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TEACHERS MAY STILL GET TO

first base in their efforts to secure additional remuneration from the legislature despite the fact that Governor Martin made no provision for any money for them in his budget message. Many teachers will well remember, we note in a communication in the Johnstown Democrat, of literature passed out by the Cambria County Republican Committee right before the last election on behalf of Martin, in which "Substantial increase of the teachers' salaries" was promised. But the sad awakening to promises came when Martin completely ignored them—at least such was the original intention.

BUT THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

have been barraged with letters, telegrams, and post cards for several weeks by the teachers to support legislation favorable to them—and the Republican legislators, as well as the Democrats, have been barraged in equal manner. Result: Republican legislators have been scared to death! Further result: Now there seems to be a change of mind, and desperate efforts are being made at Harrisburg this week, after all, to do something. We honestly believe the teachers will be compensated to some additional degree. But, in the future, the voters will be wise in taking campaign promises with a grain of salt.

SOME OF THE REPUBLICANS

in the state house have been put in a rather embarrassing position because of the original Martin edict. Now, the party is beginning to realize that promises made and with intention of being forgotten won't always be forgotten. At no time has the Democratic minority been found wanting in their attitude toward raising of teachers' salaries, and, oddly enough, every last Republican assemblyman, voice the same approval. But in order to cut down some taxes, the administration originally saw fit to say in effect "nothing doing for teachers."

HOW BIG WILL OUR ARMED

forces be? Well, according to press reports from Washington, high governmental officials are said to have agreed that they shall number 10,800,000 and that this goal can be reached before this year ends. That means we'll have to hustle a few more million men out of civilian life.

LAST WEEK THE EBENBURG

draft board hung up a record in this county for the number of men inducted at one period. The list was so

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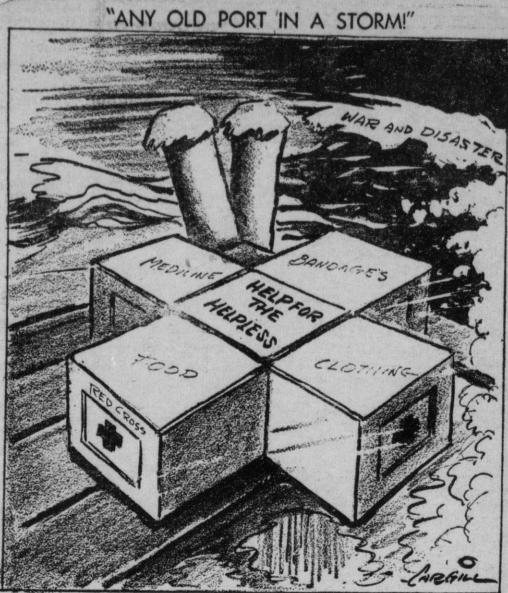
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large that they had to be sent to Altoona for final examination on three different days. The Cresson Board's list, while also large, was not comparable with Ebenburg's. The teenagers of the north of Cambria county with the exception of those still in school and deferred till the end of the term, are practically depleted. Who, then, will form the bulk of the forthcoming quotas, for April—and May—and June? Naturally there's none left but married men to go.

THE STATE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

board already is considering expansion of its aid to families of drafted fathers as selective service calls dig deeper into the ranks of husbands. More and more persons are likely to need financial assistance from the state as wage earners are called. The drafting of fathers is imminent and the state must be ready to aid families made needy by loss of the men on whom they are dependent.

ALTHOUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

aids dependents of drafted men, some family combinations do not receive enough to maintain themselves on minimum subsistence levels. War-impoorished families are already among the approximately 31,000 relief cases in Pennsylvania.

DAILY THE WAR IS BEING

brought home in reality to our own doorsteps. Patton boys have been reported dead, missing in action, and dead in line of duty. Northern Cambria boys, too, have been reported as prisoners of war. As the armies forces grow, and millions more go to the far-flung battlefronts, casualties will mount for us, and for every area in the nation. This will be necessary to win this conflict. Not to win it, would be unthinkable.

THE WORK OF THE RED CROSS

will become all the more imperative as the war progresses. Hence, we on the home front, should be liberal to the utmost in the present drive for funds, and in a wholehearted spirit of cooperation. Its pretty hard to go down any street in America these days and not see service flags displayed in four out of five homes. And every home that displays a service flag should be vitally interested in the work of the Red Cross. Those not privileged to display such flags, are all the more duty bound to assist.

WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET THE

gasoline restrictions lifted in this section of the state. We are not going to be permitted to take pleasure drives. We are to continue to be treated the same as the rest of the eastern seaboard states. Perhaps, in our desire to have the restrictions lifted there has been at least some selfish motive involved—some thought of comfort and luxury, rather than of actual need. We'll get along. Those boys in the South Pacific, in China, in the Aleutians and in North Africa would be mighty glad to live as softly as we live, despite rationing and other inconveniences we imagine we are suffering. Folks who complain because of no butter, and not so much coffee, would be viewed with contempt by the fellows whose privilege it is to defend our nation on the front line of battle.

FOOD RATIONING WILL GET TO

be stiffer as the days and weeks pass by. Rationing of meat, butter, cheese, canned fish and edible oils has been ordered by April 1st. Other things will follow. For the duration it will be "not what we want, but what we can have." There is no other way out.

YOU CAN HELP YOURSELF HAVE

a better living, though, by getting back to the soil, and planting a Victory garden. In fact that's one way of beating the rationing. Perhaps it will do you good. But if you want to reap real crops, you'll have to give your garden lots of attention. It may take you away from your club and cronies, but it will pay dividends in both vegetables, and in health.

SPRING HERBS NOT RATIONED BUT BE WARY IN USING 'EM

Prodded by recent food rationing restrictions thousands of persons are expected soon to begin roaming forest areas in search of early spring edible plants as March ushers in the warmer weather.

But, they are warned against indiscriminate gathering of wild plants. Some apparently innocent looking roots, fruits and herbs may prove extremely costly to the collectors, according to Research Forester Albert S. Mickalitis, of the state Department of Forests and Waters.

Mickalitis suggested thorough acquaintance with the identities and the uses of various delicacies from persons whom the prospective collector, knows to be experienced and to have been in the habit of using wild plants. He suggested the following:

Simple to identify, common and well known, are the leaves and tender shoots of the true water cress, used for greens and salads since ancient times.

Wintercress, often known as survy grass (common in Pennsylvania, and often considered a weed yet the glossy green leaves make excellent potherbs or salads when gathered during March and early April.

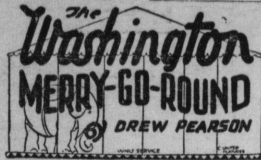
New leaves of the dandelion which begin to emerge this month, for table greens. The young leaves of chicory, resembling those of the dandelion, for boiled potherbs; the young tender roots, boiled and treated similar to carrots for vegetable additions. Chicory roots also make a delicious beverage.

Lamb's quarter, an annual plant which has been naturalized, is common throughout the state, particularly in the anthracite region. It is gathered from late spring until early summer.

Wintergreen or teaberry, one of the best known of all the state's wild flora, provides berries for pies and aromatic leaves for raw chewing, or the making of tea. Its foliage, distilled, produces quantities of industrial and medicinal oil of wintergreen.

—Let no one tell you the Red Cross is no good. There's something wrong with that kind of citizen!

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Undersecretary of War Patterson's labor advisers have a one-point program for ending absenteeism in war plants. Here is the one point: Communities should adjust themselves to the hours of the factories. Stores, banks, doctors, lawyers, plus other services should be available not merely for one shift of workers but for all shifts.

At present workers on the swing shift, beginning at midnight, find themselves out of gear with the life of the community. The greatest absenteeism is among workers on the odd shifts, and can be attributed not to indifference to winning the war but to the inconvenience of trying to live and buy food and get Johnny to the doctor, while the swing shift turns night into day.

Absenteeism is higher among women than men, which may mean nothing more than trouble with the ration board. A woman will take a day off from the factory because she has to register for canned foods, or because a child is sick in the family, or because she hasn't had time to buy a new dress at the store. Remedy for this is nothing less than two or three shifts on the part of the services that serve the workers. The ration board, it is suggested, should come to the factory.

In many cases, war department advisers say, absenteeism is caused not by loafing but by overwork. In certain machine-tool areas, such as New England, men have been working 50 and 56 hours a week for years. They are simply exhausted. Incidentally, this factor is the principal cause of absenteeism in Germany, where workers are worn down by unremitting labor and long hours.

Note: There is little sympathy in Undersecretary Patterson's office for the Rickenbacker crusade against labor. It is regarded as useless and unsound to try to appeal to workers over their leaders.

NO RUSSIAN HURRAHS

American observers in Russia report that the public is not throwing its red cap in the air over current military successes. The reaction is not much different, in fact, from the reaction to losses.

"The mood of the Russian people," says one report, "hasn't changed much since last summer when they were being driven back to the Volga. Nor has it changed much from the years of peace."

It is explained that Russians have become accustomed to tumult and personal danger. For 25 years they have lived in an atmosphere of revolution, purges, and starvation. War has brought no sudden shock to them as to us.

Even in the face of the terrific losses Russia has suffered in this war, the losses forced upon Russia by her own government ten years ago remain almost unsurpassed.

When the Soviet government was imposing on the people, the unwelcome system of collective farming, farmers were denied seed for planting, and a vast number of people, estimated between two and five million, starved to death.

The Russians are stolid, taking defeat or victory in their stride.

SPANISH DAGGER AT U. S. BACK

Here is the lowdown on the visit of Franco's special representative, ex-Spanish Foreign Minister Beigbeder, to this country.

France's regular representative, Ambassador Juan Cardenas, has been sending him what he wanted to hear, rather than the truth about the way the American people have put their hearts into the war. Cardenas has emphasized the clash of personalities and inefficiency of war production which get into the headlines but is not the general rule.

When U. S. officials learned of this, they conceived the idea of bringing a special Franco envoy to the U. S. A. to get the real picture. Actually it was the war department, not the state department, which hatched the inspiration and which is taking him on a tour of war plants and army posts to drink in the real spirit of the war effort.

Note: Many high-up officials here believe Franco is an opportunist who, regardless of pledges, will jump whichever way he sees the war is going in the spring. He could, if he wished, plunge a dagger into the back of U. S. forces in North Africa. Beigbeder has a background of friendship for the United States.

CAPITAL CHAFF

It is said of Woodrow Wilson that he was a professor surrounded by politicians, and that FDR is a politician surrounded by professors.

It is said of Madame Chiang Kai-shek's huge reception that it out-caviared the Baruch party for Mrs. Harry Hopkins.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker is making it clear to friends that he has no presidential ambitions despite the fact that Gerald K. Smith is hurrahing for him. Incidentally most people don't know it, but Rickenbacker saw the hand-writing on the wall as far as isolation is concerned and resigned from the American First committee on January 16, 1941, nearly one year before Pearl Harbor.

—Do your share, give double for the Red Cross this year!

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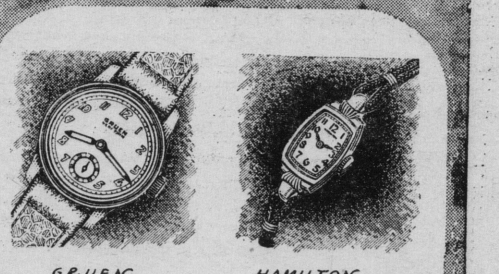
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STOP RISE IN CLOTHING PRICES.

It is evident that the rise in clothing prices was effectively stopped by the General Maximum Price Regulation. Prices of all kinds of clothing rose 25.8 per cent between the spring of 1941 and May of 1942. The prices were then established as of March, which not only halted price rises, but actually lowered some prices.

At the end of December, 1942, clothing prices averaged .2 per cent lower than prices before the GMPR went into effect.

Sixty years ago, in Santa Cruz, California, L. H. Logan crossed a wild blackberry and raspberry. The fruit arising from this union he named the loganberry.