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VALUE OF B AND C GASOLINE COUPONS CUT HALF GALLON

New OPA Slash Effective Now. No Fuel Allowed for Soldiers on Leave in New Order.

The Office of Price Administration Tuesday slashed the value of all B and C gasoline coupons in the eastern shortage area from three to two and one-half gallons, but left the value of basic A coupons unchanged in its latest efforts to relieve the continuing fuel crisis.

The cut became effective on Wednesday in 12 eastern states, including Pennsylvania.

These other new restrictions were imposed:

1.—Ration boards are directed to deny applications for extra gasoline rations to restore mileage lost as a result of the new reduction in B and C coupons.

2.—Special rations as high as five gallons to furloughing servicemen is revoked in the shortage area.

3.—Supplemental rations will be denied to applicants living in reasonable walking distance of their work, regardless of car pools and lack of other means of transportation. Only exceptions will be for physical disability or to take account of need for transporting heavy equipment such as tools.

The new pinches on eastern motorists began after the government acknowledged that its efforts to restrict non-essential motoring through the honor system had failed. It lifted the original pleasure driving ban March 22, at the same time cutting the basic A ration from three to one and one-half gallons.

Officials stated that every other avenue of possible curtailment was used before resorting to reduction of B and C coupon values. B and C cards are used chiefly for occupational driving.

HASTINGS PRIEST HAS SILVER JUBILEE

A solemn high mass of thanksgiving was celebrated on Tuesday morning for Rev. Father Vincent Schlemmer, O. S. B., rector of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Hastings, who observed the silver anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Rev. George Brugger, O. S. B., rector of St. Boniface's Catholic church, and Rev. Flavian Yelinko, O. S. B., assistant rector at St. Bernard's, assisted.

Born Nov. 27, 1891, Father Vincent at an early age entered the preparatory school at St. Vincent College, Latrobe. He was professed at St. Vincents July 2, 1912, and after completing the seminary course, was ordained May 25, 1918.

The Hastings rector served as an assistant pastor and as pastor at St. Boniface's, North Side, Pittsburgh; St. Mary's, Erie; and Holy Cross at Spangler, prior to coming to Hastings. Father Vincent was the honor guest at a parish reception on Tuesday evening and will also be honored at a smoker on Friday evening, by the men of the parish.

SOCIAL WORKER RETREAT IS SET

A retreat for Catholic women social workers, first of its kind in the state of Pennsylvania, will open on Friday, June 11th, and close Monday, June 14th, in Mt. Aloysius Junior College, at Cresson.

Rev. J. Eugene Gallery, S. J., will be in charge of the event being sponsored by the Altoona Catholic Charities.

Rev. William M. Griffin, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, announces that invitations are being sent to all women social workers in the state who are affiliated with Catholic, public or private agencies, U. S. O. Workers and Red Cross aides.

LAYMEN RETREAT MASTER IS NAMED

Rev. Father Thomas A. Edwards, T. O. R., has been named retreat master for the three laymen retreats to be held at St. Francis College from July 9 to 12, July 16 to 19, and July 23 to 26. Father Thomas graduated from St. Francis College in 1940 with highest honors. The mansion of the late Charles M. Schwab has been selected as the site of the 18th annual event. Approximately 50 laymen can be accommodated during each of the three sessions. No retreat for boys will be held this year because many youths will be engaged in vital farm work.

GERMANY NOT IN A GOOD PLIGHT

Confidential reports said to be coming from European capitals say that Germany's position is worse than the most outsiders suppose. Not that she is about to crack-up, but that she's on the down-grade.

The Nazi war machine is short of gas. Rumanian wells aren't adequate and Polish and other available fields are negligible. Synthetic plants fail to close the gap. Allied bombers have further reduced output just when it was needed to stave off Allied invasion.

Italy's plight is even worse. Some call it desperate. She is dependent on Germany for practically everything, and Germany can't take care of her own needs.

So watch the Russian front. Germany must strike soon, while her war machine is stronger than it will ever be again, and before the Allies can strike her.

MANY GRADUATES AT COUNTY'S HIGH SCHOOLS THIS YEAR

Over Twenty-Three Hundred Are Listed, With Many in the Nation's Armed Forces.

A total of 2,334 young men and young women are included in 1943 graduating classes of Cambria County High Schools, according to a survey. Many of the graduating students have already completed their high school studies while the last of them are receiving their diplomas this week.

Six of the county schools, including Johnstown Central High, have graduating classes of over 100 pupils. At practically every school some of the members of the graduating class are in service and are being graduated in absentia while hundreds of boys, deferred until the end of the school term, will be leaving shortly to don the uniform of the country's fighting forces.

The number of students graduating from each school in the county has been reported as follows:

Adams Township	105
Barnesboro	101
Black Lick Township	22
Beaverdale	34
Carrolltown	40
Cresson	87
Dale	44
Conemaugh	102
Ebensburg-Cambria	112
Ferndale	68
Franklin	71
Gallitzin	65
Hastings	64
Johnstown	671
Johnstown Catholic	112
Lilly	48
Nanty-Glo	40
Patton	98
Portage Borough	74
Portage Township	48
Richland Township	52
South Fork	65
Southern	31
Spangler	71
Vintondale	11
Wilmore	11
Westmont-Upper Yoder	85

DRIVE TO INCREASE ALLOTMENTS SOON

Look for a new drive to increase the allotments to soldiers' dependents, as proposed in the Lodge Bill. This campaign will get under way when the draft starts taking fathers in large numbers.

Inequities in allotments are already evident. In some rural sections of the South, allotments are more than adequate, while in the East, where food and housing costs more, dependents can't get along on what the government allows them.

HEALTH DUTIES ARE ASSUMED BY STATE

Public health functions in five of the Cambria county communities have been taken over by the State Department of Health and it is exercising them through its sanitarians, it has been announced by the Government Administration Service.

This arrangement is based upon the basic local health law which grants the Secretary of Health power to enter the municipality and take full charge of and administer the health laws, regulations, and ordinances which apply to the borough or township if conditions are found by him to constitute a health menace. In the county, the following boroughs have been taken over: Cassandra, Chest Springs, Daisytown, Loretto and Nanty-Glo.

ALL QUIET AMONG THE MINERS OF DISTRICT 2 AS SHUTDOWN CONTINUES

Awaiting a "break" in stalemated proceedings from the nation's capital, more than 45,000 miners of the District No. 2 stronghold so far are remaining firm in their contract demands as the coal shutdown has entered its third day. Mines all over the nation closed down on Monday at midnight, following no action on the part of negotiators on a contract for the miners, following the extension deadline of a series of truces that have continued since April 1st.

Continued loyalty on the part of the miner to John L. Lewis, their leader, who rose from the ranks 23 years ago to guide the destinies of the mine organization, have been reported by the board members of the district. "They are still waiting for word from John L.," Lloyd Unger, union organizer for the Somerset area said. George Mottey, Indiana board member, reported, "All quiet on a united western front."

In the mainline district Ernest Yanssens, of Cresson, refuted reports that the solid front of the miners was caving in. At a special meeting of Gallitzin local, 1056, it was revealed the membership accepted a motion to align themselves with their fellow unionists in remaining back of the U. M. W. A. president.

A plea for a quick settlement in the mine controversy was asked in a telegram forwarded by James Stafford, president of the Gallitzin local, to President Roosevelt.

Union officials said that the miners, many of whom have sons, brothers, and relatives fighting the nation's battle, want a quick settlement to the present coal crisis, but in the form of a definite agreement.

Peace continued to reign over the coal communities of the district as the miners gave up their heavy picks for Victory garden tools, while others gathered about their town's meeting points to discuss the latest developments in the coal situation. Crews of maintenance crews have been entering the mines each day, under agreements of the union and operators, to protect company property and prevent flooding of the workings.

BOY SCOUTS TO BE ENROLLED TO HELP GATHER FARM CROP

Cambria County Boys Will Join With Others All Over the Nation This Fall.

Boy Scouts of the Admiral Robert E. Peary Council will be called upon to help relieve the shortage of farm labor during the harvest season, according to arrangements being made by county officials and the U. S. Employment Service. At the request of the employment office in Johnstown a survey is now being made to determine the number available for farm work in the summer and fall.

The Scouts will be assigned to work on farms where sufficient labor is not available to harvest potato and fruit crops. Only those over fourteen years of age will be accepted for the work.

When the assistance of the Scouts is requested, a troop or troops will be assigned to assist in the harvest and will camp in tents on the farm. The boys will work under the supervision of adult leaders and will be paid for their labor.

It is planned to use troops principally in their own localities if labor shortages develop, although the boys also may be sent to other sections.

Scouts throughout the nation will cooperate in farm work during the coming summer and fall months under plans set up by the National Scout Council. All older Scouts have been urged to enroll for farm work where needed as a means of rendering further service to their country in time of war.

VIOLENT DEATHS DIP OVER MEMORIAL DAY

Uninterrupted operation in most of the war plants, shifts of civilians to armed services, a nation wide gasoline shortage and an eastern ban on pleasure driving are credited with bringing about a sharp decrease in violent deaths for the Memorial Day week-end in the nation.

The toll for the three-day period was considerably lower than that of the two-day holiday last year—191 dead throughout the nation, compared with 304 last year, and an average of 400 deaths on a normal peacetime May week-end.

District No. 2 officials and members of the policy committee are attending the negotiations in Washington. Daily contacts are made between organizers of the district and the executive board on progress of negotiations.

On the Washington Front. Meanwhile in Washington, according to dispatches, President Roosevelt was authoritatively reported to be prepared to order the miners to go back to work at current pay pending settlement of their demands. But such action if taken would fully sustain the War Labor Board's position in the controversy with the mine union leaders. The president last night received a full report on the strike at a conference lasting more than an hour and a half. At the conference were James F. Byrnes, war mobilization director; Secretary Ickes, seven members of the War Labor Board, and Abe Fortas, undersecretary of the interior. Conferees had no comment on what happened at the conference.

The case landed at the White House in a bitter exchange of words between the War Labor Board and the president of the United Mine Workers after the board had called a halt to further collective bargaining until the shutdown ceases.

Lewis hit back at certain allegations on the part of the board, that the board was acting illegally, a charge recalling recent hints that he might bring action against it under the Wagner Labor Relations Act. He said the WLB's order calling off negotiations was in conflict with the Wagner Act, legalizing a collective bargaining action, designed to prolong the controversy.

"On June 1," he added, "Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, custodian of the coal mines, under order of the President, telegraphed the coal operators and the United Mine Workers instructing them to reach a speedy conclusion of the negotiation of a new agreement in order to insure the continuous production of coal. The U. M. W. of A. are in support of and in compliance with this request."

PATTON OFFICER DIES IN FLORIDA AIRPLANE CRASH

Lieutenant William M. Williamson Loses Life In Line of Duty on Monday.

Lieutenant William Mertenn Williamson, formerly of Patton, was killed on Monday when a U. S. Army plane in which he was flying, crashed in Florida.

Only the fact that the officer was killed in line of duty was learned late on Tuesday by his father, William Williamson, of this place.

Official information regarding the accident was sent by the War Department to the officer's wife, Mrs. Virginia Williamson of Detroit, Mich. Lt. Williamson's mother and two sisters were visiting his wife when word of the tragedy was received.

The officer's wife, late Tuesday evening telephoned the tragic news to Mr. Williamson in Patton and he left immediately for Detroit.

Lt. Williamson, a graduate of the Patton High School, had been a member of the United States Army Air Corps for nearly four years. He was known to have been a bombardier.

The officer was born in Patton and spent his entire life here prior to entering the service. Besides his parents and widow, he leaves two sons.

He was a brother of Iona and Arlene Ruth Williamson, both of Detroit; Pvt. Irvin Williamson, with the U. S. Army in North Africa, and Mildred and Nona Williamson, both of Patton.

FATHER CARROLL IS NEW DEAN OF STUDIES

Rev. Severinus J. Carroll, T. O. R., has been appointed dean of studies of St. Francis College, Loretto. The appointment came from Very Rev. Benedict Determann, T. O. R., provincial of the Sacred Heart Province to which St. Francis College is attached.

Father Carroll has been dean of discipline and registrar of St. Francis during the second administration of the Very Rev. John P. J. Sullivan, T. O. R., Ph. D., president, and registrar during Father Sullivan's first administration. He succeeds Rev. Dr. Daniel Egan, T. O. R., who remains vice president. As dean of discipline, Father Car-

DEDUCTION OF TAXES STARTS JULY FIRST

The first pay roll deduction under the proposed pay-as-you-go income tax plan would be made from wages for the first pay period beginning on or after July 1st, the report of the Senate-House tax conferees discloses.

A last minute change agreed by the conferees provides that pay roll deductions shall not be applicable to wages paid during the calendar year 1943 with respect to a pay roll period beginning on or after July 1st. Earlier, the conferees had planned that new tax collection system would apply to the first pay period ending on or after that date.

With this exception the conference report remained unchanged from the previous announced agreement calling for a 20 per cent tax withholding, and taxable income.

WLB IS RELAXING ITS TIGHT HOLD ON PAY CHANGES

Adjustments May Be Made on Regional Basis from Now On New Instructions.

Washington. — The War Labor Board has informed its regional boards that, within their "sound discretion," they can make reasonable adjustments of wages and salaries in certain cases provided they do not increase costs appreciably.

These instructions were issued to clarify certain questions arising under the "hold-the-line" anti-inflationary order issued by President Roosevelt, and relaxed by Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes.

The WLB told the regional boards that they could make reasonable adjustments in case of promotions, reclassifications, merit increases, incentive wages or the like if they do not increase the level of production costs appreciably or furnish the basis either to increase prices or to resist otherwise justifiable reductions in prices.

Under the instructions, the boards were informed they can handle these types of cases:

1.—Intra-plant adjustments which are necessary to erase an inequity and to promise production and which are not prohibited by the presidential directive.

2.—Applications by employers not under the fair labor standards act to pay time and a half for hours over 40, or to change from a fluctuating to a fixed work week for the purpose of computing overtime as currently permitted employees covered by the act.

3.—Adjustments incident to improvement of work conditions which do not involve increasing basic wage rates and which do not exceed the sound prevailing practice in the industry or area.

Adjustments included under the third group are vacation pay, sick leave plans, night shift bonuses and holiday pay.

TOWNSHIPS REPAID FOR ROAD REPAIRS

State Treasurer G. Harold Wagner, announces that checks are being issued to pay Pennsylvania's second class townships their second quarterly installment for highway and bridge work. The money is being paid out of the motor license fund as the state's share of maintenance of township roads and bridges.

Cambria County townships and their allotments follow:

Adams, \$1,223.34; Allegheny, \$889.32; Barr, \$1,022.25; Blacklick, \$509.39; Cambria, \$1,076.22; Chest, \$320.14; Clearfield, \$531.75; Conemaugh, \$268.32; Cresson, \$317.78; Croyle, \$527.99; Dean, \$209.74; East Carroll, \$518.34; East Taylor, \$326.02; Elder, \$240.10; Gallitzin, \$288.59; Jackson, \$587.54; Lower Yoder, \$209.97; Middle Taylor, \$211.62; Munster, \$381.34; Portage, \$464.87; Reade, \$282.70; Richland, \$542.58; Summerhill, \$675.34; Susquehanna, \$798.69; Upper Yoder, \$353.32; Washington, \$293.54; West Carroll, \$197.73; West Taylor, \$135.35; and White, \$111.81
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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish, in this manner, to thank all those who assisted us in our recent bereavement, the illness and death of our mother, Mrs. Martha McHugh; for the floral offerings, and for use of cars at the funeral.—The Children.

roll has charge of the new students' dormitory, the former Charles M. Schwab summer mansion, which was purchased recently by the friends of St. Francis.

CAMBRIA FIREMEN PLAN FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION MEET

But There Won't Be Any Parade or Social Functions in Connection with Conclave.

Plans for the annual convention of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity to be conducted during the first week in August in Beaverdale were furthered at a meeting held recently in Beaverdale.

Byron W. Davis, Ebensburg, association president, announced that the convention will be conducted unless conditions resulting from the present war become more acute than they are at the present time, however, the parade and all social functions in connection with the meet have been cancelled.

President Davis announced that only business sessions will be conducted by both the firemen and auxiliary. He said the convention proper probably will not continue for more than two days. Davis also said that the county association assisted in every way possible with the organization of the new Upper Yoder Township Volunteer Fire Company. He said the new company will be given an invitation to become affiliated with the county association.

Wesley Lohr, a member of the Somerset Co. Volunteer Firemen's Association, and Cambria County Controller Dennis L. Westrick were guest speakers at the meeting. Closer cooperation between the fire companies of Somerset and Cambria counties were urged by both speakers.

Representatives from 14 member companies attended the session. Refreshments were served by the ladies' auxiliary of the host company. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 24th in Vintondale.

HAVE CARS INSPECTED NOW DRIVERS URGED

Garage owners, who operate official state inspection stations are now joining the State Department of Revenue in a plea to motorists to get their autos inspected now.

The semi-annual inspection period began May 1st, and extends to July 31st, allowing ample time for inspections unless auto owners wait until the last few days.

But memories of the terrific rush in the final week of the last period when some stations were booked solidly for days ahead, and could make no promises whatever on completion of the task, still plague the garage-men.

A serious shortage of mechanics, a shrinkage in the number of inspection stations now operating to a thousand less than those in business a year ago and difficulty in obtaining parts, all lend urgency to the plea.

POSTMASTERS GET THEIR JOBS FOR LIFE

Postmaster General Frank Walker has announced that fifteen postoffices in this section of the state will be advanced to Presidential rank on July 1st.

Appointed for life by the President with approval of the Senate, the postmasters of the advanced offices will have civil service status.

Offices to be advanced and the postmasters' salaries, are:

Blandburg, Cambria county, and Commodore and Dixonville, Indiana county, \$1,300; Davidsville, Somerset County, Heilwood Indiana County, and Westover, Clearfield county, \$1,200; Alum Bank and New Paris, in Bedford county, Grass Flats, Plumville, Indiana county, and Jenners, Jennerstown and Tire Hill, Somerset County; Geistown, and Sidman, Cambria county, \$1,100.

OLDER MEN SOUGHT FOR GUARDS, MARINE CORPS

The marine corps is seeking more men between the ages of 38 and 50 for guard duty at naval shore establishments within the continental limits of the United States. Qualified men will be enlisted as privates for the duration of the war and will release younger marines for overseas combat duty. Pay is \$50 a month and the men live in barracks. Recruiting officers emphasize that no promise of assignment to a particular post can be made, and men enlisted in the guard units should not expect higher rank than that of private.

Government announces fish production below goal. That's what comes of using files instead of worms,