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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 holders 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 allotment 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 gasoline 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.

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-

A Worm's Eye View . . .



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 rag has nothing to do with it.

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 particularly, but we do have to meet a deadline once a week.

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 defense and other things that people talk about these days.

We learned that a couple of these Ensigns know something besides engineering and how to measure 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 Defense Weekend for this Summer. And when we say "Big," we mean in big red letters all over the place. Big shots never do anything little, you know.

Using our best articulation, having had elocution lessons in grade school, we slipped what we had learned about the Ensigns to these big shots. We said, "Boys," (we always call them boys: it doesn't deflate them, but it makes us feel superior) "Boys," we said, "why don't you ask the Ensigns to work up a skit or something for your Friday and Saturday night shows? They'd probably have to get permission from their commander, but if he's as nice as the Ensigns and as interested in defense as you are, he'll give his consent."

Saying which we squirmed away and left the big shots to use their big brains toward this little green idea. We don't know whether they will or not, but we still think it would be a big drawing card for their colossal weekend. Since every organization on campus will be included in this weekend, we can't think of a better organization than the Ensigns to give it an added touch or something.

We're not saying anything about the fact that the United States is in such a hell of a mess that it's likely to come out of this war with its tail between its legs. We're not saying that that's any reason why this Big Weekend is a good idea. We're not gonna even mention the fact that some of the freshman kids coming in next semester will stand a pretty fat chance of not getting NYA aid, and will probably need scholarships that could be supplied by this Big Weekend.

None of that stuff interests us at all. We just think the Ensigns are a neat bunch of people and that they ought to be included. These Ensigns go to classes from 8 to 5 and see a good bit of the coeds and add something to Penn State's 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.)

We know that the Ensigns are up here for a real purpose and can't waste time on Penn State's catalogue of activities, but 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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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.

45 Chemists Obtain Honors

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 W. Cooner and George W. Rusler and sophomore George C. Mosch all received a perfect average of 3.00.

Members of the senior class who obtained honor averages are Robert G. Geier, Jack A. Grebe, Gloria A. Hansel, John W. Healy, Abe Hodes, Salvatore P. Lio, Robert Mezey, Robert T. Struck, and John W. Walker.

Juniors Margaret J. Blackburn, Herman Panzer and Donald J. Wardrop made an honor average.

Wallace E. Almquist, Isadodore 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 J. Cohn, George W. Constantine, Edwin Dorfman, Gerghon M. Goldberg, Robert L. Hackman, Stephen A. Herbert.

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Campus Calendar

TODAY

PSCA freshman women's camp committee meets in Room 304 Old Main at 4:10 p. m.

IMA meeting open to all independent men, 305 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Riding Club meets, weather permitting, Club paddock, 7 p. m.

Home Economics Club meets, 110 Home Economics, 7 p. m.

Watch Services, Wesley Foundation, 7 p. m.

WRA Badminton Club meets in White Hall at 7 p. m.

Bowling Club meets at 7 p. m. Practice period at 6:30 p. m.

Bridge Club meets in WRA lounge at 6:30 p. m.

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 McAllister Hall, 5 p. m.

Thomas C. Kraemer, Leland J. Lutz, Henry S. Myers, Gordon S. Rogers, Stanley S. Steif and Dorothy Wallace.



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