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CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY TO INSURE EARLIER CHRISTMAS MAILING

Wartime Postal Demands Will Delay Parcels and Letters If Not Mailed Soon

The bulk of Christmas mail must be in the postoffices by December 15 this year if deliveries on time are to be assured, according to Smith W. Purdum, 2nd Assistant Postmaster General. Mr. Purdum is responsible to Postmaster General Frank C. Walker for smooth and efficient air and railway mail service.

Unprecedented wartime demands on the postal and transportation systems, plus a prospective record volume of Christmas mailings, have been cited by Mr. Purdum as necessitating earlier mailings than ever before.

"It is physically impossible for the railroads and air lines, burdened with vitally important war materials, to handle the Christmas mailings as rapidly as in normal times," he stated. "If the bulk of parcels and greeting cards are held back until the usual time—the period of about December 15 to 23—they simply cannot be distributed in time, and thousands of gifts will reach their destinations after Christmas."

In 1941, about 21,950 mail cars were required between December 12 and 24 to deliver Christmas mails—enough cars to make a train about 270 miles long. This year, the extra cars needed to move holiday mails are largely being used by the armed services, and a severe shortage is in prospect.

The postal service usually borrows about 2,500 trucks from the Army and other Government agencies, and rents about 10,000 from private owners, to handle the Christmas mails. This year, it will be extremely difficult to obtain enough of these vehicles to meet even a substantial part of the need. The Army needs its own trucks and private owners are reluctant to let someone else use their tires.

Railroads are cooperating by converting some hundreds of steel box cars and similar equipment for mail transportation, and Jos. B. Eastman, ODT director, has ordered that unnecessary travel be curtailed to the limit during the holiday season. But these measures cannot assure deliveries of gifts on time unless the public cooperates by mailing early and thus spreading the transportation load over a longer period of time than usual during December.

Mr. Purdum calls attention to the task of the Postoffice Department in moving millions of pieces of mail each day to and from soldiers throughout the world. This extraordinary job must be kept current, even while the holiday rush of mailings is handled. Also, he points out, the postal establishment is operating with many inexperienced personnel, employed to take the place of men in the armed services. The new employees naturally cannot handle the holiday mail jam with the smoothness and speed of the postal veterans whom they replace.

In view of all these handicaps to the service, Mr. Purdum adds, postal patrons should mail their gifts by December 1 if they wish to insure that their friends will not be disappointed at Christmas.

M'DEVITT SUGGEST LABOR MAN BE PLACED ON EACH OF LOCAL DRAFT BOARDS

Appointment of labor representatives to Pennsylvania's 422 draft boards would help solve the commonwealth's manpower problem, according to James L. McDevitt, State Labor Federation president.

"Draft boards must supply men to the armed forces without draining so many vital workers from war industries as to cripple production," he says. "So far they have not done very well."

McDevitt says that many "really essential" workers had been drafted while less vital employees had been deferred. Thousands of young single men took jobs in war factories and were deferred even though they were replaceable by older, more experienced men.

Labor members could offer constructive help in allocating men between the Army and industry, McDevitt says. "Labor representatives would be especially qualified because of their practical experience and contacts with persons cognizant of a registrant's importance to his job."

VARNISH AUTO TAGS, CAR OWNERS ADVISED

Revenue Secretary Edward B. Logan has urged Pennsylvania car owners to varnish their 1942 license plates, which must last at least another 16 months.

The plates will be brought up to date when the current registration period ends next March 31 by attachment of two-inch-square metal tabs to their upper right-hand corners. The Legislature decreed this at the special session last spring to save metal.

JUDGE A. A. NELSON TO DIRECT U. S. O. DRIVE

Judge A. A. (Jimmy) Nelson of Ebensburg has been named chairman of the United Service Organizations' campaign in Cambria County. The appointment was made by Walter J. Stinson, county defense chairman.

The jurist will have charge of a drive in districts of the county not touched in the recent United War Chest drives. Mr. Stinson has been tentatively directing USO activities in the county, but state officials requested that he appoint a permanent chairman for the forthcoming campaign. D. Sherman Griffith, cashier of the Ebensburg First National Bank of Ebensburg, will continue to serve as the treasurer.

Present plans call for dividing the county into seven districts for the drive. A director and treasurer will be appointed for each one. It is hoped to launch the drive within the next few weeks. Headquarters probably will be established in Ebensburg.

SIMPLIFY SET-UP IN COUNTY BOND SALE

County-Wide Group to Handle 'E' Sales; Victory Committees Taking Series F and G

In order to simplify government war finances under a treasury plan that involves borrowing of unprecedented billions of dollars within the next few months, government officials have announced that in the future county War Bond committees will promote the sale of "E" Bonds only and that victory fund committees will handle the sales of Series F and G.

E. R. Metzner, Jr., heads the Cambria County War Bond committee which functions under the United States Treasury Department. Frank Martin heads the Victory Fund committee which operates under the Federal Reserve System.

Most popular of the bonds is the Series E, which has an interest rate of 2.9 per cent and matures in 10 years. The cost is 75 per cent of the face value, starting at \$18.75 for the \$25 Bonds. This is the type of bond which will be sold under the county War Bond committees after December 1 exclusively.

Both the "F" and "G" issues mature in 12 years. Interest on the "F" Bond is cumulative at the rate of 2.53 and the price is 74 per cent of the face value, beginning with \$75 bonds. The smallest denomination of the "G" Series is \$100 and the bonds call for 2.5 per cent interest payable every six months. Unlike Liberty Bonds of World War I, current War Bonds are redeemable by the government and cash value is guaranteed. Liberty Bonds were sold in the market.

Leaders of both local committees are intensifying efforts to sell bonds. The county war bond committee now is conducting a payroll deduction campaign throughout the county in which the response is said to be far above expectations.

SUGAR STAMP 27 FIRST FOR COFFEE

The 27th stamp in the official government sugar ration book, and not the 28th, is the first to be used in coffee rationing, it has been announced by Wilbur Wright, county administrator.

The change was made for the sake of convenience in view of the fact that No. 27 is a corner stamp. No. 27 stamp will be good for one pound of coffee and is valid from the 29th of this month until January 3. The length of validity of No. 28, the second to be used, has not been announced. No. 28 also will be good for one pound of coffee.

Wright also announced that the entire procedure of making application for rubber boots may be carried out by mail.

GOVERNOR FINDS WARTIME CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING

Governor Arthur H. James Friday last proclaimed November 26th as Thanksgiving Day and urged Pennsylvanians to rededicate themselves to God, liberty and humanity.

"There are those among us who, soft of soul and body, feel there is little for which to be thankful," he declared. "To the contrary, we have so much that words of gratitude should pour from our lips."

James said Pennsylvanians should give thanks because "our people have not broken faith with their forefathers and are carrying the torch of freedom on land, sea and air."

—Help the boys in Africa, and the ones in the Solomons—Buy U. S. War Bonds and Stamps every payday.



Thanksgiving

When one considers the plight of so many countries over the globe and reviews the misery and suffering that endures, we can be truly thankful on this Thanksgiving Day, that we in this land of liberty do not experience this chaos.

Not since Pearl Harbor has the outlook been so bright for the United Nations as it is at the present time. On all fronts we are

in the offensive instead of the defensive—for which we, too, can be sincerely thankful.

The day when oppression and brutality comes to an end is fast approaching and may God grant that when another Thanksgiving rolls around, the World will be purged of international bandits and gangsters, and a just and lasting peace for all peoples, be in the making.

Two Service Stars Shine for Us

FEW OF OUR READERS MAY have been aware of it, but it is, nevertheless, fact, that for the past five years, particularly at those periods when the Editor's duties as an Assemblyman kept him at Harrisburg, the news and much of the editorial direction of the Union Press-Courier has been entrusted to our Linotype Operator, the writer's son, Thomas A. Owens, Jr., who has the title of Associate Editor. This week we are losing him—temporarily—for the war's duration. Pride intermingled with sadness comes from the writer's heart in making this announcement.

THOMAS A. OWENS, JR., TUESDAY of this week, enlisted in the Signal Corps of the United States Army at the Recruiting Station in Altoona. He will leave Friday of this week to take up his Army assignment. The feelings of his parents are like those of the millions of other parents, wives, and sweethearts whose loved ones are answering the call of duty—sympathy the more deepened by the personal feelings we now experience. May God Bless ALL our boys!

THIS ENLISTMENT MARKS THE second "Service Star" for the original Press-Courier Staff of Pearl Harbor days. The brother of the Business Manager, is also enlisted in the country's service, Sandy Cammarata has been in the Navy for several months.

INDUCTION CENTERS WILL CLOSED ON TWO HOLIDAYS

Pennsylvania's induction centers will be closed today and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, December 24 and 25, giving recruits now on furlough an extra week's holiday.

On advice from the Army Third Corps Area officials at Baltimore Col. Benjamin F. Evans, acting state draft chief, says the holiday induction station closing affect only those draftees granted 14-day furloughs from November 12, and those given seven-day furloughs from November 19 under the new rule reducing leaves.

In each case, those draftees would have had to report on Thanksgiving Day. They will, instead, end their furloughs a week later, reporting for duty on December 3, it was explained.

In the meantime, local boards have mailed selective service questionnaires to 140,000 of the 215,000 youths between 18 and 20 who registered last June. Of that number, 42,000 were immediately eligible for classification and 33,000 others (at the rate of 7 thousand a month) became of draft age since July 1.

December manpower quotas of the local boards will include a few married men without children.

SOLDIERS UNDER 20 About 500,000 men in the Army at present are under 20 years of age. More than 200 of them have been commissioned and 200 others are in Officer Candidate Schools. More than 10 per cent of the teen-aged soldiers are non-commissioned officers.

—Advertise in the Union Press-Courier columns. It pays—ask the merchant who does!

PATTON MOOSE PLAN CLASS INITIATION

Patton Lodge 488, Loyal Order of Moose, are planning for a gala class initiation to be held in their home on Lang Ave., Patton, next Sunday, November 29, to which members of the fraternity are invited. At 2 p. m. approximately 100 candidates will be initiated into the order, with the initiation work being conducted by the crack degree team from the Du Bois Lodge.

Principal address of the occasion is to be made by Edward Schofield of Pittsburgh, a representative of the Supreme Lodge.

A free chicken supper will be served at 6 p. m. Moose members and one lady guest being welcome. There will be entertainment and dancing both in the afternoon and evening. Admission will be by paid-up receipt only. All members are invited to attend.

DECEMBER SET FOR YOUTH REGISTRATION

Last Three Weeks of Month Will See 18-Year-Olds Sign for Active War Duty

President Roosevelt has fixed three separate registration periods for the youths who reached their 18th birthday since June, and those who will reach them before the end of the year, in a proclamation issued last week.

He set the week beginning December 11 and ending December 17 for draft registration of those who became 18 in July and August.

Young men who reached that age in September and October will register in the following week and those who became 18 in November and December will register in the week beginning December 26 and ending on December 31.

Mr. Roosevelt also provided for the continuous registration on their birthdays of youths who become 18 on or after next January 1. If the birthday falls on a Sunday or a holiday, they must register the next day.

This will be the sixth registration period. The last, on June 30, covered young men who already were 18 or 19 and those who had become 20 since the preceding registration.

The President's proclamation said the new registrations and the others which has been held were "advisable to insure victory, final and complete, over the enemies of the United States of America."

The new registration will take place simultaneously in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico, with daily registration hours fixed for 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. (local time).

Late registrations will be permitted for those unable to present themselves during the stated periods because of circumstances beyond their control.

The Chief Executive asked that all employers give their workers sufficient time off to complete their registrations.

NORTH COUNTY LOOP ORGANIZED RECENTLY

Reorganization of the Northern Cambria Basketball Conference for coming season took place at a dinner meeting held at the Adam Linitz residence in Ebensburg last Thursday night. The Northern Section is comprised of Patton, Carrolltown, Hastings, and Earnesboro, while the Southern Section includes Lilly, Cresson and Gallitzin.

All league officers were reelected at the meeting. Gordon F. Gallaschun of Barnesboro taking over the president's chair for the third straight year, Jack Green of Carrolltown being named vice president for the second year and F. Cosgrove, Gallitzin, selected to handle the secretary-treasurer's duties for the third time.

That the league will make every effort to carry out its full schedule was voiced by the member schools, which may also place a limit of 12 to 14 games on their respective schedules due to transportation restriction. The conference will not begin play until after the Christmas holidays.

Cresson announces that it may be forced to play all its home games in St. Francis College's Doyle Hall because of a lack of suitable playing floors in Cresson.

Clair Ulrich of Hastings, a district 6 representative of the P. I. A. A., gave a short address on the rule changes for the coming season.

WATERFOWL FEATHERS

According to Government estimates the seasonal kill of waterfowl would produce enough down and feathers to produce 300,000 aviators' pants and parkas and more than 10,000 sleeping bags or 500,000 sub-zero jackets if hunters plucked and turned in the down and small body feathers of all birds they kill.

GETS EIGHTY LETTERS IN ONE MAIL FROM THE FOLKS AT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Nagle of Chest Springs Are So Advised by Seaman Son.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Nagle of Chest Springs, who have three sons serving Uncle Sam, last week had the story of how their Seaman son, Earl, received an exceptionally heavy mail all at one time. The young man, a first-class seaman, had been on active duty with his ship for many months, and had heard nothing from the folks at home. However, according to the letter to his parents, one day mail did come along and with it, an accumulation of eighty letters for him. It goes without saying, that was a happy day for him.

A recent visitor at the Nagle home was another son, Master and First Sergeant Serenus W. Nagle, who spent an evening with his parents, and then left for Camp Dix, N. J. Sgt. Nagle has been in the Army for the past 26 months.

Returning with him from Chest Springs, also on leave was a friend, Pvt. William F. Little, the pair having not seen one another from the time of their entry into uniform.

The third son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nagle, better known as "Vince", is a Corporal on duty in the Canal Zone, and has served one three year enlistment, entering the army service on September 8, 1939.

ENGINEER DIES ON TRAIN OF HEART ATTACK

As the west bound passenger train 21 pounded its way around the horse shoe curve shortly before midnight last Thursday night and was roaring its way on into Gallitzin, Special Duty Engineer Charles L. Tubbs, 35, of Cresson, was stricken with a heart attack.

Tubbs was promptly removed to the baggage car and an army doctor, a passenger, responded to a call through the train. He was removed from the train when it pulled into Cresson, but was dead.

An investigation was held by Coroner Patrick McDermott who said an inquest would not be necessary. It was said Tubbs had not complained of any illness previous to the time he was stricken.

The passenger train left Altoona at 12:08 with Tubbs breaking in a fireman on the route.

The deceased was born May 15th, 1907, a son of Charles E. and Nancy Tubbs. His father died in 1937. His mother, living in Sankertown, survives, together with his widow, two children and several brothers and sisters.

ROOSEVELT SUGGESTS DECEMBER SEVENTH BE DAY OF SILENCE FOR US

Washington.—President Roosevelt and the government will observe the first anniversary of the Jap sneak attack on Pearl Harbor "as a day of silence in remembrance of the great infamy."

The chief executive, still reacting with cold fury to the Jap duplicity that plunged the United States into war—a stab in the back at Hawaii while Tokyo's envoys talked "peace" with the state department—had the White House issue this statement:

"The President will not deliver an address on December 7, nor take official notice of that anniversary. The President does not feel that this attitude on the part of the government need interfere with the carrying out of programs already arranged under private auspices. But insofar as notice of December 7 by the President is concerned, he feels that it should be observed as a day of silence in remembrance of a great infamy."

There are expected to be many local observances of the day—programs already arranged—and the Army and Navy may issue a review of American military progress since last December 7, but the President made it plain that he cherishes only one objective, the utter and complete defeat of Japan and her Axis partners.

HOSPITALS MAY REQUEST DRAFT OBJECTORS' HELP AS WORKERS ON STAFFS

State hospitals in need of laborers may apply to selective service headquarters in Washington for conscientious objectors, it has been disclosed.

The Philadelphia state hospital has already employed conscientious objectors on its staff. A similar application has been made by a hospital at Norristown.

Conscientious objectors do not necessarily have to be taken from camps in Pennsylvania. State selective service officials disclose that out of approximately 2,200,000 eligible registrants in the state, including "teen-age youths, there are only approximately 1,135 conscientious objectors,