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PATTON SCHOOLS SHOW PATRIOTISM

Both Teachers and Pupils Subscribe Freely to War Loan

Patton Schools are surely setting a fine example of true patriotism before the citizens of the town. Not only to the town, by winning honor and glory in everything she undertakes, but also to the nation by doing her "bit" in buying Liberty Loan Bonds of the Second Loan.

This week alone, twenty-four of the teachers employed by the school district of Patton Borough, purchased Liberty Bonds amounting to \$4,400. This is an average of \$183.33 per teacher, which the patriotic pedagogues of Patton have placed at the disposal of the United States Government. These teachers have done "their bit," have you?

And on Wednesday, the day set aside by the president of the United States as Liberty Day, the school children proved their loyalty by purchasing a \$50.00 bond. Surely this is the proper enthusiasm to show on a day when so much is at stake; when money means lives, liberty and happiness. The pupils have done their bit, have you?

The spirit shown by both teachers and pupils, or we might say, by the school is the spirit which every true American citizen should possess; the spirit that will lend us on and will win this war for America and her allies. The school is to be looked up to, helped and encouraged. She has done her "bit," have you?

TO WORKMEN AND SKILLED ARTISANS

In Uncle Sam's hour of need you must assuredly be doing your part. You work long hours. You are giving up much of the pleasure of life. You are doing your share of the fighting. But this only shows your loyalty to the Government.

Now your Uncle Sam has another proposition to offer you. He wants to make you a business partner. He wants you to put away a little of the money you earn for a rainy day. And in doing this, Uncle Sam is looking out for your welfare in after years.

Your Uncle Sam is willing to pay you 4 per cent interest for doing as he says. First of all he wants you to save your money.

The money that you save each week he wants you to invest in your Government. The security he wants you to invest in is the safest in the world. It pays a 4 per cent annual dividend. And you can take as long as 50 weeks to purchase as little as \$50 worth of the security Uncle Sam is offering you. This security is as good as currency—it will buy anything.

What other investment can you purchase as easily and still have the same satisfaction of safety?

But you must decide right now to buy because your Government cannot be delayed.

Go to any bank. Ask for a Liberty application. Say whether you are interested in partial payment or full payment.

By this act you will show your appreciation of the "land of the free." You will show also that you have an eye to business. But start at once to BUY A LIBERTY BOND.

X-RAY INSTALLED IN SPANGLER HOSPITAL

The new X-Ray apparatus has been installed in the Miners' Hospital at Spangler this week. It is the newest type of X-Ray machines. This machine was ordered by the local hospital and arrived at the institution some weeks ago. It was not set up for use, however, until this week owing to the delay of the manufacturers in sending an expert here to erect it. The Spangler institution is progressing with rapid strides in its excellent service and treatment of the sick and injured. This institution is of inestimable value to this community. It not only has saved many lives owing to its immediate location, but is fast becoming one of the best institutions of its kind in this part of the state.

Nothing to Brag Of.

"Her ancestors came over in Mayflower."
"Yes. Everybody traveled in the stage then."—Detroit Free Press.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR COMMUNITY CHORUS

Meeting Night Has Been Changed to Tuesday of Each Week

The movement to organize a Community Chorus in Patton has met with the greatest approval on all sides. Already a chorus of about thirty-five persons has met and more are expected to join at the next meeting.

It was at first decided to hold rehearsals Monday evenings but by a vote taken at the meeting this week, Tuesday evening at 8:15 P. M. was found to be the better evening for all concerned.

Reports from the neighboring towns show with what enthusiasm the organizations are working in their respective places. Already they have taken up two or three of the choruses or come in other than first, it will be necessary that all persons wishing to join will do so at the earliest possible moment.

Among those who have already pledged their support to the Patton Chorus are:

Margaret Palcho, Josephine Dinmore, Virginia Cooper, Millie O'Brien, Gladys Fuller, Sadie Kelsall, Rose Hayden, Rosella Christoff, Margaret Christoff, Jeanette Brunau, Laura Winslow, Zella Mullen, Mrs. Emerson Kriegerman, Mrs. Ray E. Brown, Mrs. Geo. Good, Jr., Mabel Pulla, Edna Cooper, Yvonne Yergler, Francis McCoy, Larnie Winslow, Lottie Jones, Mrs. M. H. Gardner, Eva Young, Mary Overberger, Miriam Lilley, Mrs. Ralph Good, Mrs. Don W. Coder, Byron Bearer, John Palcho, J. Fryzinger, Leonard Overberger, Harry Chapman, M. B. Cowher, Geo. Marshall, Dr. B. J. Overberger, John Kelsall, Richard Rowland, Garfield Wilkins, F. B. Williams, Don W. Coder, John Maud.

GOVERNMENT FIXES PRICES OF FOOD

Sugar Is Cut 2 Cents in Illinois, While Flour and Potatoes Are Also on List—"Fair" Rates Are To Be Published Daily

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—For the first time in the history of the United States, a government representative has fixed the "fair" price of certain foodstuffs. Harry A. Wheeler, a food administrator of Illinois, today announced the proper prices for sugar, potatoes and flour. Grocers for the most part have agreed to put the prices into effect. They are somewhat lower than recent prices in Chicago, about 2 cents in the retail price of sugar.

Mr. Wheeler's list gives the price which the retailer should pay the middleman, and the price which the customer should pay over the counter. Other prices for staples will be announced as fast as possible. Today's list follows:

Flour, well-known advertised mill brands, running four bags to the barrel, per bag, retailer to pay \$2.80 to \$2.92; customer pays \$2.95 to \$3.18. One-eighth barrel flour in cotton bags, per bag, retailer, \$1.42 to \$1.45; customer, \$1.49 to \$1.60.

Five pounds flour, cotton bags, per bag; retailer pays \$1 to \$2; customer pays 26 to 37.
Potatoes, No. 1, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Dakota, per hundred weight, retailer pays \$2.35 to \$2.50; customer pays 43 to 46 per peck (15 pounds).

Sugar, beet, bulk guaranteed, per hundred weight, retailer pays \$7.65 to \$7.76; customer pays 67% to 68% per pound.

Sugar, western cane granulated in bulk, per hundred weight, retailer pays \$7.65 to \$7.76; customer pays 67% to 68% a pound.

Prices regarded as "fair" will be published daily hereafter. They are not compulsory, but it is the idea of Mr. Wheeler that "unfair" dealers will be forced into line of publicity.

About twenty other staples remain to be listed. Canned goods are now being considered, and the price list for condensed milk may be announced tomorrow.

NOTICE

On account of the excess war tax on motion pictures amounting to 10 per cent on the gross receipts, the price of admission at the local theatres has been advanced, and in the future a tax of one cent will be charge on 5 and 10 cent tickets, making admissions total 6 and 11 cents.

CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE DRAFT MACHINERY

Men of Next Draft Call Divided Into Five Classes. Men Needed At Home Will Not Be Called

A sweeping change in the machinery of the selective draft, based on divisions of the 9,000,000 remaining registrants into five classes in order of their eligibility for military service, has been announced by Provost Marshal General Crowder. Details of the plan, which has been approved by President Wilson, are not disclosed. It is calculated, however, to do away with virtually all the complicated machinery of the first draft and to make the operations of the local boards hereafter little more than rubber stamp proceedings.

The plan was worked out at conferences with local and district board officials and approved by the various state authorities. Its chief features are that every registered man will know his exact position and be able to arrange his affairs accordingly, and that no man deemed necessary in any important industry or needed at home to support his family will be called to the colors unless the military situation is desperate.

Detailed regulations to govern the new system are now being made ready for distribution to local and district board members. General Crowder in a formal statement assures them that they will be given ample opportunity to familiarize themselves with these regulations before the machinery provided is called into use. As the next call to the colors is to be made under the new plan, this assurance is taken to indicate that the second call is not to be expected before the first of the year, although no authoritative statement on this point is yet available.

The five classifications into which men taken in the draft are to be divided in the new regulations are as follows, and show to every man registered to which class he belongs, and in which order the different classifications will be called to service.

- 1—Single man without dependent relatives.
- 2—Married man or widower with children (who habitually fails to support his family).
- 3—Married man dependent on wife for support.
- 4—Married man (or widower with children not usefully engaged, family supported by income independent of his labor).
- 5—Men not included in any other description in this or other classes.
- 6—Unskilled laborer.

- Class Two
- 1—Married man or father of motherless children. Usefully engaged but family has sufficient apart from his daily labor to afford reasonably adequate support during his absence.
- 2—Married man; no children; wife can support herself decently and without hardship.
- 3—Skilled industrial laborer engaged in necessary industrial enterprise.
- 4—Skilled farm labor engaged in necessary agricultural enterprise.

- Class Three
- 1—Man with foster children dependent on daily labor for support.
- 2—Man with aged, infirm or invalid parents or grandparents dependent on daily labor for support.
- 3—Man with brothers or sisters incompetent to support themselves, dependent on daily labor for support.
- 4—County or municipal worker.
- 5—Fireman or policeman.
- 6—Necessary artificers or workmen in arsenals, armories and navy yards.
- 7—Necessary custom house clerk.
- 8—Persons necessary in transmission of mails.
- 9—Necessary employes in service of United States.
- 10—Highly specialized administrative experts.
- 11—Technical or mechanical experts in industrial enterprise.
- 12—Highly specialized agricultural expert in agricultural bureau of state or nation.
- 13—Assistant or associate manager of necessary industrial enterprise.

- 14—Assistant or associate manager of necessary agricultural enterprise.
- Class Four
- 1—Married man with wife (and) or children (or widower with children) dependent on daily labor for support and no other reasonably adequate support available.
- 2—Mariners in sea service of merchants or citizens in United States.
- 3—Heads of necessary industrial enterprises.
- 4—Heads of necessary agricultural enterprises.

- Class Five
- 1—Officers of states or the United States.
- 2—Regularly or duly ordained ministers.
- 3—Students of divinity.
- 4—Persons in military or naval service.
- 5—Aliens.
- 6—Alien enemies.
- 7—Persons morally unfit.

JUDGE STEPHENS SENDS NEGRO TO PENITENTIARY

Judge Stephens Cuts Short List of Larcenies But Gives Long Term

EBENSBURG, Oct. 23.—Thomas Walker, a big slouchy negro appeared before the court this afternoon and plead guilty to charges of larceny. He was arrested recently in the state of Indiana and brought back to this county by Constable James Barnes of Johnstown after a prolonged absence during which officers puzzled themselves as to his whereabouts.

"What all did this fellow steal?" Judge Stephens asked of District Attorney Weimer as the defendant stood before the bar.

"Well," said the district attorney, "he stole a watch and a necklace from one place, two suits of clothes from another, some money from a third place, and several—"

"Better not enumerate any more," said Judge Stephens, "or he'll never get back. We're going to give him a little trip to the penitentiary for about a 2 1/2 year maximum. We'll have to teach some of these fellows a lesson. They flock up here from the south as they please. The sentence of this court is that this defendant pay a fine of \$25, costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the Western penitentiary for a term of from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 years. And if he ever comes back here again—well, he'll find us here, waiting for him."

Frank J. Hartmann of this place was appointed guardian of Elizabeth, Edward Bernetta, Raymond, Dorothy and Christina Bodenschatz, minor children of Margaret Bodenschatz, of Summerhill township.

William H. and Rose M. Reed were granted permission by the court to adopt Bertha Elizabeth Incho, daughter of Clarence and Anna Incho of Johnstown.

Edgar S. Geist and his wife were granted permission to adopt Harold Paul Irvin, son of Charles R. Irvin, of Johnstown.

A. J. McGeary was appointed guardian of Mildred Quinn, daughter of Clara A. Quinn, late of Gallitzin township.

Divorces were granted by the court in the following cases: Sarah Wantzi vs. John Wantzi, John Facan vs. Mary Facan, Lula Coalter Hippler vs. George A. Hippler.

When Will Reddington receded into a sitting hen's nest recently he received an especially hard rap on his hand that caused it to bleed profusely. Reddington blamed the hen and irately reached on after her, then broke the standing high jump record when he came into contact with a big bull snake. Upon being killed it was found to measure five feet in length. The sitting hen and her eggs are missing.—Exchange.

SILK MILL OWNER'S WIFE STRICKEN ILL IN PATTON

Mrs. Ernest Levy Removed On Cot to Home in Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Ernest Levy, wife of the proprietor of the Patton silk mill, was taken suddenly ill while in Patton recently and was compelled to remain at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morgan until Monday morning, when she was removed to her home in Newark, N. J.

Mr. Morgan is superintendent of the Patton silk mill. Mrs. Levy was still seriously ill when she departed for home and had to be removed from the Morgan home to the railroad depot on a cot. She was accompanied as far as Altoona by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morgan, E. J. Cahalan and Barney Blankenfield.

TRIES TO DYNAMITE WAY OUT OF JAIL

Amandus Bearer of Spangler New In Ebensburg On Serious Charge

FRIENDS TRY TO AID HIM

Amandus Bearer of Spangler, arrested on charges of assaulting a 12-year-old Spangler girl, and lodged in the Barnesboro jail Monday night for safekeeping, attempted to blow his way to freedom by setting off a stick of dynamite under his cell door during the night.

When Chief of Police Ellis Davies went to deliver breakfast to the prisoner Tuesday morning, the officer was amazed to find a hole four feet long, 28 inches in width and about 8 inches deep through the concrete floor under the door of the cell occupied by the prisoner. The cell door was still intact.

Bearer, wrapped heavily in his blankets, lay snoring in his cell. The eight-inch hole had not been large enough to admit the passage of his body through the aperture blown in the concrete by the stick of explosive and the prisoner had gone back to sleep. He was entirely unharmed. A big block of wood had been placed near the cell door, doubtless with the intent to help break the shock of the explosion.

The prisoner admitted to Officers Davies and Wrippe Coop that he had attempted to blow his way to freedom, but refused to state how he had come into possession of the dynamite. Officers believe that two men, friends of the prisoner, wrapped the dynamite in rags and pushed it through the bars of the prisoner's window, digging the night, but Bearer would volunteer no information as to this.

The police declare they have evidence which proves beyond any doubt that the stick of dynamite was furnished through an outside agency.

Bearer was arrested by Burglar Albert P. Wyland Monday evening and lodged in the lockup because the borough of Spangler has no prison secure enough to be relied upon.

The local lockup is located in the basement of the municipal and fire company building, constructed some years ago of brick, and fireproof throughout. The cells, door and window frames and the floor is built of concrete. No one has yet been able to effect an escape from the cells.

Bearer told the officers he had wrapped himself securely in several blankets provided for his comfort during the night, so as to withstand the shock of the explosion.

The prisoner was removed to the county jail in Ebensburg by Constable Jacob Koons of Spangler.

EDITOR HIPPS OF CARROLLTOWN WEDS

George Edward Hipps, editor of the Carrolltown News, and Miss Magdalene McNulty, daughter of Mrs. Catherine McNulty of Carrolltown, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Thursday morning of last week in St. Benedict's Catholic church at Carrolltown. Following the marriage vows, a high mass was said by Father Thomas, rector of the church, assisted by Fathers Sylvester and Berthold.

The bride is one of Carrolltown's best known ladies. She had for several years been clerk in the postoffice at that place.

G. E. Hipps is owner and editor of the Carrolltown News, Postmaster at Carrolltown and President of the Carrolltown School Board.

LIBERTY LOAN MEETING LAST NIGHT

The Liberty Loan Rally at the Grand Theatre, was largely attended and much interest manifested, indicating that Patton will do her full share in providing funds to equip and protect our soldier boys at the front. The meeting was in charge of Wm. H. Sandford, chairman, and addressed by Hon. Alvin Sherbine and Hon. John M. Rose of Johnstown. The spirit and eloquence of addresses demanded close attention of the audience and were greatly appreciated. A committee of six was appointed by the chair to make a thorough canvass of the business men and citizens so that all may have an opportunity of doing their part in this hour of their country need.

GATTY SELLERS RETURNS

After repeated requests the world-famed English organist-composer revisiting the United State for a limited period, and plays on Wednesday, Nov. 7th at the Presbyterian church.

At the moment of mobilization of the armies Mr. Sellars was playing in Germany, where the Welte-Mignon Company were recording his performances on their perforated rolls for after reproduction on their phonographic organs. He returned immediately to England and was requested to complete the contract at New York City, meanwhile being the first organist in England to be recorded by the Columbia Graphophone Company.

This is therefore a unique opportunity to hear this famous artist in the same original organ compositions, performed for such "recording" where it is interesting to note Padewski had previously been engaged to render some of his Pianoforte works.

On his last American tour a "World's Record" was established in 500 recitals being given in direct succession, 75,000 miles covered, strange organs visited, frequently without rehearsal (owing to train delays), and programs played entirely from memory.

Appearing on the greatest organs in the country the recitals attracted the largest audiences for an organ recital in the history of most of the cities visited. On the present Trans-Continental Tour there will be an entire change of program, including some of his latest compositions (now published by no less than sixteen leading English, American and German firms), and it is anticipated that again many of the auditoriums will be all too small to accommodate the immense numbers that these performances have drawn in the past.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY DOING "THEIR BIT"

The American Telephone & Telegraph Company and its Associated Companies, forming the Bell System, announce subscription, in behalf of themselves and their employees, for \$5,000,000 of the Second Liberty Loan.

This subscription is to be allotted to localities, or sections of the country, as nearly as may be, in proportion to the quotas assigned by the Treasury Department to the various Federal Reserve Districts, so that each such District will get credit for its proportionate share of the total sum. The actual subscription will be made in such locality by the Associated Company operating in such locality.

There is also announced the adoption of a plan whereby employees of the companies above mentioned may purchase Liberty Bonds through those companies, paying for them in weekly or monthly installments, by deductions from pay.

CINCH PARTY BIG SUCCESS

Firemen Net Neat Sum of \$102.80

The Cinch Party held in the Firemen's Hall last Wednesday night, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary was a tremendous success and the evening greatly enjoyed by all present. The proceeds, amounting to \$102.80 will be used to help pay for redecorating and refurbishing the parlor of their building. Both the firemen and the auxiliary were well pleased with the affair and extend their sincerest thanks to all their patrons.