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DESPITE THE FACT that this Nation is in a critical and serious war, there still seems to be a lot of smug complacency manifested by a lot of people. It is fitting to ask why. After all, we Americans are a sturdy lot. We can take it. Reading heavy headlines in the papers about minor war victories, and small headlines about major enemy victories isn't helping the situation. Let Washington give the exact status of affairs, and likely a free people will rise to the emergency that faces a liberty-loving people.

A GENERAL SALES TAX is being seriously considered at Washington, despite news stories that grow weaker and weaker to the contrary. Look for rationing of gasoline soon after sugar. Reason: Not a gas shortage yet, but need of conserving tires (Government may eventually commandeer your "pleasure car" tires for the defense workers and it won't want the worn-out ones). Canada is already rationing gasoline.

BEING HEAD OF THE Cambria County Defense Council evidently "cuts no ice" with the members of the Cambria County Rationing Board No. 2, with headquarters at Ebensburg. Walter J. Stinson, head of the council, recently applied for tires for his car, as it is necessary for him to use the vehicle to visit the various local defense councils, as well as to permit him to perform other duties. But the rationing board says "no." Maybe that will make some of the wise chaps who say one will be able to get tires when he needs them sit up and take notice.

LOOMING AHEAD as the next major step in Government efforts to build up a mammoth Army is the 3rd Registration Day next Monday, when every man between the ages of 20 and 44 years, inclusive, will be enrolled for possible military service. It is pointed out by the registration officials that men should register at the registration places nearest their homes. They may register at any registration place, but it will be of tremendous assistance to the registrant and to all concerned in the administration of selective service if they will sign up in their own neighborhoods. Severe penalties are provided under the law for those who fail to meet this obligation of American citizenship.

THE NATION WENT INTO the new War Time very easily on Monday morning, and by this time most of us have caught up with the hour of sleep that was lost. In some sections,

there are those who find it inconvenient, but there is no reason for them not to observe the new time. All that has to be done is to time their duties one hour later and it will work just as well.

GOVERNOR JAMES will have the legislature in session very shortly for the principal purpose of reapportioning the congressional districts of the state. This job, by all that was responsible and decent, should have been done by this same legislature during the session that lasted from last January to July. But partisan politics held up any action, and at no time did leaders of either major party consider a just an equitable reapportionment.

THE LEGISLATURE will pass a bill reapportioning the districts this month, but there won't be anything just about it. Luzerne County will still be big enough for nearly two congressmen and our own 27th District will not have any relief. In short, what will happen at Harrisburg this month will be entirely the product of political maneuvering, legislative inertia, and an inability and refusal to tackle the job in an honest fashion. The new reapportionment will be "just better than nothing" and that is all.

WORKING IN conjunction with existing commodity rationing boards the school teachers of the county will handle the gigantic task of issuing "sugar books" to the entire population of the United States. The Government order directs the teachers to "crack down" on hoarders by withholding the sweet from them until their supplies are used up and inflicting severe penalties to the folks who won't play ball. The task will be one of the largest—if not the largest—even undertaken by teachers as a sideline to their class room duties.

SUGAR BOOKS WILL contain 28 numbered stamps, each good for the purchase of a definite amount of sugar—probably 12 ounces to each person—during a designated week. A provision in the order subjects sugar hoarders who make false reports to penalties up to \$10,000 or ten years' imprisonment in a federal penitentiary. As sugar is purchased, the storekeeper or clerk will tear out the proper stamp and paste it on a master card which he must turn in, when it is filled, to replenish his supplies for the following week.

DESPITE VERY inclement weather last Sunday, approximately 1,100 priests and laymen of the parishes comprising the Catholic Diocese of Altoona, met with the executives of the Boy Scouts of America, took a "Scouters'" instruction course, listened to outstanding speakers, and under the supervision of Bishop Guilfoyle laid the groundwork for the institution of many new Boy Scout troops over this area. Sponsored by the pastors of the Catholic parishes, the movement should gain great impetus.

THE JOHNSTOWN DEMOCRAT is of the opinion that neither Senator Joe Guffey nor Senator Jim Davis should be candidates for Governor of Pennsylvania. Both of these gentlemen were elected to the national jobs they now have, and the term of neither expires at this time. This is war time. These men have their work mapped out for them and the people expect them to perform their duty. We should not have to put up with the candidacy of either in Pennsylvania.

WE MIGHT BE MISTAKEN, but we don't think the general public is politically-minded these days. There's a war ahead, and a long one. Men who have jobs to perform whether they be in the State or Nation, and still have time to serve in those jobs, are asking a bit too much to ask the voters to make a change for them.

NEXT WEEK, with the beginning of the Lenten season, the "America

Goes To Church" movement will officially open in Northern Cambria County, and surely there is no more appropriate time than the present to practice the slogan. Had all the spirit of the Prince of Peace, wars would not be fought. And at no time in the history of our own Nation is religion more needed than right now. Join in the "church-going" spirit. You will be the one who will benefit

THE SOWER

I AM CALLING YOU I am a necessity to all who prize peace, progress and purity. I am hung about with sweetest memories—memories of glad boys and happy girls, memories of beautiful brides, memories of saintly mothers, memories of grand fathers who slowly groped their way down the long, long trail.

I am decked with loving tears, crowned by happy hands and aided by heroic hearts. I live in the beckoning visions of the young and in backward dreams of the old.

I lift up the fallen, relieve the burdened, strengthen the weak, help the distressed. I show mercy to the man in purple and fine linen, and bestow kindness on the man in homespun and cotton.

I bestow gifts that neither gold can buy, nor kings remove. These are given to all who seek them in sincerity.

I restore to defeated hearts the freshness, the eagerness and the spirit of conquering courage. I am the heaven-sent Agent through which the Divine Christ sends His Saving Gospel to sinning, suffering, scardid, selfish souls.

I am calling you! I AM YOUR FAMILY PEW. I came across the ocean with your forefathers.

I have followed the march of peoples, wherever they have gone. I was hewed out of the trees of the forest.

I was warmed by the presence of those who would worship the living God.

I am more than a board—I am an institution. I have extended my comfort to saint and sinner; I have felt the heart-throbs of those who sought the presence of God.

I have had a place in rude hut or log church; I have been made beautiful in the majesty of the sanctuary. I have seen the blood stains of those who fought for liberty.

I have made my contribution to the welfare of those who stood for truth and righteousness.

I have been taken to the depths of the cave and into the bomb cellar. I cannot be destroyed as long as men worship—I am eternal.

I am a connecting link between the home and the world around; I am the first line of defense.

I bring comfort to the lonely. Often I have been deserted by men who sought softer seats; men turn from me at their own peril; if they forget me they may lose their own souls.

I bear my mute testimony when the pastor exhorts. I am your Family Pew—I can be useful only as I am occupied.

PATTON METHODIST CHURCH

James A. Turner, Pastor Church school, 10 a. m. Worship services, 10:30 a. m. & 7:30 p. m. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Mid-week Bible Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

My Church wishes me every good; she puts at my disposal every spiritual benefit. In return she expects my loyalty. Offering me her unequalled love, she is jealous that I reciprocate her affection. Like a faithful wife, she is willing that I shall have unnumbered friends, but she claims the right to stand first in my devotion. "How is your business prospering?" a minister asked a Christian layman recently.

"Things are not breaking well with me financially," he replied. "Much that I owned has been lost. I have been obliged to resign membership in sixteen different secular organizations, but I have not yet found it necessary to reduce my subscription to my church." THERE is loyalty that speaks for itself.

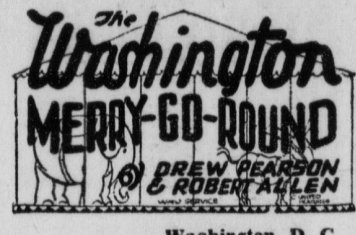
KOPPERS' CAMPS WELL ATTENDED DURING 1941

Seven hundred and ninety-nine children of Koppers Coal mine employes from 19 communities in W. Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky, attended summer camps conducted by Koppers Recreation Camps, Inc., last summer according to a report just made to officials by Thomas E. Lightfoot, the director of welfare for Koppers Coal.

Camps for white children are conducted at Camp Thomas E. Lightfoot, the modern 73-acre recreation center which opened for the first time last summer along the big bend of Greenbrier river near Hinton, W. Va. A camp for colored children was conducted near Wyndal, Fayette County, W. Va.

The majority of the children were between 9 and 14 years old, and a number of them were children of employes of the Koppers operations at Portage.

—Let freedom ring on Uncle Sam's cash register! Buy U. S. Defense Bonds and Stamps.



WARY GRAVY-TRAINER

You can write it down that Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard is going to be very chary about using that gravy-train veto power the farm lobby voted him in the price control bill.

He knows that the White House is still sputtering over his unauthorized endorsement of this lobby scheme at a crucial moment in the senate fight over the legislation. Also, that if he attempts to exercise the power he is liable to be slapped down even harder than when he fronted for the lobby.

Actually, under cover, Wickard has promised in effect to be a good boy.

It didn't leak out at the time, but during the secret deliberations of the joint senate-house conference committee on the bill, he wrote the committee a letter repudiating his previous endorsement and saying he didn't want the veto power over farm prices.

Wickard wrote this letter under White House pressure. He knew he was in bad and he tried to square himself.

But for the administration, the setback was too late. The damage had been done, for the amendment was in the bill and the lobby's pals on the joint committee were in a powerful position to stand pat.

In this final bitter fight, two Alabama Democrats and a Michigan Republican were responsible for the retention of the gravy-train provision. They were Sen. John H. Bankhead and Rep. Henry B. Steagall of Alabama, and Rep. Jesse P. Wolcott of Michigan.

As the amendment originated in the senate, under the rules, it was necessary for the house conferees to propose deletion. Steagall, chairman of the house group, publicly makes a great show of being a red hot Administrationite. But behind closed doors of the committee room he adamantly refused to heed Roosevelt's pleas for elimination of the lobby amendment.

Backed by Wolcott, who fought the vital war bill from the start, and with Bankhead running interference in the senate group, Steagall forced the retention of the provision.

Note: The administration's fight was made by Sen. Prentiss Brown, Michigan Democrat, and Sen. John Danaher, Connecticut Republican.

Another Note: Wickard's fronting for the farm lobby in the price control bill isn't the only row he's had on this score with inner administration leaders.

The papers are full of stories about a big crop expansion program this year to meet the food needs of U. S. war allies. Frequent press releases issue from the busy publicity staff of the agriculture department about grandiose plans.

The real inside is that Wickard didn't get busy on these plans until he was practically ordered to do so by Vice President Henry Wallace as head of the Economic Warfare board.

Wallace sent Wickard two sharp letters demanding prompt action to expand crop production and only then did Wickard bestir himself.

Certain farm elements are against crop expansion, on the ground that scarcity makes for better prices. Working through politically minded Triple A officials, who have a lot of influence with Wickard, the anti-expanders kept him on the fence until Wallace jarred him off.

Note: Secretly, the AAA politicians also had a lot to do with Wickard's endorsement of the gravy-train amendment in the price bill. The AAAs are jealous of Price Administrator Leon Henderson's authority, want to elbow their way into the war set-up as big shots.

GENERAL MARSHALL

You weren't seeing things if you saw the news picture of Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, attired in the uniform of an air corps officer.

It was him all right and he had on an air corps uniform. Marshall is not a flier. He is an infantryman. But outside of the corps, he is the flyingest officer in the army. Whenever possible Marshall always travels by air and is an authority on planes and aerial tactics.

Wives Increase Work of Fire Department Officers

AMARILLO, TEXAS.—Fire department officers here are wondering what's the matter with the modern woman. They don't know whether she has become more absent-minded or whether she has started staying away from home longer.

In one week-end the fire department was called three times to women's homes where food had been left on the stove. On the alarm room operator's report were three notations: "Hot beans." "Hot hen." "Hot roast."

The burning food caused no real damage except smoke losses and the ruin of the food itself.

—Remember Pearl Harbor!

STATE OWNS MUCH VIRGIN FOREST LAND

Virgin forest lands may be found in a number of the State Forest parks and recreational areas, according to Milford Braiton, Director of Bureau of Parks of the Dept. of Forests and Waters of Pennsylvania.

One of the largest and most picturesque tracts of virgin timber land in the Commonwealth is found in the Snyder-Middleworth State Forest located near Troxleville, Snyder County. Within this area there are approximately 250 acres which were left untouched by the lumberman's axe. The park was named in honor of Simon Snyder, the third governor of the Commonwealth, and Captain Middleworth, a distinguished officer of the War of 1812.

Detweiler Run State Forest Monument, located in the Logan State Forest, Huntingdon County, comprises 50 acres of great white pine and hemlock and a dense undergrowth of rhododendron.

Alan Segar State Forest Monument in Huntingdon County contains hemlocks, pines and oaks of unusual size and beauty, some of which are over four hundred years old. This area was named for the young American poet who lost his life in France during World War I.

The Joyce Kilmer Monument in Union County and Mount Logan Monument in Clinton County are also outstanding examples.

Cook Forest Park is beautifully located along the winding Clarion river and the veteran white pines and hemlocks growing there are in a forest environment unsurpassed in the Commonwealth. The dense growth of trees, rhododendron and mosses within this area make an appeal to all those who enjoy the out-of-doors.

THE WAGE-HOUR LAW

FARM EXEMPTIONS.

The minimum wage and maximum hour provisions of the Wage and Hour Law do not apply to work done on a farm. The farmer does not have to pay his hired hand, persons who pick his berries, saw his wood, or harvest his crops, 30 cents an hour or time and a half for over time.

Employees of greenhouses or nurseries engaged in planting, cultivating and harvesting plants and flowers are exempt from the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Act.

Persons employed within the area of production engaged in packing, storing, ginning, canning or pasteurizing, etc., of agricultural commodities for market are also exempt from the minimum wage and maximum hour provisions.

In connection with the above exemption, the employee is engaged in the area of production if the materials all come from the farms in the general vicinity and the number of employees does not exceed ten.

(Additional information may be obtained by writing to or calling at the office of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, at 1216 Widener Building, Philadelphia, or 216 Old Post Office Building, in Pittsburgh.)

NEW CAR RATIONING ORDER TO RESTRICT OWNERS IN REALES

New automobile rationing orders prohibit owners of 1942 cars from selling them to friends, relatives or other individuals.

This year's models may be resold only to authorized distributors and owners going into the Army—or just eager to get rid of them because of tire and tube restrictions—must abandon plans to sell them any other way.

Automobiles obtained by dealers from such persons will retain their "new" 1942 status and will be subject to all rationing regulations. Thus the open market will prevail among dealers and a prospective car seller could shop around for a "good" price.

The 1942 car resale regulation was explained by C. E. Klugh, manager of the State Automobile Association. He said eligibility for purchases of new cars starting February 26 will be broader than those for tires and tubes.

Klugh expressed the belief that defense workers and civilians identified with the war emergency not automatically entitled to new cars will be classed among those eligible for new cars on the basis of defense-essential need.

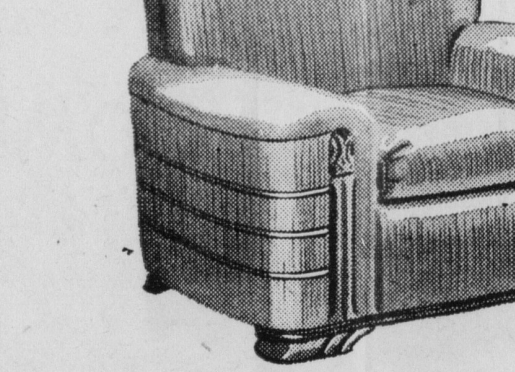
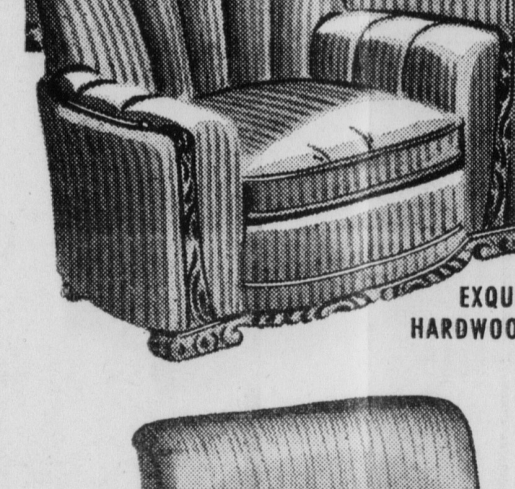
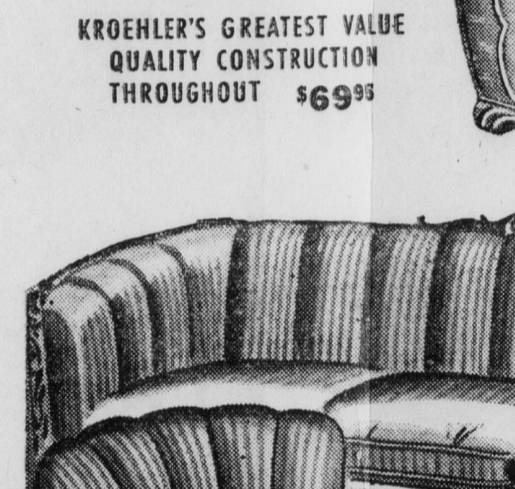
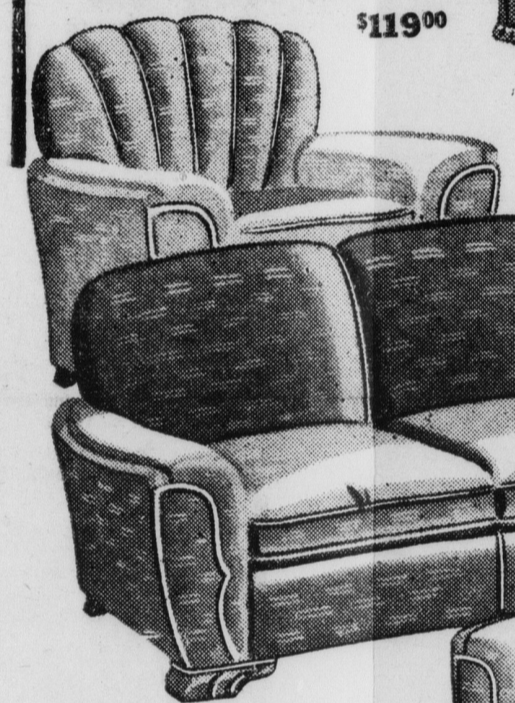
20,000 Books Are Collected in Cambria for Servicemen

Approximately 20,000 books have been collected for men serving in the Navy and other armed forces of the Nation during the Cambria County Victory Book Campaign, according to announcement made this week by the directors of the drive.

School students in the county area outside Johnstown, it is reported by Dr. A. M. Stull, county school superintendent, collected 10,904 books or 904 more than the county area quota. Of this number 9,282 were contributed through the public schools and 1,622 were received through parochial schools.

The total number of books collected in the city and county was 19,920, or 3,920 more than the quota of 16,000, which had been set for the campaign.

—There are no "rookie" dollars. Send yours to the front! Buy U. S. Defense Bonds and Stamps!



Secret Army-Navy Headquarters in East



America's eastern seaboard is guarded by a closely co-ordinated defensive and offensive system, by land, sea and air, with leaders working in unison at secret headquarters somewhere in the New York area. Above are two views of army and navy commanders conferring in the plotting room of the secret joint headquarters. (Official U. S. army and navy photos.)