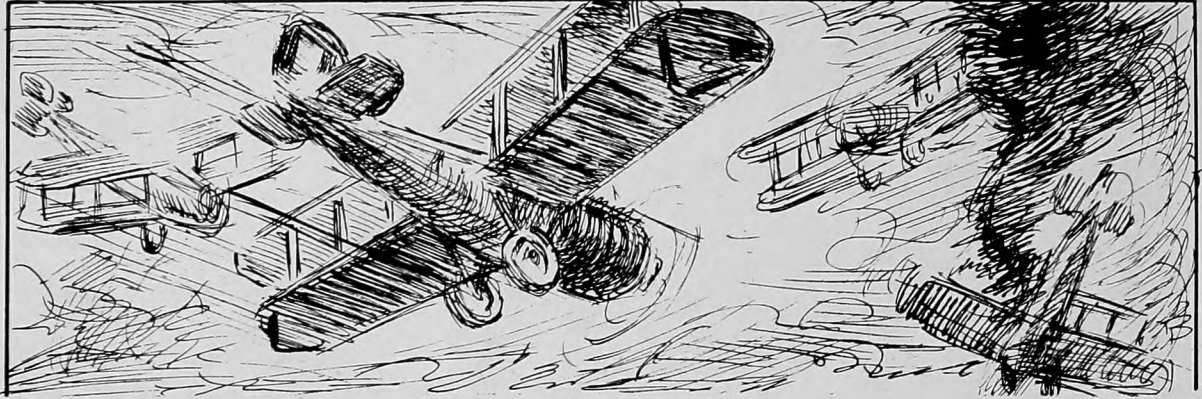




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Austen B. Crehore of 542 Birch Ave., was awarded the Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, at an informal ceremony at the Union League Club, New York, January 19. The presentation was made by Major George Thenault, former French commander of the Lafayette Escadrille. "My friend Crehore," said Mayor Thenault . . . "you were twice decorated by France for your victories in air combat. On one occasion, you brought down two enemy planes in a single combat between seven French and nine German planes. On still another, you brought down a German aviator over his own airfield. Once, you saved the life of a famous Allied pilot by coming to his support against great odds even though your own plane had a crippled motor and you were far behind the enemy lines. Your fellow surviving members of the Lafayette Escadrille have chosen you as president of their association, to which you have given the best of yourself and made it a living thing."

Richard Wakefield and Albert R. Sampson of Westfield uncovered an unusual Delaware Indian burial ground recently, on the bank of the Delaware River, above the Water Gap, in Warren County. According to Dr. Frank G. Speck, anthropologist of the University of Pennsylvania, this is one of the most important Indian burials found in the East. The articles buried with the bones of the Indian indicated that he was a medicine man. They are installed, with an exact reproduction of the grave, in the Indian room of the museum of the university. Messrs. Sampson and Wakefield are members of the Archeological Society of New Jersey.

Col. Harvey L. Jones, William Hyland, Alan Bruce Conlin and Patrolman Theodore Vreeland have received the Order of the Purple Heart for distinguished service, gallantry and bravery in the World War. Simeon H. Smith, Eyare M. Hutson are among other local doughboys eligible for this mark of honor. The first award of the Purple Heart was made by Gen. George Washington, Aug. 7, 1782, and only three men since had received it, prior to its official revival by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Chief of Staff, Feb. 22,

The Smith clan held its fifty-seventh annual reunion recently at the family picnic grounds, near Peapack. The Liberty Band, of Plainfield, directed by William N. Bartow, played melodies popular with the clan, and Senator Joseph S. Wolber praised the patriotism of "this great body of our electorate—incomparably the most extensive in this state—in America—in the world!" One of the 79 Charley Smiths in the gathering challenged that statement. "You're wrong there, Senator," said he. "My mother was a Jones. You can't beat that combination." Twenty-three of the sixty-eight Smith families of Westfield were present; twenty-one sent regrets and congratulations. Sir names were omitted to avoid confusion.

Arthur Pryor was guest-conductor of the Westfield Band, at the evening concert in Mindowaskin Park, August 19th. In addressing the large gathering he praised the local band, for its splendid work. He described "the way in which modern composers, so called, have taken the works of the great masters and have arranged them in modern dance rythm, is deplorable. \* \* \* It is my opinion that if the works of Beethoven, Mendelsohn and Wagner are to be played, they should be played in their original form \* \* \* There is only one modern composition that in my opinion is worth while and that is Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue." Simone Mantia, one of the world's leading euphonium players, was guest soloist, and contributed three numbers. In the absence of Mayor Tipson, Councilman William H. Davies introduced Messrs. Pryor and Mantia.

Miss Caroline Beebe, formerly of Westfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Edwin Beebe of Mystic, Conn., was married, July 9, to Dr. Henry H. Whitehouse of New York, by the Rev. Dr. James R. Danforth, former pastor of the Congregational Church here. Mrs. Whitehouse and her sister, Helen, spent their girlhood years in Westfield. Mrs. Whitehouse is an accomplished pianist and president of the New York Chamber Music Society.

The election ballot for this year of the Great Political Disturbance, is 35 inches long. Enter, the New Deal.