

STATE INDUSTRY PLAYS BIG ROLE IN WAR OUTPUT

Fourth of Firms Work for Our Defense, and Mines and Farms Also Do Their Part.

Pennsylvania coal mines, steel and knitting mills, shipyards and farms play a great part in the Nation's all-out effort for victory over the Axis forces.

At present, more than one-fourth of the state's industries are engaged in defense production, and with the greater demands of war are expected to carry a large burden of National production in the future, according to the State Commerce Department.

Shipping is a large industry of the state as shown by the fact that Erie and Philadelphia together handle a greater volume of waterborne commerce than all New England ports. Shipyards of the state now have under construction more than 750 million dollars worth of ships for the Navy and merchant marine. Yards along the Delaware River hold contracts for more than 200 vessels, of which the total cost will be over 1 1/2 billion dollars.

Pennsylvania employs more factory workers than the 19 states between the Mississippi River and the Sierra Nevada mountains, with annual payrolls amounting to 220 million dollars more than these combined states.

Steel furnaces of this state have a capacity three times those of Japan and produce 30 per cent of all the steel melted and manufactured in the United States. Pennsylvania's iron works produce nearly one-third of America's pig iron, while its coke ovens produce 30 per cent of our Nation's coke and by-products. One-third of the Nation's coal supply is mined in Pennsylvania.

The knitting mills of Pennsylvania help to clothe our soldiers and our sailors. The mills, which in peacetime dominate the Nation in their production of hosiery and underwear, will be called upon to produce a major part of the output of knitted textiles that are needed by the government.

In the value of farm products, the state ranks eleventh in the Union, but frequently is the first state in the country in the cash value of its potato crop.

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SCHOOL OFFICIALS GET INSTRUCTIONS ON RATIONING CARD

Sugar Books to Be Issued in This Section Middle of March. To Take Census First.

School officials have been instructed to place themselves in readiness for the opening of the sugar rationing program, tentatively scheduled for March 15th, with teachers expected to handle registrations the first week of March.

Secretary of Public Instruction Francis B. Haas instructed county and district school superintendents to prepare a statement listing each public elementary school in their jurisdiction and to estimate the number of rationing books required in their area.

The initial distribution of the rationing books will be under the general direction of the rationing board having jurisdiction nearest the individual school building, stated Haas. He designated Dr. Carl D. Morneswick chief of child accounting and research to act as coordinator for the program. Dr. Haas made public a letter from Paul V. McNutt, administrator of the Federal Security Agency advising him that the Office of Price Administration has requested that the public school systems of the various states make their facilities available for the initial registration necessary in connection with sugar rationing.

McNutt stated that the plan contemplates that the public school system will lend the state rationing system its services for four evenings in one week early in March for the purpose of registering all families and single individuals and issuing to them the necessary rationing stamps.

The school system will then turn over to the state rationing organization the registration cards and other reports and the rationing agency will be responsible for the subsequent operation of the program.

Each individual, regardless of age, will be entitled to a ration quota, tentatively set at 12 ounces a week.

RED CROSS CENTER SEES MUCH ACTIVITY

The Red Cross work room in the Patton High School Building has seen much activity in the last two weeks. First-aid classes are held Monday and Thursday evenings, and every afternoon from Monday to Friday the room is open for service work.

Knitting is being taught afternoons to a large group of girls under the direction of Misses Homyak, Gwynn and Montenegro.

The report for sewing completed in the past two weeks is as follows:

Mrs. Robert Forsythe turned in six bathrobes, made by Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. E. W. Winslow, Mrs. Lowes and Mrs. Donahue. Miss Gwynn reports two bathrobes made by Mrs. Legros. Children's dresses were made by Mrs. Clifton Derringer, Mrs. William Gwynn, Mrs. E. W. Winslow, Mrs. C. A. Snyder. Boy's pants were made by Mrs. Legros, Mrs. Karlheim, and Mrs. McConnell.

There is much work to be done at the Red Cross Center. Anyone willing to contribute an afternoon's time is urged to report. Can you give an afternoon?

JOHN HIX FEATURES HASTINGS SHOOTER, SOISSON, TUESDAY

John Hix, famous cartoonist of "Strange As It Seems" which is featured in hundreds of daily newspapers throughout the Nation, featured a drawing of Fred Soisson of Hastings, well-known trick shooter, in his release for Tuesday of this week.

The cartoons shows Soisson and explains: "Fred Soisson, trick shot expert, tosses a loaded shotgun and it clays targets into the air—then catches the gun and shatters the 4 targets before they hit the ground." At the bottom of the drawing is another explanation: "Another stunt performed by Fred Soisson involves holding a shell in his mouth, tossing an unloaded gun and target into the air, catching the gun, loading it, and breaking the target before it hits the ground; Years of practice plus phenomenal characteristics make Soisson unique in his field."

Editor's Note—Two-gun Soisson scores again!

Mrs. Justina Shoff, Former Pattonite, Dies in Florida

Mrs. Justina (Gill) Shoff, a former resident of Patton, died Monday in Daytona Beach, Fla. She was born April 11, 1862, near St. Lawrence, a daughter of John G. and Catherine Gill. Her husband, George L. Shoff, who died in 1925, was engaged in oil producing for many years near Duke Center, Pa.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Rosanna Bruner, Daytona Beach; Ralph and Lester L. Shoff, both of Duke Center. She was a sister of Maggie Beringer and Clement Gill, both of Daytona Beach; Mrs. Regina Lang, Cleveland; Pius J. Gill, Wilkesburg; Gabeus A. Gill and Mrs. Gladys Hagan, Pittsburgh; Fred A. Gill, Mt. Lebanon; Mrs. Frances Pacetti, Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Jeanette Nielsen and Mrs. Carrie Betz of New York City; Rudy C. Gill, San Francisco, Cal.; and Max Gill of Patton.

Funeral services will take place in Brandford, Pa., on Saturday morning.

INCREASED RELIEF GRANTS SUGGESTED

Harrisburg.—The public assistance department's policy-making board last week fell into line with legislators of both political faiths in adopting a resolution calling on Governor Arthur H. James and the general assembly to pave the way for increased dole grants.

Frank A. Robbins, Jr., Steelton, chairman of the state public assistance board, said the resolution resulted from a careful review of the dole allowance subject "in the light of the board's responsibility for determining standards of assistance."

The review disclosed, he said, that while relief grants were 90 per cent of a minimum subsistence budget on the basis of 1939 living costs, the same grants now are only 80 per cent of bare subsistence levels because of increased living costs.

Hastings Teacher Accepts Position With Air Corps

Victor P. Constanzo, a teacher in Hastings schools for the last 10 years, has resigned to accept a position in the United States Army Air Corps at the Middletown Air Depot.

Mr. Constanzo left Hastings Monday to report for duty at the airport near Harrisburg. Members of the Hastings Borough Board of Education have not as yet elected a successor to fill the position.

COUNTY SCHOOLS PREPARE FOR RATIONING PROGRAM

Preparations for registering residents of Cambria County for the issuance of sugar rationing books have been made by Dr. A. M. Stull, superintendent of county schools.

Six conferences are scheduled this week—at Ebensburg, Ashville, Carrolltown, Portage, Mundy's Corner, and Richland Twp.—for school teachers of every town who will conduct the registration and issue the books. Plans will be announced at each of the meetings for making a survey to determine the number of rationing books required. Estimates on the amount needed for supplying each man, woman and child of each household must be turned in to Dr. Stull's office no later than March 5.

—Remember the good old days when the only time there was a rubber shortage was when the gals were in need of a fourth hand for an afternoon of bridge?

WOLF FURNITURE STORE COMPLETELY RENOVATED

The Wolf Furniture Co. at Barnesboro last fall purchased the three-story building which they have occupied for many years. They have recently completed extensive remodeling of their first, mazzanine and second floors of the building, giving the premises a very pleasing appearance and greatly enhancing the displays of merchandise.

The entire first floor and the mazzanine floor have been treated to a fresh coat of paint, light green, to brighten the storeroom. New fluorescent lighting has been installed and new arrangements of displays have been made.

The first floor is now devoted exclusively to the display of furniture, floor lamps and end tables. A section of the mazzanine floor displays large selections of electric ranges and refrigerators, and another section beautiful bedroom suites. In the rear, along the wall, is a display of mattresses.

The second floor now houses the rug, kiddies' furniture, linoleum, heating and cooking stove department.

Manager Bob Struble extends you a cordial invitation to visit the newly-renovated premises and to register for the free prizes given each week.

MARSTELLER BRIEFS

The Boy Scouts of Troop 77 attended a Board of Review at Hastings on Friday. The following boys passed a review for second class: George Gallo, Orville Link, Pat Link and John Rockovan. First class tests: Harry Clawson, Richard Seeley, Robert Laird, Alex Nudge, Don and Ken Wilburn. Richard Link won the Star Scout award, and Scoutmaster Joe Bashista the Eagle Scout Award, which is the highest in scouting. Parents and friends of the scouts are urged to attend the Court of Honor at Hastings next Tuesday evening.

Miss Naomi Jenkins of Johnstown was a recent visitor at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Johns of Marsteller.

Mrs. Wm. Cole served as hostess to the Ladies' Bingo Club Tuesday night. Attending were Mrs. Joe Dukes, Mrs. Oscar Link, Mrs. Paul Clawson, Mrs. George Elder, Mrs. Louis Verchick, Mrs. Joe Persachick, Mrs. Alex Davidson, Mrs. Don Bearer, Mrs. Walter Weakland and Mrs. Joe Norton.

Mrs. John J. Jones is a patient in the Miners Hospital at Spangler.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Butterworth were Sunday visitors in Emeigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hanwell Jr. proudly announce the birth of a son. A Sodality was started Sunday at Holy Incarnation Church in Marsteller. Rev. Father Critor of St. Patrick's Church, Spangler, is organizing the Sodality for all boys and girls of the congregation who are of high school age. They will meet again on this coming Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

James Norton of Nicktown was a recent visitor at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Norton.

Miss Mary Lou Alessie of Barnesboro was a recent visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. Blandford Gray.

HITE IS APPOINTED AGENT FOR LICENSING EXPLOSIVES

Prothonotary John L. Hite has been appointed by R. R. Sayers, director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, to be explosives licensing agent for Cambria County. Persons desiring a license to possess or sell explosives after March 1 should apply to Mr. Hite for the permit. Applications may be obtained at his office in the Ebensburg Courthouse.

The purpose of the licensing provision of the Federal Explosives Act is to prevent explosives from being obtained by persons inexperienced in handling them, or by persons hostile to the Nation.

NEW REGISTRATION FIGURE IS LOWER THAN ESTIMATED

In Pennsylvania a total of 639,848 men between the ages of 20 and 45 were registered for military service under the selective service act Monday of last week. This brought the aggregate number now on selective service rolls in the state to 1,955,254.

The complete registration figures for boards in Cambria County follow:

Cambria County	
No. 1, Cresson	1,760
No. 2, Ebensburg	1,577
No. 3, Mundy's Corner	1,458
No. 4, Johnstown	2,278
No. 5, South Fork	1,400
Johnstown	
No. 1,	1,322
No. 2,	1,099
No. 3,	1,516
Total	12,410

—Fashion Note: If the rubber shortage brings about a scarcity of girdles there may be a bulge in the beauty market.

DEFINITE LABOR SUPPLY NEEDED, LIGHT STATES IN TALK TO JOHNSTOWNERS

State Agriculture Secretary John H. Light warned last week that unless a definite supply of labor is assured, agriculture may find itself unable to meet production needs.

Speaking before the Johnstown Kiwanis Club, Light listed the labor shortage, increasing federal control, and increased production demands as

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components of "the greatest responsibility of agriculture's existence." Light decried the price control law, which he said places agriculture at a great disadvantage compared to in-

come being derived from other sources, and characterized the view that farm labor can be performed by totally untrained workmen as "improper."

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