Birth.



We are now entering the month of February, the month which brings to us so many memories of our National Heroes, the birthdays of two of our greatest Americans, Washington and Lincoln.

This month also marks the end of the winter, the ground hog shows himself, leap year, the time of year when all our New Year resolutions are broken, Valentine Day, the ball players go south, the robins are due to arrive, the pussy-willows usually burst through the barren twigs and about fifty more days in which to get that re-instated member into the Post under the reduced rate.

I would like to say a word in passing about this last reference, that of re-instatements. You are aware of the fact that we have temporarily reduced the rate from seven dollars to three and a half for a period of time extending to the first of April (not an April Fool joke either). A suspended member may re-enter the Post regardless of the time he has been out under the reduced rate and it behooves us all to make this fact known to all eligibles. Please don't come around after the time has expired and say you didn't understand it, or can we get so-and-so in at the reduced rate, or if I had only remembered to get "him" I would have done so. The time for action is now and the price will positively go back to seven dollars after the 1st of April. Enuf said,—get after that buddy for next meeting.

I note with a great deal of pride that our Entertainment Committee is very much on the job and their next venture is a Sour Krout Supper at the Home on February 27th, and the price is only 35 cents, all you can eat at that; let's swamp them.

Much credit is due to the Banquet Committee: S. Geary, H. Prager, S. Gilliard, J. Cronin, R. Schabner, J. Wood, and S. Clark, for one of the best banquets I have ever attended. The dinner was fit for a King, the speaking was illuminating, instructive and most entertaining, the orchestra was snappy and inspiring and the diners filled the hall with their laughter and song. Our own comrade, Willard Corman in baritone, and Topsy Campbell's friend, Conrad Scheffer in tenor, rendered several vocal selections which brought forth rounds of applause. One of the features of the affair was the printing craftsmanship displayed in the program. This end of the committee was entrusted to Comrade John Cronin who produced that elegant combination of type, ink and colored stock.

I always feel a bit depressed when we have to drop members for the non-payment of dues and our last meeting was one of those occasions when three were let out. I am sure if the Comrades who are delinquent through unavoidable circumstances would talk to one of our delinquent committee and state your case openly and honestly, it would be arranged in a way that would be mutually satisfactory. Why not get in touch with Comrades Gilliard, Albosta, Ambler, Curry or George Winterle; tell them why, maybe we can help you, and remember we need you just as you need us, so be frank and honest with yourself.

Another Hattal-Taylor member has been chosen for V. F. W. work, outside our Post. Comrade Wm. Bass was selected as the County Council Adjutant and I take this opportunity to wish Comrade Bass the very best of everything and compliment Comrade Turner, the Commander, for his wise selection. Comrade Bass takes his place among the other notables doing work for the good of the Order outside our Post; Harry P. Prager, P. C., one of the Dept. Officers; Samuel P. Geary, P. C., former Chief of Staff, and Thomas H. A. Turner, Philadelphia County Council, who is serving his second term in office.

The members who miss the meetings these days are overlooking, not only the personal contact with a real live bunch but also the good after-meeting lunches, as we have an active refreshment committee in Ward, Holderle, Gutgesell and Shoemaker who often spring pleasant surprises. Last meeting's lunch consisted of sour kraut and weenies, pickles, rolls and coffee. Keep up the good work, boys, and you'll get plenty of patronage.

During the month, the girls of the Auxiliary held a "Beano" party in the Post Home and from all reports it was very successful. Members should patronize these affairs which are instigated for your pleasure, as the cost of admission is slight, considering the value received. Always support the Auxiliary in their socials; their interest is 100 per cent for the benefit of Hattal-Taylor Post and don't forget it.

In closing let me compliment our Publicity Director, Comrade J. Ellwood Barrett, for the splendid articles which occasionally appear in the local papers and especially those which featured our recent banquet.

—TOM W. THIRING.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*February and March*

- February 1st*—Bugle Corps will meet.
- February 4th*—Regular Post Meeting. Have YOU Paid your DUES? If not, make it a point to do so at THIS Meeting.
- February 8th*—Preparation for Hazelton by the "B", "C" and "D" Outfit. Our POST is TWELVE years old TODAY. -The Youngster is Growing!
- February 11th*—Auxiliary Meeting. All GIRLS on Deck.
- February 12th*—Honest Abe's Birthday.
- February 15th*—Annual Banquet of Hattal-Taylor Post. Come and hear VanZandt, Patman, O'Donnell, Crosson, Turner, Thring, and Mills.
- February 15th*—More Preparation by the Buglers, Drummers, Cymbalers.
- February 18th*—Regular Post Meeting. Be Thar—Lads!
- February 19th*—Bugle Corps will assist in instituting All-Navy Olympia Ship in West Philadelphia. Good luck to our latest addition.
- February 22nd*—All Hail to our FIRST Commander-in-Chief, George Washington, 200th Anniversary of his birth. Nation-wide celebration of Washington's Birthday. Valley Forge; Convention Hall Ceremonies are nearby services to which we are invited. National observance for a nine-month period officially opened by President Hoover at Washington, D. C.
- February 25th*—Auxiliary Meeting.
- February 27th*—Sour Krout Supper at Post Home.—Price is 35c for all YOU CAN EAT.—The Boys will cook and serve the meal.
- February 29th*—Bugle Corps Rehearsal—Ray Curry will entertain Corps at his home afterward.
- March 3rd*—Regular POST Meeting. If YOU are delinquent in dues, pay up NOW.
- March 7th*—Noise makers prepare for more noise.
- March 10th*—Girls' Night —Auxiliary Meeting.
- March 14th*—"B", "C", "D's" meet.
- March 17th*—POST MEETING. Be on hand.
- March 21st*—Again—more rehearsal.
- March 24th*—Ladies' Night Out—Auxiliary Convenes.
- March 28th*—"B" and "D" Syncopaters.
- March ??*—Auxiliary Supper and the opening gun for the 1932 Veteran's Frolic will be fired thru the medium of a "Beano" Party for one of the tables—Attend BOTH AFFAIRS.



GEORGE WASHINGTON  
OUR GREATEST HERO

BY J. ELLWOOD BARRETT

Washington is the personification of American patriotism. To write of him is to write of any accomplished thing. There is no argument about the matter, there is no one to disagree—George Washington is our greatest national figure.

Yet, in this bicentennial year, when Americans throughout the nation are celebrating the anniversary of his birth, it is good to reflect upon his greatness, to survey the forces which made him possible, and principally to heed his voice as it applies to our present-day problems.

Washington's writings are full of those paternal concerns which privileges him to bear with dignity a name as father of his country. Even in his own time, he was unlike the other great men of his time in the fact that he had gained the profound respect of his compatriots. There were no posturings for people to laugh at, no meannesses to gossip about, no weaknesses to condone; no victims cried out against his tyrannies and injustices, for he perpetrated none. He was one of those essentially simple souls with a plain creed for which they were willing to fight. A sense of duty and robust competence made him do what wanted doing. His most characteristic was balance, a virtue of inestimable value to one placed in Washington's unique position in our history.

He was concerned with the future of

his country, and his "Farewell Address" is an epic of fatherly advice delivered to the children—his people—whom he so devoutly loved.

We can not do better than to quote these items:

"The game is yet in our own hands, to play it well is all we have to do. . . . Nothing but harmony, honesty, industry and frugality are necessary to make us a great and happy people."

"A free people ought not only to be armed, but disciplined."

"Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness. To the security of a free constitution it contributes by convincing those who are intrusted with the public administration that every valuable end of government is best answered by the enlightened confidence of the people, and by teaching the people themselves to know and to value their own rights, to distinguish between oppression and the necessary exercise of lawful authority, between burthens proceeding from a disregard to their convenience, and those resulting from the inevitable exigencies of society, to discriminate the spirit of liberty from that of licentiousness—cherishing the first, avoiding the last—and uniting a speedy but temperate vigilance against encroachments, with an inviolable respect to the laws."

"Observe good faith and justice towards all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin this conduct; and can it be, that good policy does not equally enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and at no distant period a great nation, to give to mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by an exalted justice and benevolence."

I never say anything of a man that I have the smallest scruple of saying to him.—(Washington.)

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.—(Washington.)

'Tis substantially true that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government.—(Washington.)

To the efficacy and permanency of your union a government for the whole is indispensable.—(Washington.)

It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world.—(Washington.)

It is incumbent upon every person of every description to contribute to his country's welfare.—(Washington.)

Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake.—(Washington.)

Let us impart all the blessings we possess, or ask ourselves, to the whole family of mankind.—(Washington.)

There can be no greater error than to expect or calculate upon real favors from nation to nation.—(Washington.)

The name American must always exalt the just pride of patriotism.—(Washington.)

Every attempt to alienate any portion of our country from the rest should be indignantly frowned upon.—(Washington.)

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, conscience.—(Washington.)

The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained.—(Washington.)

It would be repugnant to the vital principles of our government virtually to exclude from public trusts, talents and virtue, unless accompanied by wealth.—(Washington.)

Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humor or caprice?—(Washington.)

My brave fellows, let no sensation of satisfaction for the triumphs you have gained induce you to insult your fallen enemy. Let no shouting, no clamorous huzzas increase their mortification. It is sufficient for us that we witness their humiliation. Posterity will huzza for us.—(Washington.)

Where is the man to be found who wishes to remain indebted for the defense of his own person and property to the exertions, the bravery, and the blood of others, without making the generous effort to repay the debt of honor and gratitude?—(Washington.)

If there was the same propensity in mankind for investigating the motives, as there is for censuring the conduct, of public characters, it would be found that the censure so freely bestowed is oftentimes unmerited and uncharitable.—(Washington.)

PATMAN, VANZANDT, O'DONNELL,  
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IN ATTENDANCE AT 12TH AN-  
NUAL BANQUET OF THE POST

Hon. Wright Patman, eloquent-tongued United States Representative from Texas, principal speaker at the 12th Annual Banquet of Hattal-Taylor Post Nos. 333, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at P. O. S. of A. Hall, Krams and Manayunk Avenues, on Saturday night, delivered a most forceful address depicting the attitude of himself, and of the rank and file of the veteran soldiers, sailors and marines throughout the country, concerning bonus legislation, which pleased all his hearers in the throng which filled the hall.

After singing one verse of "America," Toastmaster John Langdon Jones, P. C., introduced the Post Chaplain, Rev. H. A. D. Wacker, who invited Divine blessings on the gathering.

Commander Thomas U. Thring read the war record of the late Frank Rawden, a member of the Post, who died in December, and at the conclusion taps was sounded by Buglers Fred Shoemaker and William Holgate. This was followed by a half-minute silence, before the assemblage joined in singing the post hymn "In Memory of Our Risen."

James E. VanZandt, National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was the first speaker of the evening and centered his talk about the aims and ambitions of the organization of which he is a leader, with all the dynamic oratory for which he is noted.

Veteran activities in Pennsylvania were discussed by Daniel J. C. O'Donnell, commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, various incidents being illustrated with humorous stories.

Harry J. Crosson, Regional Manager of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau, cited some very interesting and pertinent figures regarding the soldiers' bonus certificates, stating that 92,000 loan applications were received and that payments amounting to \$138,000,000 had been made.

To Thomas H. A. Turner, Commander of the Philadelphia County Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was assigned the task of presenting the Commander's Jewel to retiring Commander Oliver Mills, who made a short speech of acceptance in which he expressed his gratitude to the Post and the activities of various members of the organization for the good of the Post and for himself personally.

The present Commander, Thomas U. Thring, delivered a splendid address, in which he used the letters V. F. W., as symbolizing the vision, faith and wisdom,

which has caused Hattal-Taylor Post to thrive since it was founded, shortly after the World War.

Commander Thring also represented the Post in presenting bouquets of flowers to the Post's gold star mother, Mrs. Rudolph Hattal, Mrs. Elmer Milligan, leader of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and to Mrs. Oliver Mills, wife of the retiring commander.

We were honored to have as our guests Clifford Gnau, Department Adjutant and Henry Greb, Department Junior Vice Commander, both of whom hail from Harrisburg.

Vocal musical entertainment was interspersed between the speeches, and between the various courses of the McCallister-catered dinner, by Conrad Scheffer, tenor, and Willard F. Corman, baritone, with Miss Anna Howard at the piano. Mr. Scheffer's offerings were "You Alone," and "Because" and Mr. Corman's songs were "Soldiers' Farewell," and "Duna." Both singers participated in a duet, "Little Grey Home in the West," as a concluding number.

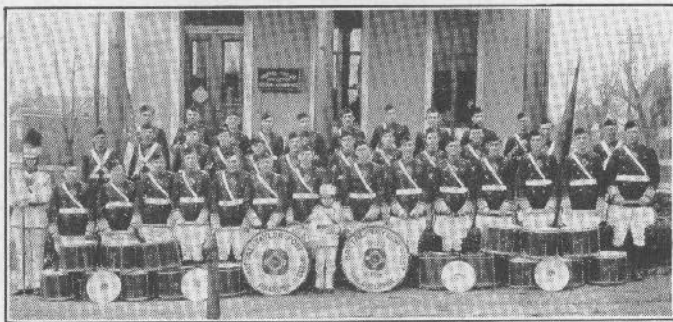
After the dinner and speech-making had ended, dancing prevailed until midnight, with music furnished by an orchestra formed by syncopators of unusual ability.

—A. G. CHADWICK, JR.

*Let him who looks for a monument to Washington look around the United States. Your freedom, your independence, your national power, your prosperity, and your prodigious growth are a monument to him.—(Kossuth.)*



On Sunday, February 7, 1932, a daughter was born to Comrade and Mrs. Vaughn Hilberg. The baby, Fay Estelle, was born in the Memorial Hospital and carried a heft of 6 pounds 10 ounces. Mother and child are convalescing nicely. Congratulations to these proud parents.



### BUGLE CORPS NEWS

The month of February has always been the busiest time of year for the Bugle Corps and this year seems to be no exception. At the present writing there are many more invitations than we can accept, and although we would like to accommodate all who have invited us, it is an impossibility. We have accepted one to participate in a parade and installation of a new "All-Navy" Post in West Philadelphia, on Friday, the 19th. This is one of three invitations for the same night and six for the week.

On February 5th, we accepted an invitation to play at the Patent Exhibit, at Convention Hall and the occasion was marked by the attendance of Major-General George D. Squier, in charge of aviation in the U. S. Army, and patentee of several inventions. After circling the hall playing our snappiest numbers we mounted the stage and played a complete concert arrangement. We were complimented quite highly by General Squier and also by the management of the exhibit for our rendition. This concluded the playing for the evening and the thirty-five members who made the trip scattered to all parts of the spacious hall to view the exhibit.

In the meantime Comrade Prager phoned to Comrade Bob Hamilton at the Arena and Bob had a talk with our old friend Ray Fabiani with the result that we were all invited to come right out to see the wrestling bouts which we did. The show was fast and exciting mixed with thrill and comedy and as we left the Arena all expressed the same opinion, another evening well spent with the Bugle Corps.

The captain of the champion Harrisburg Post Bugle Corps was one of our guests at our banquet and the writer took the opportunity to get in conversation with him relative to their activity. He did not express himself openly but his

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remarks plainly indicated that he expected heaps of trouble at Hazelton, Pa., next June from many posts which includes our gang. He confessed that we were apparently superior to their corps in musical rendition but they expect to make their marks in drilling, as they are at present drilling two nights a week behind locked doors and as they already are far ahead of us in this capacity, it behooves us to snap into it and if at present we cannot get out to drill, we can at least think and talk of what we expect to do and promise ourselves that we will attend all rehearsals when the time has arrived when we can get out.

In passing I would like to mention several new members who have come into the fold and are practicing diligently for a place in the corps. Did you know that "Topsy" Campbell has taken to the drum and has worn several blisters on his fingers practicing with broom sticks? Also Bill Miller, Elmer Milligan and Lew Klump have turned their attention toward the cymbals; Harry Prager and Jim Hollingsworth are slamming the tenor drums, Billy Fritz is working on the bass drum and all are doing very well. One of our new Comrades in the Post, Jim Eldridge, has taken a bugle as has Comrades Brooks, Mosier and Batty. It is beginning to look as though the members are really taking their Bugle Corps seriously these days, as we have not had a rehearsal under thirty-five men for the last two months. This is most encouraging to those in charge and the results are very noticeable both in playing and musical understanding. Those of you who have not been attending had better get around, as the others in the Corps are advancing rapidly and we are positively not going to take any member to Hazelton who is not thoroughly acquainted with the routine. Our biggest worry at this time is uniforms but there will be a way opened for us to get them and I positively will find uniforms for those who show interest and ability. Attend all rehearsals, keep abreast with the activities, if it's concerning music ask Holgate, if it's engagements ask Clark, if it's drills ask Turner, if it's Corps generally ask Thring.

—T. U. T., *Director General of Corps.*

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Mrs. Emma Douie is home again after a very serious operation at the Hahne-mann Hospital. She is recuperating slowly and our hope is to see her return to her activities as Senior Vice-President of the Auxiliary. Her smiling countenance and motherly admonitions have been missed for some time.

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If you see a tall fellow ahead of the crowd,  
 A leader of men, marching fearless and proud,  
 And you know a tale whose mere telling aloud  
 Might cause his proud head to in anguish he bowed,  
 It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away.  
 In a closet—guarded and kept from the day—  
 In the dark; whose showing, whose sudden display  
 Might cause grief and anguish and lifelong dismay,  
 It's pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing that would lessen the joy  
 Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy,  
 That would wipe out a smile or the least way annoy  
 A fellow, or cause any gladness to cloy,  
 It's a pretty good plan to forget it.  
 —Anonymous.



*For a thousand years no king in Christendom has shown such greatness or given so high a type of manly virtue as George Washington.—(Theodore Parker.)*



WHAT THE MEEK DO GET

The eagle eats the robin,  
 And the robin eats the worm,  
 And the worm he eats the little bug  
 That feeds upon the germ;  
 And the germ devours his brothers,  
 With eagerness and mirth—  
 And then they tell us that the meek  
 Inherit all the earth.  
 And Man, the chief inheritor,  
 He eats the gentle lamb,  
 The turkey and the chicken,  
 The cow and goat and ram;  
 He gobbles down the oyster,  
 The mussel, fish and clam,  
 And eats the baby pigeon  
 With calves' foot jelly jam.  
 The creatures that he captures  
 Are doomed to death from birth  
 And yet they tell us that the meek  
 Inherit all the earth.



*More than any other individual, and as much as to one individual was possible, has Washington contributed to found this, our wide spreading empire, and to give to the Western World independence and freedom.—(Chief Justice Marshall.)*

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## MEMORIALS

Not marble monuments, or shrines,  
Or wooden crosses, are as real  
Memorials to those we loved  
As things we see and hear and feel.  
A casual word, a wistful tune,  
A fragrance blown from garden flowers,  
May make as actual as now  
The sense of unforgotten hours.  
Sunsets, and scents, and budded Springs,  
The joy that love of living lends—  
When comradeship has shared in these,  
They each bring back the absent friends.  
—Charlotte Becker.

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*When Washington declined a military escort on the occasion of his inauguration (1789), he said, "I require no guard but the affections of the people."—(Edward Everett.)*

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There are two kinds of people on earth today,  
Just two kinds of people, no more, I say,  
Not the saint and the sinner, for 'tis well understood  
The good are half bad and the bad are half good;  
Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth  
You must first know the state of his conscience and health;  
Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span  
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man;  
Not the happy and sad, for the last flying years  
Bring each man his laughter and each man his tears.  
No! the two kinds of people on earth that I mean  
Are the people who lift and the people who lean,  
Where'er you go you will find the world's masses  
Are always divided in just these two classes;  
And oddly enough, you find, too, I ween,  
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.  
In what class are you? Are you easing the load  
Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?  
Or are you a leaner, who lets other bear  
Your portion of labor and worry and care?  
—Anonymous.

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### V. F. W. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM PRESENTED TO CONGRESS

A comprehensive legislative program which features proposed legislation in behalf of world war widows and orphans, veteran welfare in general, and demands in support of an adequate national defense was submitted to the 72nd Congress by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. according to advices received by Commander Tom Thring of Hattal-Taylor Post No. 353, of this city.

Following is a brief outline of the V. F. W. legislation program for the coming year. Bills will be drawn and introduced in the House and Senate through the efforts of the national legislative committee of the V. F. W., under the leadership of L. S. Ray, vice-chairman, Washington, D. C.

#### *Amendments*

Advocating a pension or compensation for widows and orphans of veterans of the World War.

Advocating disability allowance for World War Veterans equal to that paid veterans of other wars for like disabilities.

Government to pay cost of insurance suits in the event the suit terminates favorably to the veteran.

Reimbursement of expenses by Government in compromised legal suits.

Extending the time to make application for permission to bring suit against the Government for payment of insurance.

Extension of time for converting Term Insurance.

Advocating the right to reinstate Government Insurance previously surrendered for cash.

Advocating the provision of the Welsh Bill, H. R. 14917 (71st Congress).

Advocating amendment to Sec. 202, Sub-division 3.

Advocating that compensation for Arrested Tuberculosis be increased.

Apportionment of Disability Allowance.

That rights of widows and orphans be protected where insurance is revived under Sec. 305.

That income tax provision in Disability Allowance be eliminated.

Compulsory hospitalization for veterans of all wars.

#### *Adjusted Compensation*

Advocating the immediate payment of the face value of Adjusted Service Certificates and the refunding of interest charged on loans.

#### *Prohibition*

Advocating the submission by the Congress of the repeal of the National Prohibition Amendment to conventions in the

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various States, and the immediate modification of the Volstead Act.

#### *National Defense*

That Congress provide ships of War allowed under the Washington and London Navy pacts.

That a minimum of 125,000 enlisted personnel be provided to man these ships, together with an adequate corresponding Marine Corps force.

That the enlisted force in the regular Army be not less than 165,000.

To bring the National Guard up to a minimum strength of 250,000 enlisted men and officers.

That fifty per cent of active Reserve Officers receive not less than two weeks' training in Camp each year.

That sufficient R. O. T. C. students take final examination courses to insure 15,000 being commissioned Second Lieutenants, Reserve Corps.

That a minimum of 50,000 boys be sent to C. M. T. C. annually.

That there be established an additional section of the General Staff devoted to the Organized Reserve.

#### *Pensions*

Advocating the enactment of uniform pension measure.

Advocating increased pension for veterans of the Civil War and their widows.

Advocating increase of pensions of Spanish War Veterans totally disabled.

Advocating pensions for veterans serving in Campaigns in the Southern Philippines.

Advocating pensions for veterans participating in minor expeditions where a state of war existed.

#### *Civil Service*

Twenty-year retirement for disabled veterans under Civil Service.

Twenty-five year retirement for veterans under Civil Service.

That Civil Service disability preference be extended to Spanish War Veterans.

#### *Immigration*

That entry of Asiatics into the United States be restricted, and that aliens not entitled to enter under present laws be deported, and that all immigration be further restricted for a term of years.

Advocating examination of immigrants and exclusion of criminals.

#### *Army and Navy Pay*

That both the active duty and retired pay of officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, be increased as recommended by the Inter-Departmental Board.

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To readjust the Retired pay of certain Warrant Officers and enlisted men.

Advocating double time for retirement purposes for all enlisted men serving overseas or afloat during the World War.

Advocating that Retired Naval Officers be allowed to accept positions with companies furnishing Naval supplies to the government.

That Retired Officers and service men be allowed emergency hospital treatment in all Government Hospitals.

#### Miscellaneous

That Congress make Armistice Day, Memorial Day and July Fourth National holidays.

That the Government furnish free transportation to G. A. R. members to annual Encampments.

That Soviet spies and agents be immediately deported.

Advocating hospitalization for Confederate Veterans in Government Hospitals.

Advocating free transportation for Confederate Veterans to annual Encampments.

Advocating Philippine travel pay.

Advocating adequate protection of "The Star Spangled Banner."

That the site of Fort Tejon, California, be declared a National Memorial.

Advocating the erection in Arlington National Cemetery of a Memorial to the China Relief Expedition.

Advocating extension of time for naturalization of World War Veterans.

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*Illustrious man! driving honor less from the splendor of his situation than from the dignity of his mind.—(C. J. Fox.)*

*The test of the progress of mankind will be in the appreciation of the character of Washington.—(Brougham.)*

*In my idea General Washington is the greatest man; for I look upon him as the most virtuous.—(Lafayette.)*

*There is virtue in the look of a great man (after meeting Washington). I felt myself warmed and refreshed by it during the rest of my life.—(Chateaubriand.)*

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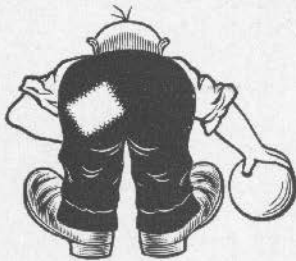
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The invitation is still open to all comrades who desire to bowl with either team, no matter if you are just a beginner at the game you are welcome to join the crowd.

Games are rolled every Tuesday evening on the Lindley Recreation Alleys, located at Fifth St. and Lindley Ave. Teams leave the Post at 8 P. M. It is rather discouraging to the captains not to have full teams of five men. There is plenty of comradeship in victory or defeat, so journey with the boys every Tuesday evening for an evening of healthful pleasure.

The following are the scores of matches rolled in the second half to date:

<i>January 19th</i>			
<i>"A" TEAM</i>			
Ambler.....	167	179	175
Kinsey.....	175	124	176
Nicholson.....	151	149	182
Thring.....	154	191	173
Hilberg.....	162	122	154
Total.....	809	765	860
<i>POTE</i>			
Torr.....	171	128	124
Reed.....	134	151	144
Hartman.....	116	158	121
Whitemarsh.....	122	171	155
Baldwin.....	153	121	155
Total.....	696	709	697

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January 26th

"B" TEAM

Ambler.....	173	154	154
Holgate.....	120	114	119
Kinsey.....	173	116	129
Thring.....	139	189	172
Scargle.....	189	154	174
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>728</b>

JUNKIN

R. Clifton.....	155	125	156
Rose.....	145	144	111
Phillips.....	114	165	135
C. Clifton.....	144	205	148
Ellis.....	145	158	170
Handicap.....	88	88	88
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>808</b>

The "A" team did not roll.  
Pote Post defeated Liberty Bell, 3-0.

February 2nd

"A" TEAM

Ambler.....	167	154	137
Wallace.....	153	166	170
Gilliard.....	150	166	161
Hilberg.....	211	169	221
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>689</b>

"B" TEAM

Holgate.....	119	153	140
Blake.....	156	125	100
Kinsey.....	179	147	129
Scargle.....	175	178	207
Handicap.....	26	26	26
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>602</b>

Junkin Post defeated Pote, 2 to 1.

February 9th

"A" TEAM

Ambler.....	188	225	198
Fozard.....	145	189	210
Nicholson.....	242	191	203
Hilberg.....	201	149	200
Blind.....	138	139	122
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>935</b>

JUNKIN

R. Clifton.....	138	140	225
Rose.....	154	159	122
Phillips.....	148	169	150
C. Clifton.....	158	171	134
Ellis.....	234	161	225
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>854</b>

"B" TEAM

Holgate.....	141	158	164
Boles.....	118	149	152
Kinsey.....	141	106	127

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Thring.....	159	188	170
Blind.....	125	118	115
Total.....	684	699	708

POTE

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Reed.....	125	120	152
Whitemarsh.....	152	165	219
Baldwin.....	179	118	119
Handicap.....	3	14	21
Total.....	716	659	795

February 16th  
"A" TEAM

Ambler.....	168	187	150
Fozard.....	153	210	202
Nicholson.....	202	167	170
Hilberg.....	170	169	162
Total.....	675	735	684

"B" TEAM

Holgate.....	111	142	151
Gilliard.....	187	163	126
Kinsey.....	138	156	128
Thring.....	156	158	126
Handicap.....	84	84	84
Total.....	676	705	615

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Nicholson.....	184.1
Fozard.....	181.5
Scargle.....	175.8
Hilberg.....	174.1
Ambler.....	170.5
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Wallace.....	156.3
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*This issue is dedicated to the faithful spirit of the Veterans of all Wars and their affiliated Societies who helped observe Memorial Day in the 21st Ward as it has not been observed for many years.*



The most active time of the year in our Post Calendar is now history and what glorious history we have made, and how proud your Commander is of all who gave their support to him and the Post. I am going to devote my little chat this month to thanking, in my small way, all those who were outstanding in their endeavors to put their respective events across in such a big way. First among these seasonal events was our annual visitation to the schools. This visit means so much to the kiddies and they anxiously wait our coming. It also is our one, big opportunity to instill into those young minds the real value of Americanism, loyalty and sacrifice as only a V. F. W. member knows. Among those who made the pilgrimage this year were, Holgate, Kinsey, Dessin, Miller, Magill and the Commander. It is my earnest hope that many others will realize the value of this annual visit and grasp the opportunity of moulding these youngsters into real, true blooded Americans. The Post, the G. A. R., and the anti-Bolsheviks join me in thanking you.

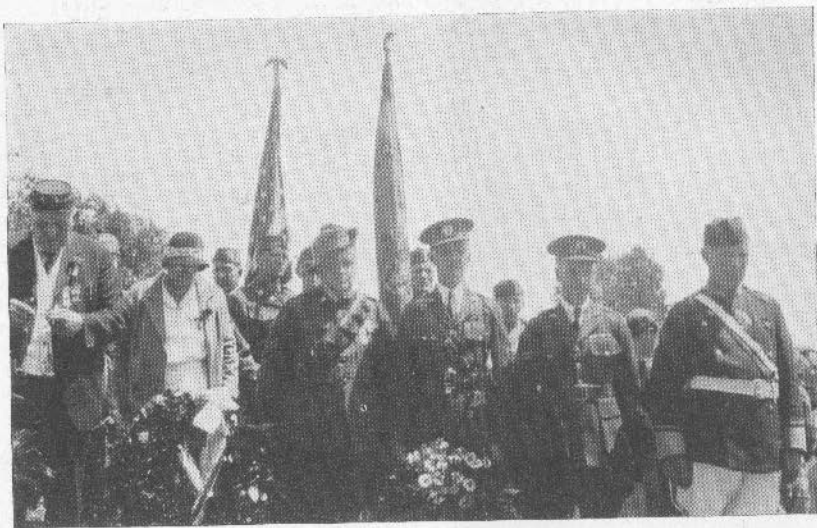
The next event was the Poppy drive, headed by Louis Nicholson and ably assisted by Betty Guba and her band of Auxiliarites. To say this committee was merely successful would be telling you nothing, they actually sold poppies to people who were wearing poppies on their coat. To substantiate this fact they sold their allotment of 5,000 of this year and all last year's left overs, there was no expense account of any source and we honestly believe that all monies collected was turned over for the Welfare Fund. Among the very active workers we find such well known members as, Richards, Wood, Gutgesell, Milligan, Fisher, Brewington, Ed. Buzby, Fair, Magill, and last but far from least, the Chairman, Nick, who, with Richards sold more than the entire Post together with their own method of high powered sales talk. Those of the ladies who were conspicuous with their hands full of poppies were the Chair-lady Betty Guba, Tine Schwarz, Mrs. Albers, Ethel Milligan, Hazel Hilberg, Ethel Taylor, Mae Albosta, and, of course, many others whom I did not see. The Post and the many dependants of the community are greatly indebted to all you workers for your splendid effort and you are now discharged honorably, and with a rising vote of thanks.

Next in order was our Memorial Church service, this year at St. Davids' P. E. Church in Manayunk. In the absence of Comrade Mills who usually arranges and conducted these services, Comrade Geary jumped into the traces and ably assisted by Samuel Clark who acted the part of Chaplain, conducted the service as well as any one possibly could. The Bugle Corps of thirty-eight in uniform and possibly fifty Post and Auxiliary members comprised the parade which left the Home at ten thirty A. M. The V. F. W. ritualistic service was followed throughout with Comrades Holgate, Manning and Buzby blowing taps, Blake beating the rolls on the drum and Hazel Hilberg singing the memorial solo.

The Memorial Day activities will go down in history as one of our brightest achievements. We left for the West Manayunk at 9:30, participated in another service at the Wissahickon Honor Tablet at 10:30 and conducted another short service at St. Timothy's church yard at 12 noon. Returned to the Post for lunch and started out again at 1:45 for our afternoon activities with the Thomas Emery Post and the G. A. R., returning by way of Green Lane stopping for retreat at the Legion Home, arriving at the Post Home at about 5 P. M. where our evening meal, prepared by our ever willing Auxiliary was waiting. Feeble word of mine cannot express the gratitude which we owe the many willing workers who made this day so outstanding and I am not going to attempt to try but in closing permit me to say to the Auxiliary, the heads of Committees, the Bugle Corps, the Firing Squad, the soloists, the speakers and the Post in general, from the bottom of my heart I thank you.

The Post is deeply indebted to the organizations who so willingly assisted in the Memorial Day exercises, namely: The Salvation Army, The Boy Scouts of America, the British War Veterans, Memorial Hospital Nurses, the Wissahickon School Children, the many speakers and the Osmond Post Cadet Corps. We realize fully, that their efforts were not entirely in the interest of Hattal-Taylor Post but in honor of the men in whose memory we hold reverent. May the interest among those living never vary in the memory of those who have given their all that we may prosper.

TOM THRING, Commander.



*At the West Manayunk services were representatives of the Grand Army, Australian, British and Canadian Forces with Commander Thring of the A.F.F. looking like the Lost Battalion*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### POST AND AUXILIARY

JUNE AND JULY

- June 2d*—Post Meeting.
- June 3d*—All Buglers and Drummers on Deck.
- June 6th*—Buglers and Drummers Drill.
- June 9th*—Auxiliary Meeting.
- June 10th*—Boom-Booms and Rah-tah-tahs.
- June 12th*—V. F. W. Day at Independence Hall, Phila. Verdun Medals will be presented to 1,200 Comrades. Everybody is urged to be in attendance.
- June 15th*—Final Drill for State Competition.
- June 16th*—Post Meeting.
- June 16th, 17th, 18th*—Department Encampment at Hazleton, Pa.
- June 17th*—Auxiliary will repeat the Minstrel at the St. Stephen's P. E. Church for the benefit of the Men's Club. You are invited to attend. Tickets, 50 cents.
- June 18th*—Bugle Corps will leave on special train for Hazleton. YOU are invited to go with them. A good time is in store so don't miss. Purchase train tickets at the Wissahickon Station.
- June 23d*—Auxiliary Meeting.
- June 30th*—Frolic Meeting at Post Home  
—ALL invited.
- July 4th*—Independence Day—Parade along Lyceum Avenue passing the Post Home. Bugle Corps will probably parade. You are privileged to view the parade from the Post property.
- July 7th*—Post Meeting—How are your DUES? We are past the halfway mark of '32 and you wish to keep in good standing.
- July 11th*—Bugle Corps Rehearsal.
- July 14th*—Auxiliary Meeting.
- July 21st*—General Meeting—FROLIC—Bring that pet idea along and let's share it.
- July 25th*—Boom-booms and Rah-rah boys will have a workout.
- July 28th*—Auxiliary Meeting—Come and learn where you are to work at the Frolic, girls.
- June, July, August, September*—We will concentrate our forces on the Post's biggest event—"THE VETERANS' FROLIC" and by your interest we will again put over a successful affair. It will take plenty of hard work, harder than ever before, but IT CAN BE DONE, so let's go and DO IT.

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Memorial Day was observed on a large scale in the 21st Ward on Monday, under ideal weather conditions; the great event of the day's program being the combined services conducted at various places throughout the neighborhood by Hattal-Taylor Post No. 333, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Thomas F. Emery Post No. 229, American Legion; Hetty A. Jones Post No. 12, Grand Army of the Republic; Adam Kowalski Post, Polish-American Veterans; Samuel Clegg Camp, Sons of Veterans; all of whom were splendidly assisted by their women's auxiliaries; Osmund Post 1620 V. F. W. the Boy Scouts of District No. 1; and visitors from League Island, the Pennsylvania National Guard; the British-American War Veterans, and various other World War veteran posts throughout the city.

The sacred services commemorating the heroism of the soldiers, sailors and marines of America, started before nine o'clock in the morning, when the flags at Emery Post and Hattal-Taylor Post were raised to the accompaniment of bugles and cannon fire.

*Services in West Manayunk*

At 9:10 A. M., the Veterans of Foreign Wars left their headquarters at Lyceum Avenue and Pechin Street, Roxborough, and in automobiles proceeded to the Ashland School grounds, in West Manayunk, where a memorial service had been arranged in honor of that section's three heroes; Joseph D. Foster, Nicholas Fantacone, and Henry H. Kincaide, who gave their lives to their country on the battlefields of France.

This service was presided over by Peter C. Hess, treasurer of Lower Merion Township. The opening prayer, following a church call by members of Hattal-Taylor's Bugle Corps, was made by Rev. Henry Angstadt. This was followed by the singing of "America," and a splendid address, stressing the importance of Memorial Day, delivered by Major G. H. Gilbert, of Lower Merion High School.

A roll of the drum, by Walter Blake, of Hattal-Taylor Post, came after the reading of the record of each of the West Manayunk martyrs. A firing squad, in charge of Sergeant John Cronin, sent volleys over the memorial marker, and taps were sounded by William Holgate,

Howard Manning and Spruce Baird. The service closed with prayer by Rev. Timothy Woodward, of St. Andrew's P. E. Chapel.

Accompanying the Hattal-Taylor Veterans of Foreign Wars to West Manayunk were three members of the Philadelphia Command of the British War Veterans of America: Benjamin Kirby, of the Australian forces; Bernard Halpin, of the English Army; and Glendower Heming, of the Canadian service.

#### *Wissahickon Parade and Ceremonies*

Returning to their cars, the men of Hattal-Taylor Post hurried back to Walnut Lane and Terrace Street, in Wissahickon, where the members of Thomas F. Emery Post, American Legion; the Polish-American veterans; and Boy Scouts and other organizations and groups of citizens were in line ready for the parade to the Wissahickon Honor Roll, which took place at 1:30 A. M.

The parade was headed by the Marshal of the Day, Seville Schofield, of Thomas F. Emery Post, accompanied by Past Commander Samuel Geary, representing Hattal-Taylor Post, with Commanders William H. Foran, of Emery Post, and Thomas U. Thring, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, right behind the marshals.

The combined Color Guard of Hattal-Taylor Post, and Emery Post—the latter being made up of Pennsylvania National Guardsmen—made a fine display of National, Naval and Post banners as the marchers went east on Terrace street.

Thomas F. Emery Post was led by St. John's High School Band, under the direction of Brother Anthony B. Weber, S. M., principal of the High School, and this musical organization, of almost 60 boys, in scarlet and white uniforms, throughout the remainder of the day were favorably commented upon for its contribution to the sacred occasion. Emery Post members had as their guests a detachment of U. S. Sailors, in charge of Fire Control Officer W. M. Sherlock, from the League Island Navy Yard.

Hattal-Taylor Post had its own blue and white clad Bugle and Drum Corps, with the deluxe drum major, George Winterle, "out there in front, perfect as to strutting and time keeping." As on two previous Memorial Days, these drummers and buglers played a splendid part in the parading and other commemorative exercises.

The Polish-Americans had their own band, with Polish nurses and fraternal society members in line.

At the Wissahickon Honor Roll, the services, this year, were presided over by



Stanley Hart Cauffman, author, and descendant of a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

A church call was sounded by Hattal-Taylor buglers and the invocation was made by Rev. L. Wartena, of the Wissahickon Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Newton J. Apsden, a World War nurse, who served in France, assisted by nurses from the Memorial Hospital, raised a new flag over the marker, while William Holgate sounded "Colors!" following which the Polish Veterans' band played "The Star Spangled Banner." Boys of the Wissahickon Public School sang an appropriate vocal selection.

The speaker of the day, was Harry Windisch, who delivered a brief, but forceful address concerning the sacrifices of the men of the United States who have fallen in the wars of the Nation.

The names of the deceased soldiers were read by Miss Marie Schultz, and the memorial wreath was placed by Mrs. Florence Jackson, sister of John G. Booth, who died in the service of his country in the World War.

The Emery Post firing squad, of U. S. sailors from League Island, fired the customary three volleys, as a mark of respect for the World War heroes, and taps were sounded by Buglers Holgate, Howard Manning, Spruce Baird and Walter Buzby, of Hattal-Taylor Post.

The veterans and their fellows, after leaving the Honor Roll, counter-marched to Terrace and Dawson Streets, where the parade disbanded, the Emery Post members and their guests; and the Polish-American Veterans going to their respective post homes; while the Hattal-Taylor Veterans of Foreign Wars moved on to the church-yard of St. Timothy's P. E. Church where a short memorial service was held, with Rev. Herbert G. Dennison participating in the ritual. Sergeant John Cronin's squad fired over the graves and taps were blown by Spruce Baird and Howard Manning.

#### *Afternoon Parade a Splendid Tribute*

And then came a recess until 1:30 P. M. to permit the veterans to retreat to their different post homes to refresh themselves with the good things which had been provided by the ladies' auxiliaries, who maintained open house all day at each of the headquarters.

Promptly at 1:30 Emery Post members lined up on Green Lane, and marched to Pechin and Conarroe streets, where Hattal-Taylor Post joined them, with Osmond Post, No. 1262, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Olney, and the Olney organization's blue and gold clad Cadet Bugle and Drum corps of about 70 boys.

This parade was headed by Marshals Schofield and Geary, and Lieutenant Colonel H. K. White, and Chaplain H. A. D. Wacker, and went east on Conarroe Street to Ridge Avenue, to Fountain Street, where it was joined by Hetty A. Jones Post No. 12, Grand Army of the Republic. These local survivors of a once great force of men, has been reduced to Post Commander George Gillette, Samuel Welsh, John Clements, and William Jones. They were accompanied by William McConnahey, of Post No. 114, G. A. R., who is Past State Department Commander, and James Marlin, of General G. K. Warren Post No. 15, of Manayunk. The Womens' Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans of Samuel Clegg Camp; and the Bugle and Drum Corps of the latter group, headed by William E. Marley, was also with the Civil War veterans.

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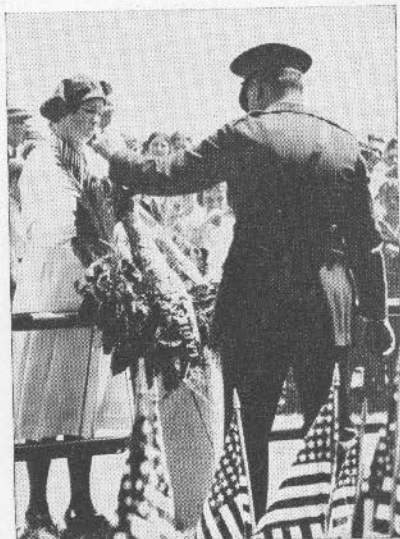
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conducted by Thomas F. Emery Post, and participated in by all of the section's military organizations and their auxiliaries.

Commander William H. Foran, of Emery Post, presided at this service. Church call was sounded by Hattal-Taylor buglers, after which the invocation was made by Rev. H. A. D. Wacker, who is chaplain of both 21st Ward World War veterans posts.

St. John's High School Band played "America" and then the speaker of the day, Franklin Spencer Edmunds, a member of Hattal-Taylor Post was introduced. Comrade Edmunds told of the origin of Memorial Day; of the Nation's wars and its soldiers; statesmen; and placed great emphasis upon military preparedness. In closing his address, the orator expressed his faith in the future of America,



*Mrs. Ethel Milligan presenting Auxiliary wreath to Chaplain Wacker in Gorgas Park*

and made the statement that it was his belief that the present depression cannot endure much longer.

The address of Comrade Edmunds is printed in another section of this issue.

A huge wreath, almost five feet in diameter, was placed at the base of the beautiful granite monument, as a joint tribute of Hattal-Taylor and Emery Posts. And in addition to this, other floral tokens of memory were placed by the Ladies' Auxiliaries of Emery and Hattal-Taylor Posts; G. A. R. Post No. 12; the Women's Relief Corps; Boy Scouts of District No. 1; and the British War Veterans; the last one bearing a card which read: "To our departed American

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Commander Foran then called for thirty seconds of silent thought and prayer, for the fallen heroes, and the benediction was asked by Chaplain Wacker.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was played by St. John's High School Band, the Navy firing squad saluted the dead, and taps was sounded.

And from here on the remainder of the memorial services were conducted by the Grand Army of the Republic, with Samuel Clegg Camp, Sons of Veterans assisting.

#### *G. A. R. Services in Leverington Cemetery*

The parade formed once more and the marchers went down Ridge Avenue to Green Lane, to Manayunk Avenue, to Martin Street, to the German Lutheran Cemetery, where the Grand Army ritual was performed under the direction of Commander George Gillett, of Hetty A. Jones Post No. 12. The Sons of Veterans fired the three volleys, and taps were sounded by a member of the Clegg Camp Bugle and Drum corps.

And then the soldiers and their friends, fell into line again, and marched out Pechin Street to Lyceum Avenue, to Ridge Avenue, to Leverington Cemetery, where the Grand Army men held the closing service at the Civil War Monument in that burial place.

Commander Gillett presided, with Past Department Commander William McConahey aiding him. Dirges were played by St. John's High School Band, volleys fired by Clegg Camp members, and taps sounded by buglers of Hattal-Taylor Post, V. F. W.

Comrade McConahey read General Logan's Order of the Day, which created Memorial Day, back in 1868, and Commander Thomas U. Thring, of Hattal-Taylor Post recited Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

The speaker at Leverington Cemetery was Rev. A. C. F. Ottey, pastor of the Lawndale M. E. Church, who gave a well-delivered talk on patriotism and the meaning which Memorial Day holds for the American people.

St. John's played "The Star Spangled Banner" once more and then the soldiers fell into line and proceeded to Thomas F. Emery Post Home, on Green Lane, where the flag was lowered, a cannon salute fired, and the Hattal-Taylor buglers sounded retreat, ending a long day of patriotic and sacred services in memory of the soldiers of America's wars.

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What could be said better than just to say, "well done." That is my honest opinion relative to the Memorial Day activities, slightly confused at the beginning of the day but as time wore on, confusion wore off until the corps became next to perfection. Many complimentary remarks were made of our personnel, our appearance, our music, our activities and our Post.

Old man weather was also on our side and dealt out an ideal day for marching, not too hot, yet bright and cheery and with a pleasant air stirring to dry the perspiration on the worried brow. This enabled us to wear full uniform, contrary to our decision of abandoning coats in favor of white shirts and blue ties, and of course, added greatly toward our appearance. It might be of interest to



*William H. Holgate,  
Musical Director of  
Post and Bugle Corps,  
was very much in demand on Memorial Day*

mention that we had slightly less than 100 per cent full corps during the entire day, of our forty-six members, forty-two comprised the turnout. Of the absentees, Prager was on the sick list, Remley working, Fozard and Price lost.

The Corps is deeply indebted to the Auxiliary for their part in furnishing lemonade enroute and also for the repast at noon and later in the evening and we

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From Glenside comes the report that we might as well save our money by not attending as they already have the Championship in the bag. From Harrisburg comes word that they are going to repeat as they have added to their uniforms and also to their numbers and have been practicing their drills for the past three months. Another report states that the championship is due to go west as many black horses will be there to surprise. Of course, we have our opinions as to where we stand and the next two weeks should make a world of difference in our chances for that Championship; what say GANG?

OH, TEACHER!

Teacher—"Johnny, I'm surprised! Do you know any more jokes like that?"

Johnny—"Yes, teacher."

Teacher—"Well, stay after school."



**HOWDY DOROTHY!—CONGRATS BATTYS**

Our secret service slipped a bit in reporting events promptly but they finally wised up with this info. The home of Comrade and Mrs. James Batty was cheered by the addition of a new member to the family. Dorothy Elizabeth joined the Batty clan on March 22 and a right hefty youngster she is, too.

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BY  
COMRADE FRANKLIN SPENCER EDMONDS

For more than sixty years the American people, under the authority of a Presidential Proclamation, have assembled on this day in their respective communities to do honor to those who have given up life in the service of the country. It is a right and patriotic custom which we are this day observing. Started originally in the North by the good women of one of our Northern communities who placed flowers upon the graves of those who had perished in the Civil War, seconded by an equally patriotic movement on the part of the women in the South who decorated the graves without regard to the side in which the soldier was engaged, endorsed by the great influence of the Grand Army of the Republic whose representative is present with us today, the custom has spread until Memorial Day is observed as of equal standing with the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, and Washington's Birthday.

During the World War, the French people made many laudatory comments

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upon our American practice. In France, it is the custom to observe All Saints' Day, but this occurs in the late autumn when the flowers have passed. The French like the American practice of a day of memory when roses were in bloom, and I am glad to be able to tell you that in many local communities of France this day is being observed for the graves of American soldiers, just as we are doing in America.

On such a day, there are three thoughts which may be suggested:

First: The valor of the soldier.

It takes courage to make a good soldier; particularly under modern conditions, the soldier must face shot and shell, high explosives, shrapnel and machine gun, gas-mines and all the modern devices of torture which science has brought to bear. It takes a man of courage to take ground and hold it against an alert and vigorous foe. Only those of high patriotic courage can meet the test. On this day, let us remember the names of those of this community who, tried by the sternest tests which manhood can suggest, met their responsibility to the fullest degree.

Second: Preparedness.

We must give thought to the condition of the Nation and its ability to defend its people. It takes a long time to make a soldier. In the World War, nine months of training was necessary before a man had received the physical hardening which was essential for the soldier's life and the training in war machines and munitions which was necessary for successful work. You will recall that in ancient history, Caesar came down from Gaul with a small, thoroughly-equipped and well-disciplined army. His opponent, Pompey, boasted that he had but to stamp on the ground and a million men would rise up to oppose Caesar. But when Caesar crossed the Rubicon, Pompey stamped and succeeded in raising an ill-organized mob which was soon defeated by the trained soldiers.

Recently, one of our American statesmen declared he could raise an army of a million men overnight. He could possibly secure a million men, but it would not be an army. We need a small, well-trained and perfectly-equipped standing army as the permanent police force of the Nation, and we need also a well-equipped navy. We do not covet any other nation's territory. We do not need to use either army or navy in offensive operations. But on this day of commemoration, we should highly resolve that it is a proper policy for the United States to have a small army and navy ready at any moment to defend the country. This is the only way in which, under modern conditions, security can be attained.

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Third: The condition of the Nation.

We need an army and navy to maintain American civilization, and now in peacetimes we find this civilization subjected to an even greater strain than in time of war. We must consider seriously a condition which results when so many million of our friends and neighbors are without employment. The work of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion in this community is an illustration of the brotherhood which must be asserted. Those who have must share with those who have not, in order that the present condition shall not result in permanent disaster.

But there are some people who would like to take advantage of the present situation to alter the policy of government. They are rocking the boat in the midst of storm. I do not like the policy of people who say—"Pass the laws that we desire, impose the taxes upon an already burdened people that we wish, or else there will be a revolution." I do not agree with them that there will be a revolution, and I look upon their method of argument as unfair and coercive.

We have built up the United States with the maximum of individual freedom. This is the country where a man chooses his own line of work and progresses in it as far as his ability will justify. Those who prefer a country where the government will decide the work in which a man shall engage and will then take the profit of his labor, giving him merely a minimum of existence for himself, should go to Russia and live there. This is not the policy of the United States.

And on a Memorial Day, after paying tribute to the valor, courage and patriotism of those who have preserved the country, we should then highly resolve that we, their sons, will see to it that American standards and principals are maintained, and that government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish in this part of the earth.

The sympathy of the Post and Auxiliary is extended to Past Commander Samuel P. Geary and Past President, Anna Geary for the loss sustained by the death of Mrs. Geary's Mother—Mrs. Anna Brooks.

After a few days of ailment Mrs. Brooks succumbed to bronchial pneumonia in the Memorial Hospital.

She was buried from the residence of Mrs. Geary, 466 Conanoe Street on Saturday, May 28th and interred in Leverington Cemetery.

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When Memorial Day passes, it seems to be the signal to get working on our Annual Frolic. Of course we have Old Man Depression with us as we did last year. While we did good last year, especially when local business conditions are considered; we haven't quite reaped the harvest yet due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control. Well, let's not cry over spilt milk.

The time has come for all good comrades to get to work on the 1932 Frolic. We need the money, the comrades need the occasion for an annual get out and get acquainted festival. Old Man Depression needs a kick in the pants and Comrade J. Langdon Jones says we can play in his back yard once more. What more reasons do we need?

The Ladies' Auxiliary is already planning some of their pre-Frolic activities. Some Auxiliary,—Remember Memorial Day.

Tom Thring is laying awake nights, planning to improve the old games. I hear too that T. U. T. has a couple new ones up his sleeve. The Frolic Engineer this year, I am informed, is the old reliable Harry P. I forget his last name. Oh Yes, Prager to be sure.

Ambler claims that he is going to have high net receipts this year. Some of you other birds will have to go some to beat him. I don't mean maybe.

Ann Geary says that Sam is already talking frolic in his sleep. Sam must be almost ready to go to work.

The old hard labor gang will start training shortly to get their muscles in shape for moving and erecting equipment.

Our Annual Frolic is a wonderful institution. It gives the Post membership an opportunity each year to show that wonderful spirit of cooperation that our post is noted for.

All you fellows who had a job last year should get thinking seriously at this time as to how their own department can be improved upon. You comrades who have joined the Post since the last Frolic, come out to the meetings and get well acquainted. A job to your liking will be found for you.

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If congratulations are still in order, SPLINTERS congratulates this Comrade for his far sightedness, his fearlessness, his ability to give men work, especially the ex-soldier, and lastly for the design and material used in its construction. All your comrades of Hattal-Taylor Post join with SPLINTERS in wishing you the very best of good fortune.

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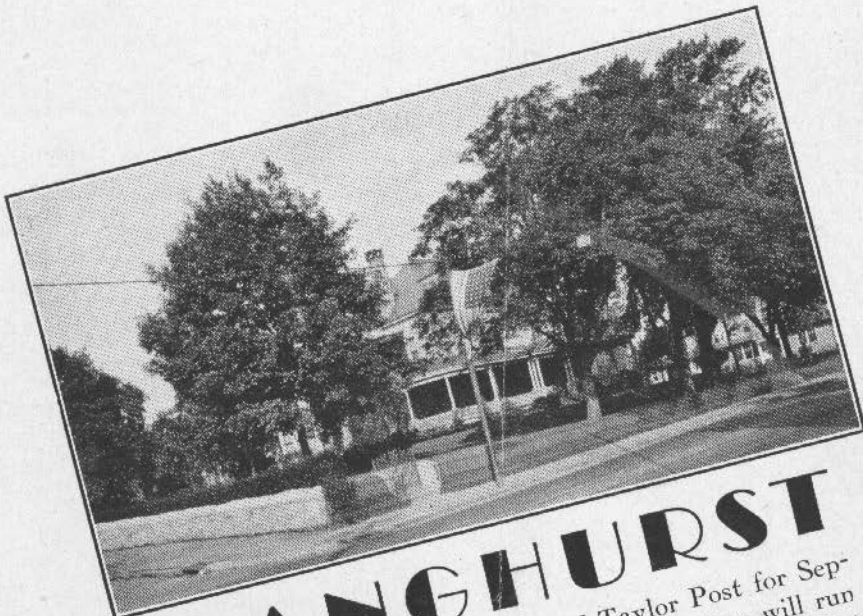


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## LANGHURST

is the private password of Hattal-Taylor Post for September. It is on this beautiful estate that we will run our 12th Annual Veterans' Frolic. Needless to say that we will need a super effort on the part of every Comrade and Sister to equal the mark of last year,—it can be done however, by that extra effort. It is that supreme will to overcome obstacles that makes champions. Hattal-Taylor is regarded as a champion in its class, so let's defend that reputation and put over a winner once more. **SEPTEMBER 15, 16 and 17** are the dates, good weather and patrons are the essential requisites for success—plus hard work.

## COMMANDER'S CHAT

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The month of August is drawing to a close, and with it goes the summer. Our thoughts must turn to the fall season with its many Post activities, and greatest of these is our Annual FROLIC. What are you doing for the FROLIC this year? Are you working hard on your books? Are you going to help on the grounds during the FROLIC? Have you made any suggestions for the betterment of our fall classic? Are you telling your friends of the great stock of high grade merchandise we will have on the stands? As one of the purchasing committee for the past four years, I can honestly promise you more real value than ever before, due to the fact that due to conditions we have been able to buy better for less money than ever before, and this value we are passing on to you and all who attend. Don't forget the dates 15, 16 and 17 of September and the place, Ridge Avenue and Martin Street. We're counting on every one of you to do your part.

During the latter part of July we held our Annual Picnic, this year at Fisher's Grove, just beyond Lansdale. The day was ideal for picnicking and 150 pleasure seekers made the trip. Not an idle moment from the time we left the Post until we arrived back between ten and eleven that night; in fact, the time was entirely too short for us to run off the games we had planned. A wonderful time was had by all who attended and the sentiment was so strong for a repeat. In due time you will be notified as to place and time of leaving and I would advise you not to miss.

Among the many activities in and about the Post, I am proud to make mention of the wonderful success of the Minstrel Troupe, composed of members of our Auxiliary. Their original thought in forming this Troupe was for the purpose of staging one show for their own benefit, but after their initial appearance they have been sought after by several outside organizations. First among their outside engagements was a show at St. Stephen's Church for the Men's Club of that church. Their next engagement was their appearance at Woodside Park on August 13th, as the feature entertainment at the County Council Play-day exercises. On August 14th the Troupe made a trip to the Coatesville Hospital and performed for the patients there. On each of these engagements the girls made a tremendous hit with their funny jokes, original costumes and their rendition of popular songs. The ends Mabel Riemer, Mabel Krout, Ethel Taylor and Mae Albosta,

supported by Betty Guba as Interlocutor, kept the audience in an uproar while the soloists brought forth rounds of applause.

The Bugle Corps also continues its activities, the latest of which was the competition at Woodside Park, on August 13th, when they again were declared the winners of the contest. This contest was sponsored by the Philadelphia County Council, at their first annual Play-Day exercise. A decided improvement has been noticed in the drilling of the corps since the acquisition of Comrade Irvin Grinrod as Drill Instructor. Comrade Grinrod has created much interest among the Corps members by adopting the latest Army Drill Regulations and the boys have shown their interest by the way they have been attending drills each Monday evening and the attention they have been giving.

It was indeed gratifying to your Commander to note the goodly number of loyal members who attended the last meeting; the only meeting to be held during August. Business was plentiful but was handled wisely and with no loss of time and the meeting adjourned at ten-thirty. One new recruit was mustered into the fold and I take this opportunity to welcome Comrade Albion Aucker with the earnest hope that he will make himself right at home and become one of our active members. Your Commander announced that the first meeting in September, the first day of the month, will be designated as Navy Night, in other words from commander down, all offices will be occupied by an ex-navy member. We are counting on all ex-navy men to be present. Try to bring a recruit who was an ex-gob on this night.

I am pleased to compliment our newly-appointed Janitor on the appearance of the Home. Such a decided difference since he has taken charge that pleasing remarks have been coming in from all sides. Frank has not only proven himself a master of the broom and mop but a real artist with the paint pot and brush and his labor on several of the floors have added greatly to the appearance of the Post. Only someone personally interested would put the time and effort into their work, and such work certainly deserves honorable mention.

I sincerely trust that you all have had a very pleasant vacation and have returned greatly benefited and I hope for your interest in Post affairs during the coming fall and winter season.

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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

## —POST OF AUXILIARY—

## AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

- August 1st*—The firm of Thring, Holgate & Co. will put on their act.
- August 4th*—Post Meeting—THREE IMPORTANT events—(1) DUES, (2) "PLAY DAY" DATA, (3) FROLIC.
- August 6th*—V. F. W. Day at Merchantville, N. J. Bugle, and Drum Corps Competition.—We'll be there.
- August 8th*—More syncopation exercises by the Corps.
- August 11th*—Auxiliary Meeting at Post Home.
- August 15th*—V. F. W. Play Day at Woodside Park under auspices of Phila. County. Bugle and Drum Corps Competition. Hattal-Taylor Ladies' Minstrel Troupe will entertain in the evening. A gala time for EVERYBODY.—Don't you be one who will miss it.
- August 14th*—Hattal-Taylor Day at the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Coatesville, Pa.
- August 18th*—The "FROLIC" is getting closer and on this night an important meeting is slated.
- August 20th*—Cake Sale at Ridge and Green Lane for Fancy Table Supper and a jolly time at the Swartz Farm at Trevoise.
- August 26th*—Card Party on the lawn at Norman Boehm's, 81 W. Sharpnack St.—Benefit of Frolic.
- August 29th*—Rehearsal of B. and D. Corps
- August 30th*—Watermelon Party on Post Lawn by Betty Guba's Candy table. All welcome.
- September 1st*—Post Meeting—NAVY-NITE. All officers will be ex-gobs—Bring that candidate with you.
- September 5th*—Labor Day—Make it real labor for the next two weeks on the Frolic.
- September 8th*—Auxiliary Meeting.
- September 9th*—FINAL Frolic Meeting at Post Home. EVERYBODY attend.
- September 10th*—Parade of Bugle Corps all over Roxborough, Wissahickon and Manayunk.
- September 15th*—Opening night of FROLIC.
- September 16th*—More FROLIC.
- September 17th*—Still more FROLIC and here's hoping there's no postponement.

## PLANS ARE NEARING COMPLETION FOR THE FROLIC

A few weeks remain for the committee to complete its final arrangements for the 12th Annual Veterans' Frolic of Hattal-Taylor Post. It is rather a tough year for local affairs of this nature, as many organizations have discovered, but we are fortunate in having established an enviable reputation for staging the finest affair of its kind in the ward. This good will has been built on honesty and fair dealing with the public at large and thousands of people wait for the announcement of our dates so they can reserve the time to attend and partake of the good cheer and many attractive articles of merchandise offered for sale.

## PONTIAC SEDAN TO BE AWARDED

The prizes offered on the donation books are even a higher class than usually offered. A brand new Pontiac Sedan, fully equipped will be the main prize, a Graybar Electric Refrigerator, Philco Radio of the latest six-leg type, set of wicker furniture, porch glider and a pastry table follow in the order named. Books have been distributed to every comrade and many are striving for the cash awards for the best salesmanship. Sixty dollars will be divided among the ten best sellers, the values scaled down from \$20.00, to the highest number of books turned in to Comrade Gilliard on Thursday night, Sept. 15th. Put on the pressure and see if you can land one of these cash awards.

## SUPPER ON SEPT. 17TH

As has been our custom for the past few years, we will again arrange to serve a steaming hot supper at the Post Home on the evening of Sept. 17th. Mrs. Katharine Gilliard and her committee are working on a menu that will be on a par with the suppers served on numerous occasions. Tickets are being sold at 50c. for adults, and 25c. for children,—these tickets will also admit you to the Frolic grounds after the supper. Make arrangements to bring your family and friends to this supper after which you can enjoy the festivities of the evening.

## MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

A local firm will supply the broadcasting outfit for use at the Frolic. This form of entertainment was introduced several years ago at our affair and has many advantages aside from the broadcasting of musical numbers. It permits the use of local talent and announcements direct with the use of microphones. Dynamic

speakers will be placed around the ground with several on Ridge Avenue, so as to get the full effect outside as well as inside the Frolic space. Vocal artists of prominence have offered their services for broadcasting.

#### ANDREWS BROTHERS TO ENTERTAIN ON THE 17TH

As a special feature on Saturday afternoon for the children we have secured the services of the 5 Andrews Brothers who will put on their tumbling act. These local boys are exceptionally clever performers and attract quite an audience when they rehearse their act at the Kendrick Recreation Centre. You will recall the wonderful show they put on for us at the Coatesville Hospital last year and they have added several difficult feats to their act since then. Be sure to send the children to witness this feature.

#### TO THOSE COMRADES OUT OF WORK

*And Also To Those More Fortunate*  
Once a year Hattal-Taylor Post presents its case to the public in the form of "THE VETERANS' FROLIC" and solicits funds for maintenance of its many and varied activities, which include, Welfare, Scholarship, etc. This affair has been splendidly supported in past years, for which we are greatly thankful, but this year we will have to work harder to gain our goal, due to so much unemployment. There will be less buying, but we must seek new fields and new buyers and as any salesman will tell you, that means hard work.

Hattal-Taylor Post has always been noted for being wide awake, always open for new suggestions and coping with any new situation confronting them and to that end, this year is no exception as will be revealed to you a little later.

The recognized greatest advertisement for our "FROLIC", is the sale of donation books, for when these books are sold, the purchaser will in a great many cases, attend our affair and that means a potential customer and being among our corps of salesmen on the grounds, I feel sure our success is assured.

In order to stimulate this sale of books and to create a friendly rivalry among our comrades, and at the same time make it possible for some of those who are unemployed, but still willing to work, to profit by their industry, the frolic committee has decided to offer awards to those doing the best work. The rules of the contest are few, and it is open to any comrade employed or unemployed. The first prize

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Rivalry has already started between a few of the Comrades, and I would like to see everyone enter into the spirit of this contest, as it is done solely for and in the interest of Hattal-Taylor Post, the organization loved by everyone who has had the privilege to work for it.

S. C. GILLIARD, P. C.

### BUGLE CORPS NEWS

The Corps again steps on the gas and brings home the bacon. This latest achievement was enacted at Woodside Park, on August 15th and the occasion was the Play-day and Bugle Corps Competition, held by the Philadelphia County Council. The day was ideal for such an affair and the competing corps were at their best. Our strength was thirty-seven men, including the colors, one man short of a complete corps.

We had been drilling for several weeks to overcome our defects on the field and we really thought we had accomplished it but those Judges still continued to find something wrong and accordingly, we lost several marks. However, we had accumulated such a high score in music and appearance that it more than overcame our defects in the drills and we won with a score of 87 points. Second to us was the Nuss-Todd-O'Hara Post from Norristown, third, Greifzu Post of Darby, fourth, Yearsley Post of Germantown and fifth the newly-formed Bugle and Drum Corps of McDevitt Post.

It had been mentioned that the prizes for the Play Day would be in cash and the amounts would be determined by the sale of tickets sold by the Posts. To date we have received no word from those in charge so am unable to state just how much our fund has been increased. Maybe they didn't make anything.

The Corps had a very interesting date for August 6th at Merchantville, N. J., but prior to the date those in charge postponed the affair until further notice. During July the Corps accepted an invitation to appear at a wrestling bout which featured Shikat and Sonnenberg at the Phillies Ball Park. The bouts were most interesting, especially the feature which terminated with both wrestlers outside the ring.

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### BUGLE CORPS NOTES

*(Continued from page 5)*

Among our newest student musicians, we are pleased to welcome into the fold such well known Comrades as Fred Miller, Floyd Albosta and Fred Haerberle as bugle students and Dick Lorz on the snare drum. It is hoped that these men will be sufficiently interested to learn quickly during the coming winter months and can take a regular place in the Corps before the spring arrives.

Several interesting invitations are anticipated in the very near future and it behooves all to attend rehearsals and keep abreast of the doings.

Our next turnout of importance is to bally-hoo for the Frolic and it is to your interest to make sure you are among those present when we leave the Home for these trips around the town.

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Pensions for World War widows and orphans.

Immediate cash payment of adjusted compensation certificates.

Extension of time for filing suits against government for insurance payments.

Reinstatement of government insurance privileges for veterans who previously surrendered their policies for cash.

Increased compensation for arrested T. B. veterans.

Apportionment of disability allowance payments to dependents.

Protection of widows' and orphans' insurance rights.

Elimination of income tax provision n existing disability allowance legislation.

Compulsory hospitalization facilities for veterans of all wars.

Enactment of a uniform pension measure.

Increased pensions for totally disabled Spanish-American War veterans.

Pensions for veterans who served in minor campaigns in the Southern Philippines and elsewhere.

Twenty-year retirement for disabled veterans under civil service.

Twenty-five-year retirement for veterans under civil service.

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Increased pay for active and retired officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

Readjustment of retired pay of certain warrant officers and enlisted men.

Double time credit for retirement purposes for all enlisted men who served overseas or afloat during the World War.

Emergency hospital treatment for retired officers and enlisted men.

Hospitalization for Confederate veterans, in government hospitals.

Free transportation for G. A. R. and Confederate veterans to annual encampments.

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	MOCK TURTLE SOUP	
SEED AND CRISP ROLLS		BUTTER
BROILED FRESH MACKEREL		BUTTER SAUCE
	PARSLEY POTATO	
	SHERBET	
	ROAST YOUNG CHICKEN	
RICE CASSEROLE		EXTRA SIFTED PEAS
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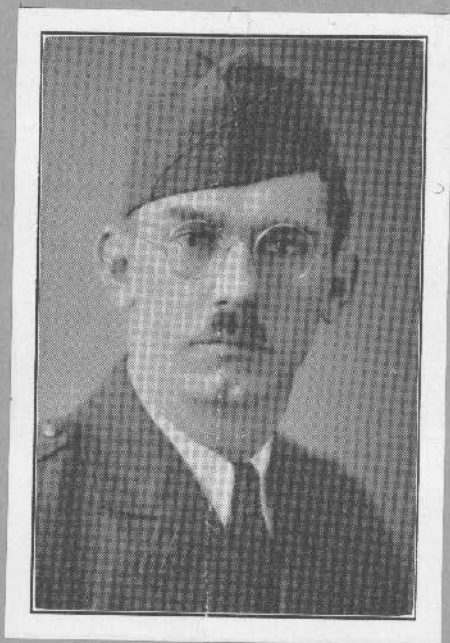
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- Prayer
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- Anthem—Choir
- The Lord's Supper
- Hymns Appropriate
- Benediction
- Postlude

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- Prelude
- Song Service
- Evening Prayer
- Scripture
- Offertory
- Anthem by Choir
- Sermon: "The Bridal Party"
- Prayer
- Hymn 208
- Benediction
- Postlude

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6.45 P. M.—Senior Epworth League

Praise and Prayer Service—Wednesday, 8 P. M.

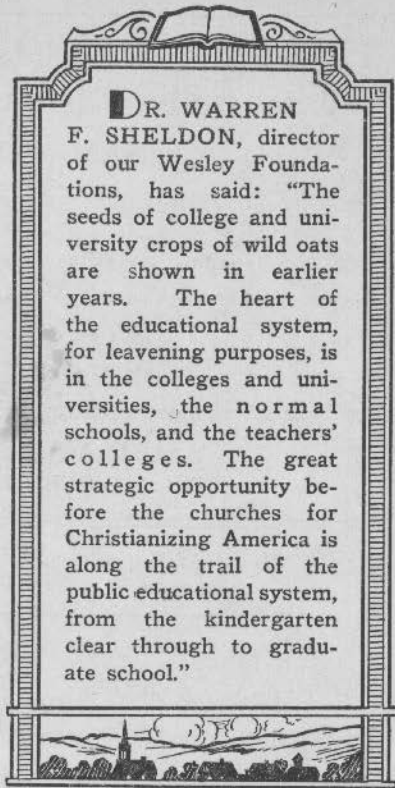
## You Have Shared

**I**N a university city of Oklahoma, Methodist Church services one morning were being conducted by university students about to be graduated. Quite unconsciously, a young woman demonstrated the working out of the ideals of the Wesley Foundation movement. She said, "The first Sunday we arrived in the city as ordinary freshmen you brought us to Sunday school and to church and made us feel at home. During these years we have lived with you, learning, growing, and leading the lives your experience and wisdom have shown us. We have come to know, to love, and to follow Jesus, who alone makes university life complete. You have shared our joys and our sorrows and we thank you. As we take our places in other churches, we will cherish the beautiful memories of life with you, and shall ever try to live up to the ideals you have given us."

## He Won Nineteen Boys to Christ

"A year ago a young man joined our church, won by fellow-students during a Win-My-Chum week," writes a Wesley Foundation pastor. "The next year he became superintendent of schools in a Michigan town. He won nineteen boys in his town to the Christian life and presented them at the altar of the church on the same Sunday the transfer of his own church letter was read."

Another pastor reports, "When one young woman who had been captain of the Win-My-Chum campaign went out to teach, she won five girls to Christ during the time when we were observing the week back at school."



## INCHES OF INSPIRATION

By ROY L. SMITH

### *This World Belongs*

This world belongs to the man with a single great, dominating purpose; to the man who has caught a vision and is willing to spend his life in making it a reality; to the man who has sworn himself to justice and defends it with his life against all enemies; to the man who has dedicated himself to right and goes to the scaffold with it; to the man who can bend under the winds of adversity and recoil to the task with added vigor when the storm is passed; to those who fix their faith on the moral character of the universe and falter not at apparent ev

Dear Lord, deliver us from the lethargy that buries talents, even though but one, that substitutes excuses for personal service and that bemoans defeats instead of planning victory. So energize us with God's call that alert activity shall mark every day. Amen.—*Christian F. Reisner.*

# Education Plus Religion



YOUNG people do not need to be convinced of the value of an education. American colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning enroll 1,037,000 students. It is to this group that the Methodist Episcopal Church goes with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Wesley Foundations. There are now sixty of these Methodist student centers in thirty states.

There are a great company of fine young Methodists in the high schools of the United States. The proportion of these young people who go on to college or university increases year by year.

The Wesley Foundation has been said, "To provide a church for college and university students that will offer:

- (1) A shrine for worship,
- (2) A school for religious education,
- (3) A home away from home,
- (4) A laboratory for training lay leaders in church activities, and
- (5) A recruiting station for the ministry, for missionary work at home and abroad, and for other specialized religious tasks."

The supervision of Wesley Foundations is the joint task of two World Service agencies, The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and The Board of Education.



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## Education plus Religion

### GREETING

After a cessation of activity for the summer season the Calendar once more is issued. With this issue, we desire to extend our greetings to our members who are shut-ins or absent from home and whose point of contact with the Church is by way of the Calendar. We bear you in our prayers before the throne of grace and trust that you are remembering your Church home in your prayers. A unity in prayer will result in mutual blessings and helpfulness.

### THE SUMMER THAT HAS GONE

The services have been held all summer—morning, evening and midweek. The attendance has been fair for the summer season. We have missed many faces, however, and expect to see them once more in our meetings.

The Church should be strongly in the mind and on the heart of its members, and by their attendance in worship a growth in spiritual power be manifest.

The Church School has noted an advance in attendance over the previous year, and promises well for this new season into which we are entering.

### EVENTS

Yesterday afternoon the marriage of two of our young people of the Church took place: William Mead, President of the Senior Epworth League, and Violet O'Donnell, First Vice-President. We wish them many happy years of married life and of increased service in the work of the Church.

The Senior Epworth League devotional services begin this evening. We would suggest a rivalry among the members of the Leagues as to the number of times this fall and winter that they would be present at the church service following the E. L. meetings. It will prove of great value to the Leagues if a regularity in Church attendance is fostered among the members. No organization can be blessed by God that detracts from the worshiping with the Church.

### IN MEMORIAM

One year ago our Sister Elizabeth Chadwick was taken to her heavenly home. Her memory is very precious to the Church and to her family, who have greatly missed her.

The monthly meeting of the Sunday School Board was postponed until tomorrow evening. A full attendance of the Board is requested, looking forward toward Rally Day.

### A RECIPE FOR A BLESSING

One hour of time, three or four good hymns sung with feeling, half-dozen real prayers, one helpful Bible study. All mixed together and seasoned with good-fellowship and Christian love, and served on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock in the meeting-house of God's people. Try it next Wednesday evening.

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1931

"THE CHURCH OF THE FRIENDLY HEART"

### Morning Worship *ten-thirty*

Prelude—"Under the Leaves,"  
Francis Thomé

Hymns 5 and 718

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Psalter—38th Sunday morning

Gloria Patri

Tithes and Offerings

Anthem—Choir

Sermon: "A Day in God's House"

Hymn 419

Benediction

Postlude—"Grand Choeur in A,"  
Ralph Kinder

### Evening Worship *seven-thirty*

Prelude—"Largo" from the "New  
World Symphony" Anton Dvorák

Song Service

Evening Prayer

Scripture

Offertory

Anthem by Choir

Sermon: "The Valley of Baca"

Prayer

Hymn 458

Benediction

Postlude—"Toccata in D minor,"  
Gordon Balch Nevin

12 Noon—Sunday School

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# A Matter of Record

By ALBERT E. KIRK

**F**OURTEEN of the editors of the official publications of the Methodist Episcopal Church received baccalaureate degrees from American institutions, one from a state university, one from a large independent university, and twelve from Methodist colleges and universities.

The 1,260 missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church sent out in the years 1912-1928 inclusive received collegiate training as follows: from colleges and universities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 49.52%; from other denominational colleges and universities, 7.24%; from independent colleges and universities, 26.42%; from state educational institutions, 16.82%.

Contrary to a frequently expressed opinion, the Methodist educational institutions produced a larger percentage of this total

missionary group in the later years of the period under consideration than in the earlier years of that period. Since 1921 the percentage from the Methodist schools has exceeded the 49.52% average in five of the seven years. Upon the other hand, and likewise contrary to a frequently expressed opinion, the state educational institutions produced a smaller percentage in the later years of the period. Indeed, since 1921 the percentage from the state schools has fallen below the 16.32% average.

It is also worthy of note that most of the institutions listed in the third group, "independent colleges and universities" that produced 26.42% of these missionaries, are institutions with distinct Christian emphasis.

Those zealous for the future of the Christian Church may well ponder these facts.

## SUPPOSE!

Let's suppose that this whole church was made up of people like you:

Would there be anyone to teach the classes in the Sunday School;

Or would there be anyone to preach to on Sunday night;

Or would strangers ever get an invitation to attend our services;

Or would the treasurer be able to pay the church bills promptly;

Or would this church ever have a real revival?

If all the people of this church were like you, would it be a disaster or a triumph?

## PROFESSOR OR FATHER?

A father was lamenting the fact that his son had made shipwreck of his religion while in college and severe blame was laid upon the professors in the classroom who "scoffed at religion."

But that father usually planned his business trips so that he could travel on Sunday and save time. He joined no men's Bible class because he wanted to read the Sunday paper at that hour. He has never been seen

in prayer meeting. There is no family prayer in the home—not even grace at mealtime. He has never held a conversation with his son on the subject of religion until the boy announced himself an agnostic.

Who really scoffed at religion—the professors or that father?

## INCHES OF INSPIRATION

### "Living Above"

Over the door of a little cabinet-maker's shop in London there hangs this sign—"LIVING ABOVE." It is a notification to his customers that he can be found above his shop if the door is locked. It is a great thing for a worker to be able to say he is living above his work; that his dreams and hopes of a real life are above the level of his day's toil. He may have to work amid the clods and clutter, but at least he can live above. No matter how lowly a man's work, his life can be above.

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# GO TO COLLEGE

**O**UR Methodist young people are on their annual pilgrimage from their home communities to college and university. Many experience the thrill of the first venture upon the campus. Others return to the renewal of college friendships, the firmest and most lasting of all.

The advantages of college and university training are well understood. Reams of statistics are available to show how college increases earning capacity, how it tends to assure one chances of success in life.

But in these autumn days, both young folk and their fathers and mothers will be thinking also of those more intangible aspects of a college education. An ancient Greek once approached the great philosopher Aristotle with a question. He asked how the educated man differs from the uneducated. "As the living from the dead," replied the great thinker.

College young people are intensely alive. More and more that quality of "aliveness" proves to be lasting. It carries over beyond the perilous forties into the reflective serenity of old age.

Methodists may well glory in the colleges and universities maintained by their church. These schools aim not only to keep alive the intellectual heritage of the past and to live in the pragmatic and scientific present, but they aim also to surround young people with the characteristic culture of the Christian Church.

Being a Christian is a matter of conversion, of submitting one's will to that of God. But it is also being conscious of membership in a great fellowship of faith, a fellowship two thousand years old. As Christians we have a literature, a philosophy, a way of life. These things must be studied, and they are studied to best advantage in a Christian college.




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**L**AST year 63,000 young people were enrolled in Methodist colleges and universities. Among the institutions which either through the direct support of the Board of Education, through supervision, or by history and traditions are generally accounted Methodist, are five universities, 37 colleges, one affiliated college, four junior colleges, and nine colleges and two junior colleges for Negroes. This statement takes no account of professional schools and secondary schools. Methodists maintain a considerable number of both.

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### JE-HO-ASH

For several years an opportunity for giving special offerings has been presented through the "Jehoash" or "Joash" chests. The financial situation of the Church and charge has been such that the giving out of these boxes has been delayed so as not to interfere with the regular giving through the envelopes.

Our ingathering day is usually in the latter part of November.

Each of the homes of the membership will be supplied with a box. We will have a number of extra boxes for our constituents. These boxes are for any extra offering toward the support of the Church work. Would suggest as one of the methods of filling same that when absent from the Church services you put in the boxes what you would have placed on the plate had you been present.

"A little thing is a little thing, but faithfulness in little things is a great big thing."

### REGULAR FINANCE ACCOUNT

A letter is being prepared by the Finance Committee relative to the condition of the finances of the Church. We desire the members of the Church to know what enters into the running expenses of the Church, and do not realize the obligation and necessity of giving sacrificially toward the income of the Church. This letter is a statement of our present and our future needs. All members of the Church should do their part in the giving.

In the past we have rejoiced in the giving of our people. May we have continued cause for thankfulness!

### RALLY DAY

The period of Rallying is just ahead. Next Sunday will be the time for the Rallying of the Sunday School. Two rallyings will take place simultaneously—the Primary Department in their room, the Main School in the Church. A special speaker is to be secured. We desire to invite all non-attendants of Sunday School to come and meet with us. Services follow the morning Church service. Make it a point to attend the Church service and remain for the Rallying.

In the evening a special candlelight service is planned by the Epworth League preceding the Church service.

The Every-member Communion and Church Rally Day will be on Sunday, October 4th.

### DISTRICT RALLY

The monthly meeting of the Epworth Leagues of the West District in Philadelphia will be held on Thursday evening of this week in this Church. Rev. Walter Cannon, Pastor of the Paoli M. E. Church, will be the speaker. The meeting will be open to any desiring to be present.

### THE FLOWERS OF LAST SABBATH

The flowers were much appreciated. Baskets in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Chadwick were presented by her husband and children, and by a sister, Mrs. Swope, of Washington, D. C. Two baskets of flowers were presented to the Church by Brother and Sister Meade.

"I say this way; God says that.  
His way is best, for He knows what  
Of lions may beset my road.  
I'll follow Thee! Lead on, my God."

Meeting of the teachers of the Junior Epworth League Friday, September 25th, 7.30 P. M., in the Sunday School room.

The first meeting of the League will be on the first Friday of October.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

This evening at 6.45 the E. L. service will be a re-echo of the Institute held at Collegeville this summer. Miss Ruth Carter, of the Conference Educational Board, will be the special speaker. Messages by our representatives, William Hutchinson and Mary Rice. A hearty welcome to all.