

Sendoff Given Local Group Of Selectees

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"We appreciate and realize the sacrifices you are making, but that is the price of freedom," Mayor Robert Pfeifle told a group of selectees from Draft Board No. 1, who left this morning for Wilkes-Barre for induction into the armed forces.

"There is a tough war ahead of us. We must hit the enemy much harder to win a speedy victory. You will give a good account of yourselves and we are all proud of you," he said.

Before leaving for the railroad station, the young men assembled in the recreation room of the South Side municipal building. Acting as master of ceremonies, Clarence Moyer, a representative of the Bethlehem Tobacco Club, spoke briefly to the group, extending the organization's best wishes and hoping for a speedy termination of hostilities.

John O. Griffiths, president of the club, also spoke briefly, calling attention to the fact that with that group, club representatives have made 293 trips in according young men and women residents of this city a sendoff, since the inception of the club.

He also informed them of the work the club members are doing for hospitalized servicemen, and emphasized the fact that the club will continue to function for the duration.

From the board's headquarters to the station, the draftees were escorted by Motorcycle Officer Charles Gilbert. Before leaving the South Side municipal building, each draftee received a military kit, and at the station they were presented with luncheon kits by the Salvation Army.

Frank J. Geld was named acting corporal. Among those who left was John R. Shupp, 812 East Fourth Street, a local mortician, and Leo F. Barth Jr., fullback of the Liberty High varsity eleven during the past season.

The group included 15 fathers and 18 who recently attained their 18th birthday.

Members of the contingent included Mark Yensec, George A. Wemer, Jr., Joseph A. Kozlowski, Roy H. Brunell, Warren T. Kline, Michael Joseph Molnar, Frank John Geld, Robert John Blankovitch, John Paul Mitchell, Jacob F. Keim, Frank John Bartek, Robert Paul Hillbert, Thomas J. Nunzio, Robert B. Curtis, Alex Racz, Nathaniel Gunn, Leo Frank Barth, Jr., Ernest John Bencak, Gordon J. Sabol, Joseph Dutko, Richard A. Staley, Herbert R. Boehm, James Kolesnik, Herman E. Strauch, Alfred J. Smith, Nicholas P. Maiorello, Steve Marish, Stanley Bankowski, Jr., Clifford M. Lindenmuth, Frank J. Kerosetz, Sergeant, Francis Brennan, Bruce John R. Shupp, Ernest H. DeAngelis, George J. Check, Robert E. Helm, Joseph F. Cappelli, William J. Walker, Earl B. Sloyer, Edward H. Favinger, Theodore Kozak and William S. Szulborski.

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