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FARMERS BALLOT FRIDAY THIS WEEK FOR COMMITTEEMEN

Thirty-Three Will Be Selected to Manage Cambria County Agricultural Body.

Thirty-three prominent Cambria County farmers and business men will be elected as members of a community committee designed to increase the production of foodstuffs so badly needed during the emergency at an election to be conducted next Friday.

E. J. Farabaugh, chairman of the Cambria County Agricultural County Committee announced that three committeemen will be elected in each of 11 communities established in the county.

The problems which farmers faced in producing food this year will be intensified next year and therefore the work of the community committees will be of even greater importance. Mr. Farabaugh pointed out.

He also expected that each committeeman has two fold responsibilities. Each committeeman serves both as the representative of the farmers of his community with the government and as the agent of the government. Each committeeman must see that the needs of the farmers in his community are justly and adequately met.

The government is carrying out the community program to maintain production on the nation's farms and production in line with war needs. These programs are intended to retain essential labor on farms, to support prices of farm products at levels necessary for adequate production and to distribute the limited available supplies of fertilizer, machinery and building materials to the farms where they can do the most good.

Balloting will take place at eight o'clock on Friday evening at each of the following places for three committeemen:

Cross Roads Grange Hall, Beaver Valley School, Killins School, Concord Grange Hall, St. Augustine Church Hall, Ebensburg Court House, Loreto church hall, Stutzman School, Eenshoff Hill, Banner Grange Hall, Wilmore High School and Richland Township High School Geistown.

DON'T BE A DRIP AND DRAIN YOUR NEIGHBOR OF COFFEE FROM HIS POT

Washington.—The country's coffee pot perked up slightly on Monday. The melting of the seven day freeze sweetened the bitter shortage cup just a mite for the nation's Java swiggers.

Now—rationing sets in. From now on each grown-up will be permitted to purchase one pound of coffee every five weeks.

The term "grown-up," as used here and hereafter, refers to persons of fifteen years or older, and no chiseling—regardless of how mature the children act for their age.)

With shelves stocked up during the week's freeze there now should be enough coffee to fill rationing needs. There's no use trying to hoard it now—you'll get what's coming to you—and no more!

OVER ONE HUNDRED CAMBRIA STUDENTS AT STATE COLLEGE

Cambria county is included among 12 counties in Pennsylvania which have between 100 and 200 students at Pennsylvania State College, according to a report issued by William S. Hoffman, college registrar.

Allegheny county leads all other counties in the state in contributing to the enrollment of the college by sending 573 students. Centre county is second with 471 representatives, and Philadelphia county ranks third with a contingent of 408. Luzerne, Delaware, Blair and Schuylkill counties have each sent over 200 students.

MOVIE

Students at work and at play appear in the Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture movie used by Dr. J. L. E. McCord, student placement official, in illustrating a lecture which he is giving at 33 vocational high schools throughout the state this fall and winter.

GET YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL GAS RATION BOOKS

For the convenience of the people of Patton and vicinity, supplemental gasoline ration books will be distributed from the Defense Room in the Good Building, Wednesday, December 2, from 1 to 5 P. M., and from 7:30 to 10 P. M. Truck gasoline applications will also be taken care of.

SEASON ON BEARS WORST IN YEARS

The game commission said last week just after the black bear season had ended in Pennsylvania that it would likely prove to be the poorest in many years and put the blame on warm weather and fewer hunters.

Director Seth Gordon said a survey of about eight northern tier counties during the four day season had disclosed less than a half dozen kills. "Balmly weather and absence of any tracking snow made for very poor conditions," Gordon explained. "neither the bears nor the hunters felt like stirring around very much."

Last year, with many sections covered with a tracking snow, almost 600 bears were taken. Gordon said that this year's total would not be known for several days until supervisors complete reports.

The commission credited booming war industries and the draft with the reduction in the number of hunters. "While early reports showed there were plenty of bears this fall," the director said, "poor weather conditions and fewer hunters meant a lower kill."

PILOT FINDS YAHNER TURKEY FARM GOOD PLACE FOR LANDING

Training Plane Developed Trouble and Pilot Had to Remain for Several Days.

A U. S. Army Air Corps pilot lived the life of Reilly at the Paul Yahner turkey farm for several days as he awaited orders relative to taking off in the plane he was forced to land on the farm when motor trouble developed.

Lieut. John F. Allan of the U. S. Army Corps Ferry Command was flying over Cambria County when his British-Harvard training plane developed trouble last Thursday afternoon.

After circling over Patton several times the pilot picked out a large field on the Yahner farm and brought down his crippled plane.

The pilot arrived at the Yahner home just in time to participate in a Thanksgiving Day turkey dinner. Lieut. Allan said he saw the turkeys as he circled over the farm but never thought he would soon be eating one of them.

Immediately after landing the ship the officer notified his headquarters and was told to stake down the plane and await further orders. The plane will be moved this week, after repairs are made.

The pilot said he was not permitted to give his address or the nature of his mission. However he did say that he was on a routine flight.

SCOUTERS ARE SET FOR ANNUAL ROLL CALL

Final plans for the inventory and roll call of Boy Scouts of America, Robert E. Peary Council, Boy Scouts of America, were outlined at a meeting of the council commissioners in Johnstown last week.

The inspection will be conducted all of this week by neighborhood commissioners of the eight districts of the council, with actual work being supervised by the district commissioners.

Inspection, conducted once each year, checks the number of boys in each troop, the number of trained leaders and the organization program of the troop, in addition to other special troop activities.

Plans also were discussed at the Johnstown meeting concerning cooperation with the Civilian Defense Messenger Service. Nothing definite was decided.

RATION BOOKS LOST BY ALL IN ST. FRANCIS FIRE

All war ration books at St. Francis College were destroyed in the fire at the school several weeks ago, college authorities have notified the rationing board. The loss is one of the largest reported anywhere in the area, since rationing began.

Representatives of the county board met with school officials over the week end to adjust the loss.

NANTY-GLO MINER FOUND DEAD ASIDE COAL MACHINE

Robert John Davison, 47 year old Nanty-Glo coal miner, was found dead Saturday afternoon beside his coal cutting machine in the Heisley No. 3 mine. Coroner Patrick McDermott said the man suffered from a heart attack while at work. He had been dead about half an hour when the body was found by fellow workers.

His widow and several children survive him.

INSPECTORS RAP HIGH MINE TOLL AT MOSS CREEK

Federal Bureau of Mines Releases Report With Recommendations for Cooperation.

To help reduce the high injury toll and to promote general health and safety Dr. R. R. Sayers, director of the Federal Bureau of Mines last week made public a report in which he recommended better cooperation between officials and workers of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corporation's Nos. 21 and 22 mines at Mars-teller.

Company figures show that the two mines had 68 lost time accidents in 1940, 98 last year and 47 in the first half of this year. Dr. Sayers said, in transmitting his report to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes that two federal inspectors who paid a routine visit to the mines in July of this year, "observed an indifferent attitude toward safety which probably contributed to many of the 213 disabling injuries reported in the two workings in the past two and one-half years."

Employing 585 men, the two mines work the same coal bed and use the same surface plant, producing about 2,600 tons of coal daily. The No. 22 mine, which accounts for about 90 per cent of the output, is rated gassy by the state department of mines. The No. 21 mine, rated non-gassy, is working on the "retreat" with coal being extracted by hand methods from pillars left in advance mining operations.

The report of Dr. Sayers, made to Secretary Ickes upon the basis of the observations of the two federal inspectors, recommended numerous improvements to be made for the advancement of health and safety conditions in the two mines. It also included several citations for commendable safety features established in the mines by company officials and workmen.

YOUTHS TO SIGN FOR THE DRAFT AT THE SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD'S OFFICES

Local draft boards are making preparations for registering teen-aged youths at draft headquarters this month. More than 400 youths in the 18 and 19 year old bracket will be registered in the county's eight boards before the end of the month.

Lieut.-Col. B. F. Evans, state selective service director, directed draft boards of Tuesday to register the youths at local-board headquarters, using schools only if absolutely necessary. He pointed out that the boards themselves should be able to handle the registration without calling for outside aid in view of the relatively small number of registrants and the fact that the registration will be spaced over a three weeks' period.

Registration of those who have reached 18 since the last R-day or who will be 18 by the end of the year, will be held daily from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. between December 11 and 31, inclusive. No registrations will be handled on Sundays or on Christmas. The schedule for registrations is as follows:

Those born between July 1, 1924, and August 31, 1924, inclusive—Register between Friday, December 11th and Thursday, December 17th, inclusive.

Those born between September 1, 1924, and October 31, 1924, inclusive—Register between Friday, December 18, and Thursday, December 24, inclusive.

Those born between November 1st, 1924, and December 31, 1924, inclusive—Register between Saturday, December 26, and Thursday, December 31, inclusive.

Youths born on and after January 1, 1925, will sign up with their draft boards on their 18th birthday. If the birthday falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, they are required to enroll on the following day.

College students and other youths who happen to be away from home during their designated registration period, will be permitted to sign up at any board headquarters.

GENERAL BACKS U. S. MAN AGAINST THE AXIS

Evansville, Ind.—The Jap soldier is a redoubtable fighter. The German soldier is skilled and disciplined. But—"Our men can meet and beat the enemy if they are equipped and trained."

And success or failure may depend on the training of our soldiers in the opinion of Maj.-Gen. Paul Ransom, commanding officer of the 98th Infantry division at Camp Breckenridge.

The fighting spirit of our armed forces already is being demonstrated to such an extent that "we're entitled to some spirit of optimism" General Ransom said.

WAGE STABILIZATION TO BE EXPLAINED ON WJAC THURSDAY EVE

Informal Broadcast by Senior Inspector Aimed to Enlighten Workers and Public.

Wage stabilization and the role it is playing in combatting inflation will be discussed during an informal broadcast over Station WJAC, Johnstown, at 9 o'clock Thursday night, December 3rd.

John B. McCutcheon, senior inspector of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, will be interviewed on the program by Elmer E. Meadley, executive secretary of the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce. Mr. McCutcheon will be asked a number of questions concerning the war time economic plan as set forth in Executive Order No. 9250.

The various regulations issued by the National War Labor Board under the order, the method of filing applications by employers and employees seeking wage changes, the stand of WLB on wage changes under collective bargaining agreements, payment of production or annual bonuses and other facts will be discussed by Mr. McCutcheon during the broadcast.

The program will be the first broadcast on wage stabilization to be presented in Cambria County.

A field office of the Wage and Hour Division has been opened in Johnstown for wage stabilization work. A Division Inspector is at the U. S. Employment Service headquarters, 305 Bedford Street, every Thursday and Friday, to assist employers and employees in filling out applications for wage changes, and to inform the public about the wage stabilization plan.

WPA SEALS FOUR HUNDRED CAMBRIA MINES TO END SEEPAGE SINCE STARTING

To prevent contamination of the streams in this area from seepage of water from abandoned mines into them, the WPA has sealed 446 mine shafts in Cambria County according to a report by Richard Irvin, state WPA administrator. The work covered a period of several years.

In that time the WPA also sealed 11,040 mines in Indiana County, 6,777 in Jefferson county, 46 in Somerset county and 31 in Bedford county. In the last several years almost 90,000 mine holes in abandoned bituminous operations in Pennsylvania were sealed, the administrator announces, stopping the flow of sulphur-laden waters into nearby streams. The work has materially reduced the acid content of streams many of which have been rehabilitated for the propagation of fish.

Sealing of the mine holes was sponsored by Pennsylvania Department of Mines, Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters, Department of Health, State Fish Commission, U. S. Public Health Service and State Planning Board.

Cooperating in the project was the Consolidated Sportsmen of Lycoming County and the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, through the various county branches. The sportsmen's groups are vitally concerned because of the deadly effect of acid on fish life.

In addition to sealing mine shafts the WPA sealed a number of drift mines in Tioga and Huntingdon counties.

TO CHECK DRAFT LISTS FOR UNUSED CARS ON GASOLINE RATIONING

As soon as the rush for supplemental gasoline rations has been completed, local ration boards will begin to check draft lists to determine whether the ration books of servicemen and servicewomen have been turned into the county board.

Wilbur Wright, county administrator, said many of these books have been returned but the total is not in proportion to the number of persons in the military service. Heads of families are responsible for returning the books.

Cards of persons who have died also must be turned in according to the government regulations. Red Cross representatives, government agents and any other civilians who leave the United States for more than 30 days must return their ration books to the county boards.

Use of the books by others is a violation of OPA regulations and it was pointed out by the OPA that widespread use of the books originally issued to others would cause improper distribution of rationed commodities.

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

PAID VACATIONS FOR PATTON MEN

Washington.—Vacation with pay, a union dues check-off clause and retention of the present union shop clause were granted the 4,500 employees of 15 clay sewer pipe and hot top manufacturers of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana by the War Labor Board in an interim order announced Wednesday of last week.

At the same time WLB announced it was withholding its ruling on the employees' request for a 22-cent hourly raise for common laborers pending further investigation. The 15 companies produce nearly 80 per cent of the sewer pipe manufactured east of the Mississippi river.

The employees represented by the United Brick and Clay Workers of America, A. F. of L., will receive one week's vacation with pay after one year's service. The union shop clause, which WLB retained was inserted in the contracts a year ago and the companies had requested it be reduced in maintenance of membership provision.

The companies involved in the interim order include the Patton Clay Manufacturing Company and the Robinson Clay Products Company of Pennsylvania.

ASK WAR SUPPORT BY DEER HUNTERS IN GIVING HIDES

Gloves and Vest Will Be Made By the Government; Game Protectors to Collect.

Deer hunters making kills during the two-weeks' season which opened on Monday of this week have been requested by the government to turn over the hides in order that gloves may be made for the armed forces and vests made for the merchant seamen. Game Protector Elmer Thompson, receiving information, has passed on the request to hunters to remove the flesh carefully from hides and salt them. The hides may then either be placed in a burlap bag or tied loosely and expressed to him, shipping charges collect, at 396 Coleman Avenue, Johnstown, Pa., or, if more convenient, to be left at several stations to be announced in the county, mostly hardware and sporting goods stores.

All game protectors have been designated to receive the hides, express charges collect, Mr. Thompson states. He expects that if all hunters of this district comply with the request, that some 500 will be turned in, assuring a large number of the needed articles of raiment. The turned in hides will represent a distinct measure of wartime economy, as customarily they are either thrown away in the woods or burned.

SUGGEST INCREASE IN PRICE OF COAL

Pittsburgh.—The Western Pennsylvania Coal Operators' Association has postponed until Wednesday of the present week any action on a suggested increase in the price of soft coal to help offset rising production costs, including the proposed six day work week for miners Byron Canon, secretary of the association said.

Canon and other association members met last week with officers of Districts 3, 4 and 5, United Mine Workers of America, to discuss extension of the work week in commercial mines in the area from five to six days.

CHRISTMAS SEALS SALE STARTED ON THURSDAY

About 17,000 Christmas seals have been sent throughout the county by the Johnstown Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, it was announced last week by Hugo Thomas, chairman, in anticipation of the beginning of the sales on Thanksgiving day.

The sale, starting each year on Thanksgiving day, will continue until Christmas. Proceeds of the sales, which sell at \$1 per sheet, are used to carry on programs of education to combat tuberculosis and to direct the attention of people throughout the area to the need for such efforts.

MAYER SELECTS FEITELBAUM AS ASSISTANT IN HIS OFFICE

District Attorney Stephens Mayer Tuesday appointed Attorney Elvin Teitelbaum of Johnstown to be an assistant district attorney to succeed Attorney Maurice Shadden who is in service in the Army in Hawaii. He was immediately sworn in.

PAUL LONG TAKES FIGHTING IN STRIDE AND IS NOW MAJOR

Patton Young Man, War Hero, Is Also Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Capt. Paul J. Long, of Patton, who won citations for heroism under fire in action against the Japanese, has been promoted to the rank of Major in the United States Air Forces.

He has been a member of the U. S. Army Air Corps only slightly over two years and on the actual firing line less than nine months.

His father, Isadore Long, of Patton, received word that his son had been promoted and also presented the coveted Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious action on an undisclosed battlefield.

Major Long, who is now in charge of an aerial squadron, is one of the very few men from this district to earn the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Prior to his promotion Major Long was pilot of a Flying Fortress. He was cited last April for heroism in bombing the Japs in the Bay of Bengal. At that time he was awarded the Silver Star for outstanding action under fire. Major Long was stationed in India for several months, having been transferred there from Pearl Harbor.

He was graduated from Patton High School with honors and entered the United States Military Academy at West Point after winning in competitive examinations. He was graduated from the Academy in 1939 and was assigned to California with an infantry division.

Later he entered an aviation school and was transferred to the air arm. He was graduated from Kelly Field, Texas, in June of 1940 and was located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, prior to being sent to Pearl Harbor.

A short time after graduation from the flying school he married a second lieutenant in the Army Nursing Corps, Mrs. Long is residing in Denver, Colo., while her flying husband is making history on several war fronts.

LLOYDELL MAN IS FIRST HUNTING FATALITY OF SEASON; ACCIDENTALLY

The first fatality of the 1942 small game hunting season in the district was recorded last Thursday, when John Swegle, 66, of Lloydell, was shot accidentally near his home.

Body of Swegle was found hanging over a barbed wire fence in a field about 150 yards from his home with a gaping hole in the chest.

Coroner Patrick McDermott said the man was killed instantly when the charge from the 12 gauge shotgun tore through his chest and penetrated the heart. The coroner said the hunter apparently was attempting to crawl over the fence when his overcoat caught in the barbed wire and in some manner the shot gun was discharged accidentally.

SHOPPER WARNED THAT NEXT YEAR'S WAITS WILL BE LONGER THAN BEFORE

Washington.—Office of Price Administration officials predicted the other day that American women will become more and more familiar with shopping practices now common to the women of Britain.

And economies are necessary, they emphasized because failure to eliminate luxury services now will mean that "essential services will disappear tomorrow."

"The example of British women, forced to accept even more drastic changes in their shopping habits, should help the women of this country to carry on with the good will expected of all Americans in war time," they added.

OPA issued orders last week authorizing elimination or curtailment of many shopping frills and conveniences that have grown so commonplace in stores of large cities and small towns.

The order was not made mandatory but officials predicted that most retailers would take advantage of the opportunity to limit or discontinue costly practices which grew up under free competition in peace time.

OPA officials predicted a "setidly widening" increase in store economy. Shopping will take longer, they declared, because an increasing scarcity of goods will require women to stand in line for a share of the remaining supplies and a growing lack of sales people will force longer waits for service.

"During 1943 no woman will be able to buy as much as she wants of anything," these officials warned.

—In San Jose, Calif., 40 women have taken jobs as lumber mill workers and are receiving the same rate of pay as the men who preceded them on the jobs.