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PRIMARY LINEUP WILL BRING SOME LIVELY CONTESTS

Westrick, Hartnett, O'Connor and McDermott Have No Opposition at Deadline.

Despite the war and the resulting apparent apathy on the part of the voters, there will be no dearth of candidates for nomination for county, borough and township offices at the primaries to be held September 14th. This was indicated Monday with the passing of the deadline for filing of nomination petitions with the county commissioners.

Following are the candidates for county offices:

Commissioner.

(Two to nominate.) Democrat—Frank P. Hollern, of Johnstown; Eddie McCloskey, Johnstown; George C. Hoppel, Patton; and Michael C. Chervenak, Jr., Portage Township. Republican—John Thomas, Jr., Westmont; Cyrus W. Davis, Conemaugh; Dr. Emlin Jones, Johnstown.

District Attorney.

Democrat—Albert L. O'Connor, of Loreto. Republican—Stephens Mayer, Johnstown; Walter E. Rose, Johnstown.

Treasurer.

Democrat—Edward Baumer, of Johnstown; Bruce Lybarger, Vintondale; Leslie L. Chamberlin, Dale; Francis G. McKinley, Lorain. Republican—Roy B. Griffith, Stonycreek Township; Byron W. Davis, Ebensburg; Albert Scott Beam, Upper Yoder Township.

Prothonotary.

Democrat—John A. Conway, of Johnstown. Republican—John L. Hite, Johnstown; E. F. Jervis, Ebensburg; James Bent, Westmont.

Register of Wills.

Democrat—Michael J. Hartnett, of Johnstown. Republican—Clem L. Varner, East Taylor Township; Paul J. Wills, Loreto.

Recorder of Deeds.

Democrat—Clark Powell, Ebensburg. Republican—Steve Burr, Ebensburg; Reginald S. (Puddy) Davis, Upper Yoder Township; R. M. (Milt) Good, Conemaugh.

Controller.

Democrat—Dennis L. Westrick, Elder Township. Republican—Perce R. Appleyard, Stonycreek Township, Elmer Davis, Johnstown.

Clerk of Courts.

Democrat—Peter J. Culliton, of Johnstown; John Bitchko, Nanty-Glo; Joe Piurkowsky, Lower Yoder Twp.; Lottie Easterbrook, Johnstown. Republican—J. Dean Joy, Johnstown.

Coroner.

Democrat—Patrick McDermott, of Hastings. Republican—George Lee, Southmont; Herbert C. Dixon, Johnstown.

Surveyor.

Democrat—Isadore J. Pfeister, Hastings. Republican—Samuel G. Fetterman, Johnstown.

ASSEMBLYMEN SEEK OTHER JOBS IT SEEMS

Four of Cambria County's five assemblymen will be candidates for city or county offices in the primaries September 14th.

Walter E. Rose, Johnstown, asks the g. o. p. nomination for district attorney, while Paul H. Gross, also of Johnstown, wants the party nomination for city treasurer.

Albert L. O'Connor, Loreto, is unopposed for the Democratic nomination for district attorney, and Michael C. Chervenak, Jr., Portage Township, is in the race for a Democratic nomination for County Commissioner.

The other assemblyman, Tom Owens Carrolltown, is content to stay on the job as editor of the Patton Union Press-Courier.

Nurse Dies In Africa.

Lt. Claire Riley of the Army Nurse Corps, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Riley of Osceola Mills, died in North Africa early this month according to word received by relatives in Nanty-Glo. Lt. Riley enlisted in the armed forces in September, 1941. Her father is a brother of the late Mrs. Reynolds Lamont of Nanty-Glo. The message of the War Department did not state whether Lt. Riley died of wounds or of disease.

Leaves Hospital.

Mrs. Rosella Diamond, vice chairman of the Democratic Committee of Cambria County, is recuperating in her Summerhill home from an extended illness. Mrs. Diamond, who entered Windber hospital, July 6th, is a medical patient, was discharged on Friday last. Her condition is regarded as fairly good.

BARNESBORO MAN MISSING IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. James Scollon, Sr., of Barnesboro, have been notified by the War Department that their son, Staff Sgt. James J. Scollon, 30, has been missing in action since July 15th in the European area. He was a member of an American Bomber crew.

Entering the Army Air Forces on April 23, 1942, Sgt. Scollon took his basic training at Kessler Field, Miss., and served at Fort Bragg, N. C. He graduated from the Harlingen Gunnery School in Texas, in September, 1942. The soldier was sent overseas last May. Prior to entering service he was employed by the Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Company. Two older brothers served in World War I.

PATTON EAGLES WILL HOLD PICNIC ON SUNDAY NEXT

At the Patton Recreation Park; Number of Interesting Features Are Scheduled.

Members of Patton Aerie, No. 1244, Fraternal Order of Eagles and their families and friends are cordially invited to attend the Eagles' Annual picnic which will be held at the Patton Recreation Park next Sunday afternoon, August 1st.

Due to the rationing of food, it will be impossible for the Aerie to have a concession stand at the picnic this year.

The sports committee have arranged a fine program of events to be held in the afternoon for which cash prizes will be given.

Bingo, under the supervision of Mr. Vincent A. Huber and sons, will be conducted during the day.

The entertainment committee has secured the services of a nationally-known radio band which will furnish entertainment throughout the day.

In the event of rain the picnic will be held the following Sunday.

In the evening there will be a floor show and dance in the Eagles' Home for members and their friends.

The Patton Eagles also are planning a class initiation for Sunday afternoon, August 15th, the ceremony being in charge of the Patton Degree team. A floor show and dance will follow in the evening for members and their ladies.

PLAN TO REVAMP OFFICIALS UNION

Plans for the complete reorganization of the Mine Officials Union of District No. 2 were outlined at a meeting of representatives of the various locals last Sunday afternoon in the Knights of Malta Hall, Indiana.

John McLeplin, Pittsburgh, international president of the union, which is familiarly known as the "official family" union, stressed the fact that the organization is working in complete harmony with the United Mine Workers of America.

McLeplin said that when the district is reorganized it will be affiliated with District 50, which is composed of all craft unions of the U. M. W., District 2, which includes mines in Indiana, Jefferson, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, and Clarion Counties.

The international president predicted that the union membership would be increased considerably in the near future. He said that one of the reasons for the meeting was to stimulate interest in the organization.

John Buggy, chairman of the Ernest Local Union, 106 M. O. U., was in charge of the session.

TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN ARE NOW SERVING OVERSEAS

London.—Elmer Davis, head of the U. S. Office of War Information, disclosed this week that almost 2,500,000 American soldiers now are overseas and that the A. E. F. is growing steadily.

Davis declared the Sicilian campaign is "only the beginning" of the American war effort in Europe and predicted in a broadcast over BBC that "you'll see more and more American soldiers in Europe."

Pointing out that more than half of America's war strength is now deployed in the Pacific, Davis said the far eastern front "will be steadily reinforced until complete victory is won."

America has raised and trained over 7,000,000 men to date, Davis revealed. The Navy has 2,000,000 of these men and the Army has transported overseas a total of almost 2,500,000, he said.

—Oatmeal is high in iron, thiamine phosphorus and protein.

BERNARD TIMMS IS NAMED TO UMW POST TO SUCCEED EVANS

And John J. Maholtz, Veteran Organizer, Has Been Chosen As His Assistant.

Shifts in two board positions in District No. 2 of the United Mine Workers of America to fill the vacancy created by the recent induction of Lewis Evans, Colver, into the Army, were made Wednesday by James Mark, district president.

Bernard Timms, Barnesboro, who had been assisting Evans in his duties as board member of the strong North Cambria Mining section, has been named to supervise the territory.

John J. Maholtz of Spangler, dean of all United Mine Worker officials of District No. 2, will aid Timms in his organization capacity, Mark announced.

All U. M. W. locals in the North Cambria area, the largest single territory in the district, Wednesday received official notification of the new assignments from President Mark.

In announcing the shifts to the membership, the district president requested the men to cooperate fully with the board officials. Nanty-Glo, largest local in District 2, and the big Colver and Revloc locals are included in the North Cambria territory.

Timms, former veteran checkweighman at the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke mine at Marsteller, had been assistant board member for the past two years.

President Mark announced that Mr. Timms will serve as acting board member until the return of Evans from the armed forces. Evans was re-elected this year to a two year term as board member. Should he return prior to March 31, 1945, expiration date of his term, he will assume his office, Mark stated, but after that date he must enter the biennial election if he wishes to assume his duties as a district union officer.

Evans, married, was inducted into the army this month. At the same time, Mike Degretto, also of Colver, international representative of the U. M. W., entered the army, but his position must be filled by the international office.

John Maholtz has served for 20 years as an organizer for the U. M. W. in District 2 and has served under four international presidents of the mine union.

He had been serving for the past four years as an organizer for truckers and house coal mines in the North Cambria and Indiana territory. He began as a union official in the District in 1909 when Patrick Gilday was president in District 2 and Tom L. Lewis president of the national organization. He then served under President John P. White, Frank Hayes, and currently, John L. Lewis.

For several years following the big strike of 1927 he worked in the Marsteller mine, serving for part of that period as checkweighman. In his new role he also will retain supervision over the truckers and house coal mines.

VOTERS CAN REGISTER IN PATTON SHORTLY

While there will be many more points in the county designated for registration of voters, which will be published later, nevertheless, in order that voters in this section may arrange for such registration now, it has been announced by the county board of elections that representatives will be at the Patton Borough Fire hall on Saturday of next week, August 7th, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., and from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m., for that purpose.

They will likewise be at Blandburg on Saturday, August 7th, with the same hours of sitting, and at Ashville, Y. M. I. hall, on Friday, August 6th, the same hours.

This registration is for new voters, those who have not voted in the past two years, those who have changed their address, and those who desire to change party affiliation.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all those who assisted us in any way during our recent bereavement, the illness and death of our wife and mother, Mrs. Jane Semelsberger; also for the floral and spiritual bouquets and use of cars.—Frank Semelsberger and Family.

The inland water area of Pennsylvania according to the Department of Forests and Waters, is 184,320 acres.

MINERS ARE URGED TO ACT SAFELY AND TO DIG MORE COAL

By the District President, James Mark, at Indiana County Memorial Dedication.

Great need for miners to practice every possible safety measure while at work and to produce the largest amount of coal with the smallest number of lost time accidents was stressed by James Mark, Du Bois, president of District 2, U. M. W., in an address Sunday afternoon at the dedication of the Memorial in honor of the seven men who were killed in the explosion at Kent 2 Mine in McIntyre, Indiana county, June 30th, 1941.

Hundreds of miners, their wives and children, from all parts of the county attended the impressive ceremonies. President Mark, in his address, did not touch on the labor situation in any manner, but confined his remarks to safety and the necessity of producing every possible ton of coal during the present emergency.

The U. M. W. leader urged the miners to work every day possible and to put forth every human effort to increase the output of coal which is vitally needed in practically every war industry.

Residents of the mining community, through public subscription and donations from the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company, operators of the mine, raised sufficient funds to erect the granite monument in memory of the men who were killed when the explosion rocked the mine.

Other speakers at the ceremonial were John Grizzoni, Homer City, international board member of the U. M. W., Fred Vinton, mine superintendent, and others.

CARROLLTOWN MAN (IS MISSING AT SEA)

Seaman Charles J. Stich, 27, of Carrolltown, was reported missing in action July 5th somewhere in the South Pacific, in a Navy Department communication received by his mother, Mrs. Mallie Stich-Thomas, who expressed the opinion that her son was lost when the Cruiser U. S. S. Helena was reported sunk during the battle of Kula Gulf in the South Pacific. Mrs. Stich said that she knew that her son had been attached to the cruiser for some time and that he was aboard the ship when it sailed for the South Pacific several months ago.

The missing sailor's sister, Lt. Lora Stich, is serving with the Army Nurse Corps, in Camp Wheeler, Ga., and a brother, Cpl. Richard Stich, is at Camp Crowder. Another brother, Benno, recently was discharged from the service. He has several other sisters.

Seaman Stich enlisted Jan. 2, 1942, and has been at various naval posts.

MARTIN SAYS MEN AND COURAGE ARE DECISIVE FACTORS IN BATTLE

Despite the improvements in war ordinance since the turn of the century, manpower and human courage remain the decisive factors today in successful military campaigns, according to Governor Edward Martin.

In an address at an "ordnance for victory" dinner at Philadelphia during the week, the Governor reviewed the modernization of war equipment during the last 45 years since he first joined the army, and pointed out that "potent and powerful as our weapons may be and magnificent as our equipment undoubtedly is, trained manpower and human courage are the decisive factors."

"The tools of war are vital," he added, "but they must be in the hands of trained fighting men, amply supplied and ably led."

The Governor said that soldiers in World War II had six times the weight in equipment than did the doughboys of 1918.

DPA RECORDS USED BY DRAFT BOARDS

The State Department of Public Assistance has disclosed its records are being used by Pennsylvania Selective Service Boards in reaching decisions on dependency claims filed by registrants.

"To date thousands of such investigations have been completed by the staffs of county assistance boards and information has been submitted to selective service boards to confirm or disprove claims of many registrants," declared Secretary Samuel Y. Ramage.

FIELD MASS AND PICNIC PLANNED

On Sunday, August 8th, a field Mass is planned by the parish of St. Lawrence's Catholic church at St. Lawrence, in commemoration of the present and former members of the parish. The outdoor mass will start at eleven o'clock in the morning.

On the same day, the annual parish picnic of the congregation will take place in the St. Lawrence grove and members of the parish have formed committees to assure all one of the most successful picnics yet held there. Feature of the affair, of course will be a chicken dinner and supper. There will be dancing afternoon and evening and games and other amusements throughout the day. Refreshments will be served all day.

CAMBRIA MARINE PILOT IS KILLED IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

First Lieutenant Paul D. McGowan, of Fallentimber, Is Listed By War Dept.

First Lieutenant Paul D. McGowan, aged 21 years, pilot in the U. S. Marine Corps, was killed in action in the South Pacific on July 7th, according to a Navy Department message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. McGowan, of Fallentimber R. D. The flier had been overseas since April.

Lt. McGowan enlisted in the Naval Air Corps Reserve in December, 1941, and was called for training in February, 1942. He won his wings as a pilot and his commission last December and was assigned for duty at Norfolk, Va., with the Marine Corps. In March last he was transferred to San Diego, California, and the following month was sent to the combat zone.

The officer graduated from Reade Township High School in 1938, and attended Pennsylvania State College for one year. He was born in Altoona on December 9, 1921, a son of Joseph E. and Georgia Gettings McGowan. In addition to his parents, he is survived by three brothers and a sister—Cpl. Joseph McGowan, with the Army Air Forces in England; Thomas F. McGowan, Monaca and Robert, and Georgia Mae McGowan, all at home.

A high mass of requiem for the repose of the soul of Lt. McGowan will be celebrated at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, July 31, in St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic church, Frugality.

JEFFERS PREDICTS TIRES NEXT SPRING

Rubber Director William Jeffers drafted a report for the White House last week predicting that it will be possible to lift all tire rationing restrictions next spring unless there are unforeseen military demands.

"This was the forecast after it was disclosed that James F. Byrnes, head of the Office of War Mobilization and "president of the home front," had asked Jeffers to make a report on the rubber situation to him.

The action was taken according to Byrnes office, after Jeffers recently issued orders tightening up the available number of tires by ruling that no certificate would be issued for purchase of spare tires for automobiles.

There has been some concern expressed in Washington that the tightening up of the restrictions was due to a slowing down of the synthetic rubber program.

Actually, it was learned, Jeffers issued the order to conserve rubber supplies through the summer and fall. The need for conservation developed partly because the anticipated number of casings for recaps did not develop.

SUGAR TO STAY ON THE RATION LIST

The Office of Price Administration intends to keep sugar on the ration list at least for the time being, according to recent reports.

Speaking on the Blue Network, "This Is Official," Martin Hilby said that no change is contemplated at this time. President Roosevelt recently had suggested it might be possible to remove sugar from ration controls because of the improvement in imports.

St. Augustine Picnic.

Members of the parish of St. Augustine's Catholic church at St. Augustine are planning for their annual picnic on Sunday, August 15th. Detailed announcements will be given at a later date.

SOLDIER MINERS TO BE GIVEN VACATION PAY IN THIS AREA

Probably Ten Thousand Men of Local District Are Serving in the Armed Forces.

Several thousand former Central Pennsylvania coal miners who have been inducted into the nation's fighting forces during the past year will receive the \$50 vacation payment agreed to by the United Mine Workers of America and Appalachian operators.

Walter A. Jones, secretary of the Central Pennsylvania Coal Producers Association, stated that individual operators have made or are preparing to make the bonus payment. The same holds good for the Somerset Co. Coal Producers' Association.

The large amount of money paid to the miner soldiers, the greater number of whom are residents of Cambria, Indiana and Somerset counties, will be scattered over most of the world since many now are serving in distant parts of the globe.

Because of difficulty in sending the vacation payment to these distant points, many companies, it was learned, expect to make the payment to the family to be kept until the soldier returns.

Operator officials said several companies are forwarding letters to the soldiers asking them if they wish to have the \$50 sent directly to them on the fighting front or held until their return.

No exact record of the number of former miners of District 2 now in the armed forces is available. District union officials had requested individual locals to keep them informed of all men who were inducted in the armed forces but a great many failed to keep an accurate account.

Recently the International Office of the U. M. W. sent each of the mine locals large honor rolls on which they were asked to place names of members now in the service, then place them in the mine hall.

Miners who have been inducted into the service between the basic vacation period of June 15, 1942, and June 15, 1943, will receive the \$50 bonus, operators announced. Regardless of whether the soldier had worked only a day with the company prior to being called to the colors he shall be eligible for the vacation bonus, officials of the operators' groups announced.

It is estimated that approximately 10,000 former coal miners of District No. 2 now are at battle stations and training camps throughout the world. The greater part of these men, however, were inducted into the service prior to the last 12 months.

Companies which make cash gifts to soldiers entering the service may credit these to the \$50 payment, union officials stated. At several mines a token payment is presented a miner by the company when he enters any branch of the armed forces.

DYSART SAILOR REPORTED LOST

Louis J. Benzie, 19, of Dysart, a seaman second class, in the Navy, was reported as missing in action in a Navy Department communication received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benzie, Dysart.

The message did not reveal in what theater of war the young sailor was reported as missing, but his parents had been informed that he had been at sea for about two months. They last heard from him in a letter written on July 4th and received on July 14th. In the letter he told of being well and enjoying life in the Navy.

Young Benzie entered the Navy March 12, 1943, and received his basic training at the Naval Training School, Sampson, N. Y. He spent a brief furlough with his parents early in May.

Seaman Benzie was born in Dysart and was graduated from the Crosson High School. He was affiliated with St. Thomas' Church, Ashville, while residing at home.

NICKTOWN RAILROAD WORKER IS INJURED

Not much improvement is noted in the critical condition of Louis H. Peters, nineteen year old Pennsylvania Railroad Worker, who was crushed between a railroad car and the side of the roundhouse in Crosson one day last week.

Peters, who resides in Nicktown, is being treated in Altoona Hospital for injuries to the pelvic region and internal injuries. Hospital attaches say the man was crushed badly about the pelvis.

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