

Gas Official—

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cult by unfounded news reports broadcast in that area. This has tended to create distrust among reliable gas field news sources.

Last week a report was broadcast that the California Co. drilling in Nipponese Valley near Oval, had struck a gas pocket. A check with the company's Williamsport office revealed that drillers had simply smelled sulphur.

A gas expert explained the drill had probably hit iron deposits. The California Co. office stated that definitely no gas had been released by the drill, now down about 4,100 feet.

By mid-afternoon rumors, based on that gas had been discovered in Nipponese Valley, California last week announced that the operation was strictly "wildcat," as was its venture on the Bennett farm in Sullivan county straddling the Muncy anticline two miles east of Somestown.

The two men observed peddling stock in a bar were trying to get rid of Dorcie Calhoun Co. stock. Geologists said they would not state at this point if the well would be good or not. It is due for final drilling soon. Experts pointed out "you never know until the last drill is made."

Meanwhile reports of rumbling sounds along Plunkett Run, in the Fairpoint region west of Lock Haven have started other rumors. Residents along the run said they had leased their land to a Troy, Pa. man. They will be paid \$1 per acre per year. The property owners said that it had been indicated to them that drilling would start this coming summer.

Efforts to reach the man by telephone failed because his name was not listed in the Troy directory. A number he gave Plunkett Run residents could not be rung because it was on an independent line. However, officials of two large drilling companies said the man makes a practice of leasing land in a boom area.

The westward spread of leasing operations from Clinton County through the Lamar-Howard-Etch Creek area and into Centre county.



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Commerce Dept. Head Gives All to Charity

The \$15,000 a year salary of Commerce Secretary Andrew J. Sordani is going to charity.

The wealthy Wilkes-Barre industrialist and former State Senator said he is going to work only part-time as Commerce Secretary and therefore doesn't plan to keep his salary.

"I have various other affairs that require my attention and I plan to conduct the Department of Commerce in the same way that I conduct my other enterprises—I will be in close touch and will decide policy, but the details of operation I will entrust to persons assigned those responsibilities," said Sordani.

Sordani has extensive interests in coal, construction and hotels.

He added in a statement, however, that he will give to the Commerce "every minute necessary to accomplish the job designated to the department by the Legislature and Gov. John S. Fine."

"I do not expect to devote more than that amount of time to it," said the secretary.

Sordani said his State salary will not go into any single charity or any group of charities that can be announced at this time.

is responsible for a reported speculation flurry. Although it could not definitely be confirmed, a reporter overheard talk that Lock Haven business men were trying to finance a new company. It would seek to lease the leases taken out eight months ago in Plunkett Run.

A preliminary check at the Clinton county court house showed that none of the Plunkett Run leases had been recorded there.

Back in the Leidy field, records show that preliminary estimated open flow gaugings at the 18 producing wells came to the grand total of 373,575,000 cubic feet.

The Cabot well on Repetto land, across Kettle Creek from Leidy Prospecting's pioneer well, originally making 36,000,000 per day, is down to less than 20,000,000, though it blew in with a fiery 39,000,000.

Last week stockholders in Noryl Prospecting Co. were informed in a meeting that total flow of their two wells is eight million. Original flow for both was 30 million.

Representatives of large companies could not be nailed down for an explanation of this. They did state that "the field can be expected to run out."

The man who estimated the life of the field at three years, was quick to point out that people have been confusing pressure with volume. It is only natural, he said, to expect the supply to drop in volume when such heavy loads are being piped out.

Others believe that production at the wells fell because of back pressure. This was created by record breaking production at the Finnefrock well near Tamarack, owned by New York State Natural Gas Company's line, is down to one million cubic feet. At one time it turned out 20,000,000 and most of last summer pumped a contracted five million. Its statement, Leidy No. 2, is down to less than 20,000,000, though it blew in with a fiery 39,000,000.

What's In A Name. From the French we get shifty words, such as "sabotage," "espionage," "camouflage," and "chicane." Well to remember, therefore, that "courage" is the same in both languages.—Louisville Courier-Journal.



Marine Graduates



Pfc. George Brumbaugh

Marine Private First Class George W. Brumbaugh, son of Wilbur A. Brumbaugh, of Sparing Street, Howard, recently climaxed his training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S. C., by receiving a promotion to his present rank and winning the silver badge of Marine Marksman.

Brumbaugh completed training in field tactics and precision drill. He also received classroom instruction in field sanitation, first aid, Marine Corps history and military courtesy. He fired other infantry weapons in addition to the Garand rifle with which he qualified, and observed operation of the machine gun, mortar and flame thrower.

Locally Known Army Officer In School

Second Lt. Joseph Russell Stamm, of Altoona, recently ordered to active military service with the Army, was selected to attend a marine engineering course which commenced recently at the transportation school, Fort Eustis.

Lt. Stamm is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster H. Stamm, of Altoona, and husband of the former Miss Audrey Zimmers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Zimmers, of Duquesville.

A graduate of the Altoona Senior High School and the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, Lt. Stamm entered the Army early in 1945 and served as a mortar gunner with Troop D, 7th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of operations during the latter part of World War II.

His awards and decorations include the good conduct, Asiatic-Pacific theater campaign, Philippine liberation, World War II victory and Japanese occupation medals. Lt. Stamm is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stamm, former residents of Centre County.

AF Commissions Now Available to Women

Many vacancies exist for young women of this area who desire positions as commissioned officers in the U. S. Air Force, it was announced by T. Sgt. William S. Nagle, local recruiter of the U. S. Army-Air Force Recruiting Station.

He explained that to be eligible, a young woman must be single, between 20 1/2 and 26 1/2 years of age, of good character and meet certain other requirements as to education and citizenship.

After receiving commissions, young women integrated under this program will be assigned to duty with an Air Force unit, and assume positions of leadership and responsibility.

Full details of the program may be obtained by contacting Sgt. Nagle at 220 1/2 W. High Street in Bellefonte.

Clarence Soldier Wins Army Badge

Private James D. Matty, son of Mrs. Mary Matty, of Clarence, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge in Korea while serving as an infantryman with the 7th Cavalry Regiment.

This badge which is only awarded to frontline combat infantrymen, distinguishes the actual fighting man from the rear area and service troops in a combat zone. A soldier must be a member of an infantry regiment to be eligible to receive it.

The badge itself consists of a miniature replica of a revolutionary flint lock rifle on a rectangular blue background superimposed over a wreath. It is worn by the soldier over his left breast pocket above his campaign ribbons.

Aviation Cadets Now Enlist As Privates

A recent change in Aviation Cadet procurement policies was made public by T. Sgt. William S. Nagle of the U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station in Bellefonte. He explained that prospective U. S. Air Force Aviation Cadets will be enlisted in the U. S. Air Force before assignment to cadet training under a new policy announced by the U. S. Air Force.

The change, effective immediately, requires enlistment for a four year period in the grade of Private, unless the individual has acquired specialized skill which under existing Air Force regulations qualifies him for enlistment in a higher grade.

Regardless of the grade in which he enlists the individual will be appointed as Aviation Cadet when he enters flying training.

This new policy bears little significance for cadets who complete pilot or navigator training, since previous policy requires that graduates agree to serve a minimum of three years in commissioned status.

Change thus effects cadets appointed from civilian life who may be eliminated for academic or flying deficiencies prior to completion of training. Until now these individuals were given the opportunity to accept discharge from the service and return to civilian life. In contrast to cadets selected from airman ranks who were returned to their former duty assignment.

Under the new policy all eliminated cadets will revert to Airman status in the grade they held immediately prior to their appointment as Aviation Cadet.

The Air Force emphasizes, however, that cadets eliminated from pilot training are encouraged to apply for other Air Crew or Ground Crew specialized training.

Enlistees Now Go To Ft. Meade, Md.

During the month of March, all men volunteering for the U. S. Army will report to Fort George G. Meade Maryland, it was announced by T. Sgt. William S. Nagle, Commander of the local U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station.

This change of the February procedure which listed Ft. Dix, N.J., as the first army home of local recruits. Regardless of educational background, youths from this vicinity who are physically and mentally qualified and meet certain requirements, may enlist in the Regular Army for periods ranging from 21 months to six years.

Sgt. Nagle stated that vacancies now exist in the army security agency, airborne units, army language schools and specific army technical schooling.

Applicants who express a desire to serve overseas may enlist for duty in the Far East command.

Additional enlistment details and career counseling are available at the local U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station, 220 1/2 W. High Street, Bellefonte. Office hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cpl. Merrill Flynn On Duty With GYA

Corporal Merrill E. Flynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flynn, of 184 Water Street, Bellefonte recently completed an intensive one-week course at Kitzinger Training Center in Germany, in orientation for duty with German Youth Activities, Air Armed Forces assistance program.

Cpl. Flynn is with Headquarters Battery, 5th Field Artillery Batt., Seventh Army, and is assigned to the GYA organization which conducts the operation of more than 25 youth centers in the American Zone in Berlin. The program and facilities are designed to give young Germans ages 10 to 25, the ideals, advantages and responsibilities of a democratic way of life.

The work of the GYA is undertaken and supervised by Army and Air Forces personnel serving in the European Command. Over a thousand German employees and hundreds of volunteer workers, chiefly American dependents of officers, soldiers and airmen, augment the operating forces.

Joseph Furfaro In Naval Maneuvers

Joseph A. Furfaro, Jr., seaman, USN, of 303 W. Beaver Street, Bellefonte, recently participated in the largest fleet exercises held in the Mediterranean Sea since the end of World War II.

His ship, the heavy cruiser USS Newport News, and other units of the U. S. Sixth Fleet were united with ships from Great Britain's Mediterranean and Home Fleets in the joint exercises.

Edward D. Zong Serves In Far East

Edward D. Zong, quartermaster, first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn J. Zong of Oak Hill Station, and husband of the former Miss Kathryn M. Krout of West Logan street, Bellefonte, is serving aboard the repair ship USS Luzon in the Far East.

Officially designated a Naval internal combustion repair vessel, the Luzon can perform every type of precision and technical work that is vital in keeping our Navy's ships in operation. Aboard the Luzon are graduates of Navy, specialized training schools whose duties include the handling of ammunition, food, medical and other supplies to ships of the Fleet and United Nations troops ashore in Korea.

Naturally whatever happens to the haircut of customers can expect to be trimmed.—Toronto Telegram.

Most critics are more concerned with their criticism than the subject considered.

Aviation Cadet Applications Accepted

Aviation Cadet applications are being accepted at the local U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station in Bellefonte.

T. Sgt. William S. Nagle revealed that with no quota restrictions being imposed on cadet applicants, the number of applications are on an increase. Anyone meeting the current requirements which include being single, between the ages of 20 1/2 and 26 1/2, and with at least two years college or 66 credits, may apply for acceptance in the Aviation Cadets.

Interested applicants attending college may apply now and if accepted will receive a normal four-month deferment from the selective service board to await call to begin training. This will allow the prospective applicant to complete the college semester, Sgt. Nagle pointed out.

However, the above rule for applicants applies only if they have not received their pre-induction physical notice from the selective service board, Sgt. Nagle asserted.

Explains Air Force Enlistment Quota

Capt. J. H. Singleton, commanding officer of the Altoona Recruiting Main Station, made public an explanation of the current Air Force enlistment situation. He explained that as of this date, the local recruiting headquarters and its twelve branch stations located throughout Central Pennsylvania are operating under a temporary curtailment of non-prior service Air Force enlistees. "A limited number of men without prior service will be enlisted daily during March," he noted.

Veterans of World War II and men with prior federal service in any of the Armed Forces are eligible to enlist or re-enlist in the U. S. Air Force. "In fact, the Captain stressed, enlistment of trained servicemen to aid in its expansion program is a matter of vital importance to the Air Force at this time."

Current regulations permit some men with prior service to be considered for enlistment in a non-commissioned officer's grade based upon their previous service experience. Airmen accepted under this program are sent initially to Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D. C., to complete classification and assignment details.

Capt. Singleton offered the counseling and cooperation of his 13 offices to all local residents. In this area, the office is located at 220 1/2 W. High Street, Bellefonte, and maintains office hours from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. six days a week and evenings by appointment.

Robert Smith Now In Mediterranean

Robert D. Smith, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay A. Smith of 317 W. Linn Street, Bellefonte is serving aboard the light cruiser USS Roanoke operating in Mediterranean waters as a unit of Vice Admiral John J. Ballentine's Sixth Fleet.

A liberal liberty policy will enable him to visit many show places in the Mediterranean area during this tour of duty.

Army Expansion Program in Effect

In keeping with the Army's expansion program, the Department of the Army has authorized the local U. S. Army-Air Force Recruiting Station to accept an unlimited number of airborne enlistments during the month of March.

T. Sgt. William Nagle stated that physical and mental requirements are the same as for a regular Army enlistment except that applicants must be 18 and not have attained the age of 31, and must have a height minimum of 60 inches, but not more than 78 inches. In addition applicants must weigh from 120 to 200 pounds.

Qualified applicants will take basic training at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland, and upon completion will be assigned to either the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, or the 11th Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for airborne training.

For details young men are invited to visit the local Recruiting Station at 220 1/2 W. High Street, Bellefonte. Sgt. Nagle will be in his office Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Milton Is Promoted To Sergeant

Cpl. Raymond Milton, son of Mrs. Ella Milton, of Port Matilda, was promoted to the grade of sergeant Mar. 13, Mrs. Milton was informed this week.

In a letter from Major Robert L. Lenthart, commander of troops at the Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Milton was told: "Since his (Sgt. Milton's) assignment to this command, he has performed his duties in an outstanding manner and has shown himself to be the possessor of those fine soldierly qualities which makes him a credit to this organization."

The professions, as we understand it, used to put ethics and service above cash income. As a result, professional men, in days that are gone, enjoyed unusual public respect.

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