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## CIVILIAN DEFENSE ASSIGNMENTS FOR PATTON ANNOUNCED

Names of Those to Work on Various Committees With Duties Are Framed for Boro

Announcement has been made by the various chairmen of the Patton Civilian Defense Committee of the assignment of citizens to duties that will befall them under the set-up. In not all cases have all appointments been made, and additions will be made from time to time. Following is the list to date:

**POLICE**—V. J. Bender, chief, telephone, residence 3291; business 3141; Assistants—Milton A. Stoltz, Joseph Haluska, Joseph Cammarata; Auxiliary—Irvin Shuss, Harry Deschamps, Knute Forsberg, Oscar Sura, Frank Rogers, Chas. F. Kruse, Robert Forsythe, John Thomas Jr., Joseph Skurky, Theodore Ott and Albert Thomas, Sr.

### Air Raid Warden Assignments.

North and East of Palmer House Corner; John Stevens, chief. Assigned Districts: Section 1—Magee avenue, North 4th to 5th—Wardens: Frank Fregly, Walter Jenkins, Robert Burkey, Fifth Avenue, east, Magee to Beech, Gerald Fisher, Irvin Dietrick. Fifth Avenue, east, Beech to Terra Cotta—Horace Iert, Dr. E. J. Overberger. Beech, 4th to 5th avenue—Francis Huber, W. V. Airhart, Gust Anderson. Fourth Avenue, west, Magee to MacIntyre, Palmer 4th to 5th—Cyril Fisher, Ruel Burkhardt, Vernon Swedberg. Fourth Avenue, east, Magee to MacIntyre, Hermon and Palmer, east of Fourth—Wm. Jones, Vince Gasto, John Berdosky.

South and East of Drug Store Corner, Bert Douglas, Chief. Magee Avenue (South) to Bridge—John Thomas, Elmer Smith, Ed Kelly. Fifth, east, to Magee Avenue—Leroy McDermott, Charles Donahue. Fourth, south of Magee Avenue, Lang east of Fifth—Joe Rudolph, Ray Karheim. Fifth, east, Bridge to Park—Bert Dietrick, Fred Morley. Melion, east, Park to Cavanaugh's—Daniel Link, E. W. Winstow, Frank Callahan.

Clay Works: Plant—Martin Yahner, Dan Jenkins, and Gus McNulty. Terra Cotta Avenue—Martin Yahner, Pete Furlage. Back of Plant—John Homyak.

Section beyond bridge toward St. Lawrence; Geo. Masnica, chief. McIntyre Avenue, Fourth Avenue to Creek, and Mrs. Schwab's Section—Albert Baker. Highland Avenue—Emery Haluska, Jr.

North and West of McCormick Hotel Corner: John I. Barnard, chief. Fifth Avenue, west, Beech to Terra Cotta—Ken Rhody, Frank Cammarata, Rudy Huber. Fifth Avenue, west, Magee to Beech—James Leon, John Churella, Angelo Laurito. Beech Avenue, 5th to 6th—Fred McCann, Rev. Henry Thurnauer, Harry Buck, Jr., Rev. J. A. Turner.

Palmer Avenue, 5th to 6th—Quentin Rowland, E. Donahue, Richard Dillon, Mark Malkin. Magee, north, 5th to Bridge—Mike Leocava, Ben A. Christoff, Fred Maurer. Beech Avenue, 6th to Ross, and side streets—Fred Rogers, Clarence Williams, Ed Jenkins. Magee, north, Bridge to Mill—Claire Smale, Melvin Scott, Ben Sperry. Palmer Avenue, 6th to 8th, 6th, and Brown Avenue—Mac Denlinger, Wm. Sally, Raymond Bauman. Magee, north, Mill to Ross and Ross—Gerald Hoover, John Petrusky, Mr. Kirk. Beech Avenue, Ross to Highland Grove and Lincoln Avenue—Eli Steir, Albert Welshire, Orville Ivory. Palmer Avenue, 8th to Highland Av.—(Continued on Page 9.)

## TWO-MINUTE BLAST WILL SIGNIFY RAID

Air-raid alarms in Pennsylvania will be two minutes long and may be sounded either with a siren or a horn, the State Council of Defense has announced.

This uniform plan has been adopted by the Third Civilian Defense Region—Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Here's how the sirens will sound: "A fluctuating or warbling note of two minutes' duration with varying intervals between cycles to conform with the mechanical limitations of the particular instrument."

The "all-clear" will be "a continuous sound" with out break in the tone for two minutes.

If air horns are used, the alarm will be a series of short blasts of five seconds' duration, with three second intervals between blasts for a two minute period. The "all-clear" will be a long blast if it is possible with the particular horn used. If not, then as long a blast as the horn will permit, repeated at 20-second intervals for two minutes.

## ROOSEVELT SUGGESTS AND SECURES SIX MAN COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Proposition of John Lewis Calling for AFL-CIO Merger Stymied by Chief Executive

Last week, as noted in these columns, John L. Lewis, President of the U. M. W. of A., sent letters to William Green and Philip Murray suggesting the AFL and CIO again resume their peace negotiations. According to newspaper stories, President Roosevelt is understood to have opposed the suggestion on the ground that a merger of the two organizations at this time would lead to a scramble for union jobs and to subsequent distraction of workers on vital defense production.

It is said that instead the President conferred secretly with CIO President Murray and AFL President Green, and won their approval on a substitute plan. It called for the creation of a six-man CIO-AFL committee to adjust jurisdictional and other differences between the organizations for the duration of the war. The President will sit as the seventh man on the board when his services are needed.

Both organizations named their representatives to the committee during the past week-end. The AFL chose Green, George Eany and Daniel J. Tobin. The executive board of the CIO at a meeting selected Murray, R. J. Thomas and Julius Emppack. The trio, according to Mr. Murray, supersedes the old CIO peace committee, of which Mr. Lewis was a member. The new committee is not a peace committee in the sense that it will draft a formula under which the organizations could be merged.

Stories suggest there is a possibility Mr. Lewis may lead his 500,000 miners out of the CIO as a result of the week's developments. Neither Mr. Lewis nor his closest associates would confirm or deny persistent reports of the United Mine Workers of America bolting and becoming an unaffiliated union.

## CRESSON BOARD LISTS NAMES FOR ARMY CALL

Cambria County Selective Service Board No. 1, with headquarters at Cresson, have announced the list of men to be inducted early next month at an undisclosed camp. Date of induction and destination are no longer published in accordance with the War Department regulations.

The following names from this section were published:

- Edgar A. Vincent, Dysart.
- Andrew Senita Jr., Patton.
- Paul G. Montgomery, Ashville R. D.
- Michael George Pavia, Patton.
- Clair Lewis Endler, Patton.
- Isaac Michael Bosar, Patton.
- Michael John Pipas, Hastings.
- John James Sottile, Patton.
- Albert Perron Thomas Jr., Patton.
- Henry K. Barnett, Flinton R. D. 1.
- John Vasil, Hastings R. D. 1.
- George E. Semelsberger, Hastings.
- Curtis Fisher, Patton.
- James Lester, Mountaineale.
- Thaddeus T. Tomcheck, Flinton.
- Adrian Earl Kibler, St. Boniface.
- Albert Petrunyak, Patton.
- Joseph Alonza Long, Patton R. D. 1.
- Daniel Little, Chest Springs R. D. 1.
- Paul Walter Conrad, Ashville.
- Ralph G. Weakland, Hastings.
- Thomas P. Bradley, Hastings.
- Gerald Francis Kane, Patton.
- John A. Nedmyer, Flinton R. D. 1.
- Frederick J. Hertzog, Dysart.
- Louis J. Kielbewick, Patton R. D. 1.
- Louis Paul Shetty, Hastings.
- William A. Stoneberg, Hastings.
- John Psioda, Patton R. D. 1.
- Charles Richard Churella, Patton.
- Walter K. Gates, Flinton R. D. 1.
- Earl E. Gregory, Patton.
- Paul L. Kirkpatrick, Patton.
- Leonard Francis Sumper, Patton.

## Substantial Americans

NO GREATER EXAMPLE of true patriotism is shown anywhere in the Nation than the practice of practically every local union of the United Mine Workers of America in this section of the state, in the purchase of Defense Bonds and in support given to the Red Cross and other patriotic and charitable causes. These mine locals, if the treasury warrants, purchase Bonds from their treasuries, but more than that, practically all of them, too, make their greatest contributions, as individuals, purchasing Bonds, and contributing to war work through the check-off system. So far mining has not been listed as a defense industry, and all over the north of the county the rolls of enlistments and draftees into the armed services of the Nation show a vast majority of miners.

## SOMETHING ALL CAN DO



## COUNTY'S BONDED DEBT CUT GREATLY DURING PAST YEAR

Increased Expenditures Cause of Cut in Reduction Over That of the Previous Year

The bonded indebtedness of Cambria County was reduced \$269,000 during 1941, according to the annual report of Controller Dennis Westrick, which has been submitted to Judge Griffith by Attorney Philip Lippman, solicitor to the controller, and order filed in the office of Prothonotary John L. Hite.

The debt reduction for the past year fell \$20,000 below that of 1940, when the debt was reduced by \$289,000. The bonded debt of the county as of January 5 was \$3,579,446.24.

In the county treasury as of January 5 was \$268,851 in various funds as compared to \$262,669.27 in funds on January 5, 1941. Of the total amount, \$173,473.05 is in the general fund, \$90,378.76 in the sinking funds and \$5,000 in a special bond fund set up to redeem county bonds, payment of which is due, but which have not been presented for payment.

The county's financial position has also been increased since January 5 by the payment by the state to the county of \$68,425.41 out the gas tax fund. This amount is not included in Mr. Westrick's report.

County tax collections during 1941 were \$984,584.20, a reduction of \$6,338.48 as compared to collections in 1940, when \$990,922.68 was paid into the county treasury from tax sources. A portion of the lessened collections was due to the reduction in the assessed valuations in the county. For taxation purposes, the valuations in 1941 were \$139,330,153 as compared to \$130,186,932 in 1940, a reduction of \$856,799.

Total receipts showed an increase of \$82,845.17 last year as compared to 1940. The increase was due principally to the receipt by the county from the state last year of \$114,924.91 from the gas fuel tax fund. During 1940 no payment was made to the county by the state out of the fund as the money was withheld so it could be used for relief purposes. County receipts for 1941 were \$2,094,672.33 as compared to receipts of \$2,011,827.16 in 1940.

County expenditures in 1941 showed an increase of \$10,649.97 as compared to 1940. Total expenditures last year were \$2,008,489.79, while in 1940 they amounted to \$2,077,839.82. During the past year the county paid \$19,000 into the food stamp fund and \$14,444.92 was paid towards the new airport.

Interest charges last year on the bonded debt amounted to \$163,272.50 as compared to \$188,815 paid in 1940, a reduction of \$25,542.50. This was due to reductions made in the bonded debt during 1940.

## PRICE OF GASOLINE RISES ONE-HALF CENT

Effective in this territory at 7 a. m. last Monday, motorists in this section who still have tires to drive on, have had to pay one-half cent more per gallon for gasoline. The increased prices include taxes—four cents for Pennsylvania and one and one-half cents federal.

## MINERS WILL BUY BONDS BY PAYROLL DEDUCTION PLAN

U. M. W. A. and Coal Operators Estimate Large Buying of Securities Monthly

Heartily endorsed by James Mark, President of District No. 2, U. M. W. of A., and other mine union officials, and with the cooperation of the operators, a plan of voluntary payroll deductions for the purchase of United States Defense Stamps and Bonds, will be inaugurated among the 55,000 coal miners in Central Pennsylvania.

It is estimated that under the plan approximately \$250,000 worth of Defense Bonds will be purchased each month. Arrangements call for committees of two union members and two representatives of the operators to solicit subscribers to the plan at each mine. Deductions of \$6.25 or more per month to be authorized by each miner. It is planned to deduct \$3.00 from the first pay in the month and \$3.25 from the second.

However, instead of the employer deducting the money and retaining it until enough is accumulated to buy a bond, the amount deducted will be paid directly to the worker in Defense Saving Stamps. A Stamp Album will accompany the initial deduction. When the individual miner has accumulated Stamps amounting to \$18.75 he can go to his nearest postoffice and exchange them for a Defense Bond.

## PATTON RED CROSS DRIVE IS NOW ON

Chairman Harry H. Nehrig of the Patton Red Cross Drive announces that in conjunction with all other communities throughout the nation, the War Relief Drive of the organization has started this week in Patton and vicinity. The need to give, and give until it hurts, is known to all.

The general plan is for each business concern to contribute one day's profits or more, and for each worker to contribute one-half to one day's wages. No general house to house collection will be made, although contributions will be accepted by Francis X. Young at the First National Bank.

Committees appointed for the drive are as follows:

- Publicity—F. P. Cammarata, R. D. Back, and L. A. Haluska.
- Schools—W. M. Bosserman, Loretto E. Prindible, Yvonne Yeger.
- Clubs—R. A. Litzinger, L. S. Yeger, T. C. Gill, Mark Brown, Frank Schwab.
- Second Ward—H. O. Stoltz, F. X. Young, D. J. Link, R. J. Little, Frank Maykovich.
- First Ward—George C. Hoppel, T. C. Yahner, C. A. Snyder, Mark Arnold and F. J. Blankerhorn.

Raymond J. Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Ryan, of Dysart, has been selected as a member of the Franklin and Marshall College Varsity basketball team by Coach J. Shober Barr. This is Ryan's first year as a member of the varsity squad. Ryan, a member of the Sophomore class, is a graduate of the Patton High School where he played basketball, football and was on the track team.

## EXECUTIVE BODY OF NEW CHURCH GOING MOVE HAS MEETING

Committees Formulate Plans for Drive to Open With First Week of Lent

The executive committee of the "America Goes to Church" movement, sponsored by laymen of all churches of every denomination, in the North of Cambria County, held a meeting in the K. of C. Hall in Barnesboro on Friday evening in preparation for a general open meeting of the entire group, and of all persons interested in this worthy movement, to be held in the same hall on Thursday evening of this week at 8 o'clock.

The meeting, with executive committee chairmen Ralph Greenwood of Barnesboro and William J. Blatt of Patton and co-chairman George Clark of Barnesboro all presiding, proved to be one of total harmony and enthusiasm. Various committee chairmen reported tentative plans of procedure to carry the movement to all the people, and it was decided to open the campaign on February 18.

As noted in the papers last week, the movement is one sponsored by laymen members of the churches. Their plan is naturally one only of advertising and endeavoring to make the public "church conscious." The movement then naturally falls upon the membership of the individual churches themselves to carry on the work.

As the weeks go by, various methods will be utilized to carry the campaign to everybody. It will include newspaper and bill board advertising, newspaper articles, lapel buttons, window cards, slips inserted in packages bought in stores, and other methods.

The campaign really will hit its stride with the meeting in Barnesboro Thursday evening. All members of the original movement, together with all church laymen of all denominations who are interested in this cause, are urged and invited to be present. The meeting will start at 8 o'clock in the place? Knights of Columbus Hall in Barnesboro.

## PATTONITE MISSING AFTER SUB ATTACK

Stanley J. Batulis, 33, boatswain on the American ore carrier Venore, torpedoed by an enemy submarine off North Carolina Saturday, was listed as missing from the ill-fated vessel after its sinking.

Relatives of Batulis reside at Ebensburg and Windber. According to a sister the man, reared at Patton, was employed on the Venore for the last ten years, during which time he had not visited here in person but had sent frequent letters.

Batulis' mother, Mrs. Veronica Batulis, left Patton some time ago to make her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Dobronski of Ebensburg. At the present time she is in Washington, D. C. The father of Stanley Batulis, Frank Batulis, died some years ago in Patton.

Brothers and sisters of the missing boatswain are Frank Batulis, Philadelphia; Mrs. Rose Dobronski, Ebensburg; Mrs. Betty Delchamp, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Helen Midjetti, Greenbelt, Md., and Mrs. Ann Watyika, Windber.

Mrs. Dobronski disclosed that she mailed her brother a letter Sunday in which she enclosed a certified copy of his birth certificate requested by Boatswain Batulis. In one of his recent letters the man had announced plans for a visit to the county at the first opportunity when the Venore would dock at New York.

## CARROLLTOWN COAL CO. THANKS ALL HELPING TO EXTINGUISH MINE FIRE

"On behalf of the Carrolltown Coal Company, Mr. David Davidson, General Superintendent, wishes to thank all of the men who participated in helping to extinguish the fire inside the Victor No. 9 Mine Monday evening of last week.

The work performed stands out in mining history as being 100 per cent successful, due to the fact that no serious injury was suffered by anyone while the work was in progress; and the fire was extinguished without unnecessary delay, considering the fact that the very extensive mine had to be completely covered to make certain that the safety of all had been taken care of before ventilation could be interrupted.

The priorities board is quoted as saying that women's dresses will be shorter next year. If so they can no longer be classified as dresses.

## PATRIOTIC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEING MADE BY LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

Patton Lodge Taking Part in the Nation-Wide Observance of Two Great Patriots.

Patton Lodge, No. 488, of the Loyal Order of Moose, has consented to join their district in one of the largest campaigns in the history of the state, a mass initiation to be held throughout Pennsylvania, February 22nd in memory of two of our country's outstanding patriots, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

Patton's quota for this gala initiation is 100 new members, and for every candidate signed, 20 per cent of the initiation fee will be used for the purchase of defense bonds. The supreme lodge has set the National quota at 50,000 members with the purpose in mind to buy defense bonds so that the children and the aged of our fraternity have the protection that the members have given them for the past thirty years.

District No. 7 sponsors Patton, Cresson, Gallitzin, Johnstown, Nanty-Glo and Windber, who have banded themselves together to reach their quota of 1,000 new members until the 22nd of February, set by the supreme lodge as their part in this great movement.

The district has chosen United States Senator James J. Davis as the sponsor of the class, his great work in guiding the destinies of our country, plus the untiring work in building the great fraternity as Director General, has been an incentive for many lodges throughout this great land in making Moosehaven and Mooseheart monuments that will live forever.

Mooseheart with its hundreds of acres of well kept land and buildings, its schools, shops and churches, has for years housed and fed the Mothers and children of the members who have passed away.

Moosehaven, situated at Jacksonville, Florida, has been a refuge for the aged members who have reached the age of 65.

The local lodge members in the next five weeks will ask many of their friends to join their lodge, where the fellowships and friendly feelings help make the United States a safe place to live.

The many forms of protection offered by the Moose fraternity makes it one of the finest in the country, the sick and death benefits, the protection of the children, mothers and the aged, gives the member a feeling that he has been able to give his dear ones the protection he had planned for them.

The officers of the local lodge are untiringly devoting their time in making this drive a huge success, and hope to be one of the many lodges throughout the United States to receive the honor justly due them.

## HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

All students in the junior and senior high schools in Cambria County communities where American Legion Auxiliary units have been established are eligible to participate in an essay contest being sponsored by the County Council of the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Thomas A. Owens of Carrolltown, president, has announced.

In announcements forwarded to the leaders of auxiliary units throughout the county, Mrs. Owens reported that Dr. A. M. Stull, county superintendent of schools, has consented to appoint a board of judges to review the entries which must be received by Mrs. Owens prior to April 1.

First prize in the county contest is \$250 worth of defense stamps, to be presented by the council. In addition, the winning essay will be entered in the state contest and the state winners will be judged for the \$100.00 national award.

Essays must be on the subject, "The Characteristics of a Good American," and must not be more than 500 words in length. Principals of all secondary schools have been asked to invite their students to compete. "These essays," Mrs. Owens de-schools have been asked to invite the our children have been taught loyalty and patriotism."

## PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL TO CONTINUE NEXT YEAR

The National Professional Football League will operate next season as usual, Elmer Layden told persons who attended the annual St. Francis football banquet at Venetian Gardens in Altoona Monday night.

Layden, former head coach at Notre Dame University, was the principal speaker at the banquet held in honor of members of the St. Francis football team which went through 1941 without a defeat.