

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION WILL BE AT BEAVERDALE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST

Summerhill Township Volunteer Fire Company's Invitation Accepted at Spangler

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Township Volunteer Fire Company to entertain the firemen during the first week in August, 1943, was accepted at a meeting of the county delegation last Thursday night in Spangler.

Activities at next year's convention are expected to be curtailed considerably due to war-time restrictions, but the Summerhill Township group has promised to arrange a varied program of activities for the five-day event.

Plans for changing the present code system for summoning volunteer fire companies to fires were discussed at the meeting. The ways and means committee was authorized to map out a new code system and submit it for consideration at the next meeting. The present system has proved unsuccessful inasmuch as almost anyone can make the emergency calls. Under the proposed new system only those knowing the code numbers of letters will be able to summon volunteer fire companies for assistance.

The new system will eliminate a great number of false alarms and is to be applied to all three zones in the county.

Fire Chief John A. Moran of the City of Johnstown invited all members of the county association to participate in the civilian defense fire-fighting demonstration to be held at the Point Stadium on October 5.

Application of the Cover Hill Volunteer Fire Company for admission to the county association was read and placed on file until the next meeting. Wesley Lehr, past president of the Somerset County Volunteer Firemen's Association, spoke briefly regarding the activities of that organization.

Donald Frye, fire chief of South Fork, was appointed second alternate to the state convention to be held during the first week in October at Allentown.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, in Ferndale Fire Hall.

FRIENDS OF ST. FRANCIS IN FINAL DRIVE TO SECURE FUNDS THIS WEEK

In a final meeting of the Friends of St. Francis last Sunday evening the chairmen of various committees requested that the solicitation of funds be continued until the time of the prospective purchase of part of the Schwab estate for presentation to St. Francis College.

The amount originally set has not been raised yet but several of the chairmen said that with an intensive drive of one more week additional funds could be secured.

United Mine Workers Local at Elmore forwarded \$278.50. South Fork reported a total of \$535. Portage added \$175 to its collection and reported that the Koppers Mine in Somman would take additional contributions during the week.

Lilly reported a total of \$1,043. Practically all contributions from the town were of \$5 or less, the report showed. Johnstown reported a total of more than \$9,400. Hastings added \$200 to its collection and reported a total of \$5355, with more anticipated from St. Boniface.

Cresson's addition of \$321 brought its total to \$3,797. Total in Carrolltown was \$913. The report from Spangler stated that its total should reach over \$750. Somerset reported an addition of \$750 to its fund. Altoona has not yet reported its total collection but it is believed it will reach \$4,000.

In expressing appreciation for the work of the committee Father Sullivan said: "It is impossible to say how much we appreciate the fine work of you gentlemen. We have an undying debt of gratitude to all of you. The only way we can repay you is through our prayers. This I can assure for the community will be done."

Father Sullivan stated that Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have not yet reported in full. But he expressed the opinion that substantial amounts will be forthcoming from both cities.

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IRON MADE IN STATE FOR THE REVOLUTION

Pennsylvania's high ranking in the production of iron and steel for the war effort can be traced back 200 years to the charcoal iron furnace at Cornwall, Pa., according to the state department of commerce.

Operation at Cornwall began in the year 1742. While it was extracting the ore wealth out of the hills, Pennsylvania passed through its years as a British colony, became a leader in the struggle for independence and developed its agricultural and industry. At Cornwall, iron was produced for cannon, railroad, implements and the countless other uses. The first 12-pounder cannon made at the furnace was sent by wagon for duty in the Revolutionary War. Forty-one other cannons were cast at Cornwall for the same war. Shot and shell were also made there.

Peter Grubb and his family controlled the furnace for some time but later it passed into the hands of R. Coleman, an important iron-master in early Pennsylvania history. He was an officer in the Pennsylvania militia during the Revolutionary War and was a member of the Convention that formed the State Constitution of the year 1790. He was also a member of the Legislature. He raised and commanded a troop during the Whiskey Insurrection. The property went to his descendants and in 1932 Coleman's great-granddaughter, Mrs. M. C. Buckingham, presented the furnace to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is under the administration of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission.

According to the Commission, it is estimated that until 1907 more than 20,000,000 tons of ore were taken from the Cornwall banks. The mine is under operation today and constitutes one of the more valuable ore properties in the United States contributing to the armed forces of the Nation now as it did for Washington's Army.

HOME CANNING URGED BY DEFENSE COUNCIL

The state defense council is urging Pennsylvania's consumers to conserve local supplies of vegetables and fruits to avert a shortage next winter.

The council's consumer interest and victory garden advisory committees urge local defense council consumer groups to promote home canning and other food conservation measures, and add:

"Supplies of commercially processed garden products, fruits and vegetables transported by rail or motor truck from distant regions out of the local season of production and distribution, will soon be inadequate to maintain the needed, or usual civilian consumption.

Special emphasis was placed on the conservation of tomatoes, cabbage, apples and "fall fruits in general" because supplies, which will be available and abundant in fall markets, may not be adequate later.

"Prices of all victory food specials are relatively low and purchases during local seasons will tend to prevent undue rises in price later," the committee said.

Information on approved home methods of preserving and storing the fruits and vegetables is available through local victory garden and consumer committees. In Patton, contact Mrs. Chas. Snyder.

HUNTERS URGED TO GET ALL SCRAP FROM CAMPS

In an announcement today Game officials urged hunters throughout the state to collect all scrap such as rubber, tin, iron and steel and other materials that they find in the field or about their hunting camps.

Hunters should be all too familiar with the tremendous possibilities of such a cooperative war-time project, and if they participate in it wholeheartedly, crowded though their auto may be this fall, they will be able to salvage an aggregate collection of the much-needed scrap that will run into thousands of pounds, officials say.

Officials point out that if each of the hunters brought back only one pound of scrap of one kind or another the aggregate collection, based on approximately 60,000 men in the field, would amount to over 300 tons for Pennsylvania alone.

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PENNSYLVANIA MINING AUTHORITIES DIFFER ON THE NEED FOR A SIX DAY WEEK IN THE COAL FIELDS TO MEET WAR TIME REQUIREMENTS.

They agree, however, that the supply will be sufficient this winter if distribution is adequate to give domestic consumers an equal share of available fuel. The Western Pennsylvania soft coal mines already are operating on a six day week by staggering hours of diggers so that they are on the job only 35 hours as provided by their working agreement.



Washington, D. C.

LITTLE BUSINESS CRUSADER

Donald Nelson's "get tough" policy gets increasingly unfortunate reverberations. Part of this is because Donald, nice as he is, and well liked as he is, just doesn't seem to have a knack for feeling the public pulse.

For instance, he should have known that the most popular man in Washington, as far as little business is concerned, is Guy Holcomb, head of the justice department's small business bureau. Yet Nelson reached into the justice department and demanded that the attorney general fire Holcomb. The reaction against Nelson has been bad.

Nelson had no jurisdiction over the justice department, and it is unusual for one executive to reach into the affairs of an outside office. However, Holcomb has been consistently critical of WPB's failure to award war contracts to little business; his cracks got on Nelson's nerves, and he demanded that the attorney general fire him. So to keep peace in the official family, Holcomb was "permitted to resign."

Actually, Holcomb was a bustling young business man from Atlanta, Ga., who knew nothing about red tape, spurned bureaucracy and went around saying exactly what he thought of people who seemed to be lying down on the job. Result: He made a lot of enemies, but he got an awful lot done for little business.

For military reasons, he discovered that only three companies in the entire United States got all the contracts for putting boilers in merchant ships.

ALASKAN ATTACKS

The senate military affairs committee got some encouraging news when it met behind closed doors to hear the report of a subcommittee which has returned from an inspection tour of our Alaskan fortifications.

For military reasons, the greater part of the report cannot be revealed. However, this much can be told:

The subcommittee, composed of Senators Happy Chandler of Kentucky, Mon Wallgren of Washington and Rufus Holman of Oregon, was unanimous in declaring that our aerial defenses in Alaska were strong enough to repel any attempted Jap invasion.

The Rumor: One of the Freuhauf brothers in Detroit, who manufacture trailers, gave his yacht to the navy, but before doing so said he wanted to take it on a farewell cruise. He had no sooner got a few hours offshore, however, when he received a peremptory demand from the navy to return, after which Harry Hopkins and his new bride took over the yacht and sailed away on their honeymoon.

The Truth: Harry Hopkins doesn't like yachting, gets seasick easily, spent his vacation in Connecticut. Harry Freuhauf, interviewed by this columnist on the telephone, said: "My brothr did turn his yacht over to the navy, but the arrangements were entirely amiable, and Harry Hopkins never was on it any time or place. We have heard all sorts of rumors about this, but there is absolutely nothing to them."

POLITICAL ECONOMY

Hard-working Representative John H. Folger of North Carolina will go the limit for a constituent, but a recent request from a job-seeker in his district almost got him down.

"I have filed an application with the Civil Service commission for a position as an economist.

"I am a farmer of many years' experience and believe I am eminently qualified for the job I'm after.

"I have practiced economy all my life."

Remarkable progress has been made since Pearl Harbor in establishing new land and sea bases in the Alaskan area. The three senators also paid high tribute to the morale and skill of U. S. airmen, who are forced to fly in the worst kinds of weather conditions.

Though refusing to predict on how soon we can start an all-out air offensive to drive the Japs from their footholds in the Aleutians, the subcommittee reported that one obstacle which has been holding up such an offensive has now been licked.

Hitherto we have been unable to send protective convoys of fighting planes with bombers raiding Jap positions in the Aleutians, because our fighters do not have the flying range for the 1,000-mile round trip from the army base at Unnak island, nearest outpost to the Japs. However, this problem has been solved by the installation of "belly" gas tanks on fighters. They carry several hundred gallons of fuel and can be dropped after they are emptied.

The subcommittee also reported that interference with army and navy radio communications in the Alaskan area, caused by bad weather and the Aurora Borealis, was being largely circumvented by compass flying.

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COLVER RESIDENT IS HIT BY AUTOMOBILE

Domico Orsini, Colver, was treated at the Colver hospital for a fracture of the left leg, possible fracture of the right leg and abrasions and contusions about the face and head, and is in a serious condition, as the result of being struck by a car on Saturday evening near Colver. Peter Hudak, 48, Colver, driver of the car, told police that he was driving along the road during a rainstorm when Orsini walked directly out in front of the car.

—Buy U. S. War Bonds & Stamps!

DEWEY'S FLAGSHIP TO GO ON NATIONAL SCRAP PILE

Admiral Dewey's old flagship Olympia, leader of the American squadron which won the battle of Manila Bay in 1898, will return to the wars again as scrap, it was announced recently.

The old war vessel, an item of historical interest in Philadelphia for the past many years, will be converted into machinery or munitions to be used against the Axis powers.

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