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This Rationing Problem

Confusion continues among high government officials and Naval and Military officers over the surplus gasoline that is unused by ration card Bolders and whether it may be used for any other purpose than in their actual work. Some say that the holders of ration cards may not use their surplus gas, while others express the view that there is no restriction as to how the fuel is used.

It is pointed out that inequity has existed where it is expected that a person allotted three gallons of gasoline a week for driving to work is not allowed a pint extra for pleasure and non-essential purposes; while a person who desires to use his car for pleasure and non-essential driving is given the same amount as the neighbor who uses his entire allottment for driving to work.

According to James E. Van Zandt, congressman. from this district, it is the opinion of many observers that the real basis of gasoline rationing is to bring further conservation of rubber by forcing automobiles off the road; but the real reason is the vexing problem of transportation.

In reality, the far reaching effects of gasoline rationing on the Pennsylvania scene are just beginning to be felt. Record lows in both traffic and accidents on highways in several parts of the State have already been reported.

On the other hand, a Western Pennsylvania farmer claims to be able to produce marketable gesoline from water and a few chemicals The U. S. Navy has ignored his claims since 1916 he says, despite all his efforts to show them how it is done.

Synthetic Rubber

With President Roosevelt promising that the first supply of auto tires made from synthetic rubber will be made available in the near future, the Brookings Institute has concluded a study which reveals the seriousness of the acute rubber shortage.

It is estimated that 20,000,000 passenger cars are needed to maintain civilian economy without serious disruption, and that there are about 27,-000,000 cars in operation in normal times. If normal driving habits continue, the supply of tires will be unable to meet essential requirements by the middle of 1943 and will be completely exhausted by 1945. The suggestion has been made in the report of the Brookings Institute that drastic steps should be taken-and one plan is offered which would empower legal action by the government prohibiting the ownership of more than five tires in one family. Such action would affect families having two cars and, it is said, would remove from the highways approximately 2,000 000 passenger cars. All in all, when the time comes for citizens to give up their cars, those in large cities will be taken first. While hardship would result, the effect would not be as disastrous as in small communities and rural sections.

Pardon us, fellas. We know we're only a little

green measuring worm. We're so sure of this

that we use the editorial "we" to keep ourselves

from thinking that there's anything singular about

us. The fact that it's an editorial policy on this

At any rate, being just a little worm and all by

ourselves, we never seem to get very far with our

ideas, such as they are. Not that we want to par-

ticularly, but we do have to meet a deadline once

But here's our little green idea for this week

anyway. (At least the editor will see it: he has

to check all the columns.) You see, we met a

couple of Ensigns last week, and even from a

worm's eye view, they looked pretty good to us,

with their uniforms and their smiling faces and

all that ick. Good for campus morale and de-

fense and other things that people talk about

We learned that a couple of these Ensigns know

something besides engineering and how to mea-

sure things. One of them writes poetry, and a

few more said they could play the piano and sing.

Then we happened just happened, mind you, to

be eavesdropping somewhere and heard that some

of the campus big shots are planning a Big De-

fense Weekend for this Summer. And when we

say "Big," we mean in blig red letters all over

the place. Big shots never do anything little, you

A Worm's Eye

View . . .

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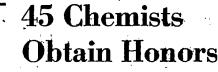
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Forty-five students in the School of Chemistry and Physics achieved an average of 2.5 or better last semester, Frank C. Whitmore, dean of the school, announced last night.

Seniors Howard B. Irvin and Robert H. Kough, juniors William and sophomore George C. Mosch Main at 4:10 p. m. all received a perfect average of 3.00.

Members of the senior class who obtained honor averages are Rob- mitting, Club paddock, 7 p. m. ert G. Geier, Jack A. Grebe, Gloria A. Hansel, John W. Healy, Abe 110 Home Economics, 7 p. m. Hodes, Salvadore P. Lio, Robert Mezey, Robert T. Struck, and John dation, 7 p. m. W. Walker.

Juniors Margaret J. Blackburn, Herman Panzer and Donald J. Practice period at 6:30 p. m. Wardrop made an honor average.

Wallace E. Almquist, Isadodore lounge at 6:30 p. m. D. Bolef, Frederick P. Boody, Robert B. Long, Kehl Markley, III, Cyril M. Miller, Charles R. Noddings, Ruth L. Popp, Ross-S. Rumbaugh, William G. Stroud, Jr., and Robert D. Williams are sophomore members of the honor roll.

Rounding out the list are freshmen James D. Bell, Roscoe O. Brady, Ben E. Clouser, Benjamin McAllister Hall, 5 p. m. J. Cohn, George W. Constantine. berg, Robert L. Hackman, Stephen A. Herbert.

Andrew Hishta, Herbert Kay, othy Wallace.



TODAY

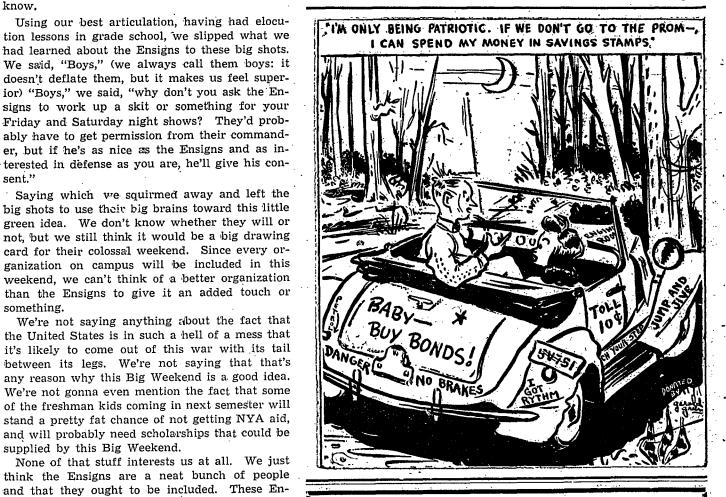
PSCA freshman women's camp W. Cooner and George W. Rusler committee meets in Room 304 Old

- IMA meeting open to all independent men, 305 Old Main, 7 p.m. Riding Club meets, weather per-
- Home Economics Club meets,
- Watch Services, Wesley Foun-
- WRA Badminton Club meets in White Hall at 7 p. m.
- Bowling Club meets at 7 p. m.
- Bridge Club meets in WRA
- Campus '44 meets in second floor lounge Old Main at 7:30 p.m. Mortar Board meeting, Miss
- Bentley's apartment, 5 p.-m. Campus '45 meets, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p. m.

TOMORROW

Alpha Lambda Delta meets, 220

Edwin Dorfman, Gershon M. Gold- Thomas C. Kraemer, Leland J. Lutz, Henry S. Myers, Gordon S. Rogers, Stanley S. Steif and Dor-



Taking Campus To The Camp

Thespians started producing Monday and they did it in a big way. Other enterprising organizations may well follow the lead of the campus masque and wigge big-wigs. In whole heartedly backing The Daily Collegian's fight to continue as a daily publication, the Thespians have also inaugurated a personal service for a former member of their group who is now with the armed forces. Here's how the plan works: Any recognized or-

beauty, but some of them stick so close to the Electrical Engineering Building that they don't know there's such a thing as a Sandwich Shop. (Not that that matters, but the Sandwich Shop does happen to be one of Penn State's scenic wonders.)

signs go to classes from 8 to 5 and see a good bit of

the coeds and add something to Penn State's

We know that the Ensigns are up here for a real purpose and can't waste time on Penn State's catalogue of activities, blut we feel that this Big Weekend is an exception. It would do something for Penn State and it would be a nice diversion for the Ensigns, and, if you'll pardon us, a more profitable one than drinking punch at sorority houses.

And that's our little green idea for the editor to pass judgment on.

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supplied by this Big Weekend.

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ganization may take advantage of The Daily Collegian's special subscription offer by pledging at least ten subscriptions. With the money thus saved because of the reduced price, the group can purchase a special mail subscription for someone in Uncle Sam's camps.

This commendable action will go a long way in breaking the monotony of routine living for the newly inducted selectee. Connections with Alma Mater through the medium of the press will aid in keeping her sons leal and loyal to her memory. —H. J. Z.

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