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RED CROSS PLEDGES OF MINING INDUSTRY ARE PAID UP IN FULL

Miners and Operators Both Contribute Generously Chairman Geo. Clark Discloses.

George A. Clark of Hastings, co-chairman of the Cambria County 1943 Red Cross War Fund, states that the pledges have been paid in full by all the branches listed below, and that in each instance the pledges exceeded the quotas.

Mr. Clark has made a careful check among some of the national welfare organizations and also among local civic and church groups, and he has not been able to find where pledges have been met 100 per cent, as in this campaign. He feels that the branch workers and contributors are responsible for this unusual result.

Particularly pleasing to the Red Cross organization is the handsome contributions made by the miners and operators in the county. Lewis Evans, co-chairman with Mr. Clark, in charge of this phase of the campaign, is now in the armed forces. The result by branches, in the campaign, is as follows:

The Allegheny Ridge Branch had a quota of \$13,000; pledged \$13,594.75, and collected \$12,612.75.

The Beaver Valley Branch had a quota of \$7,000; pledged \$7,300, and paid \$7,353.00.

The Blacklick Branch pledged \$7,000; pledged \$8,100; and paid \$8,100.

The quota of the Clearfield Branch was \$7,000; it pledged \$9,000, and paid \$9,000.

The Mountain branch had a quota of \$8,000; pledged \$9,150; and paid \$9,173.87.

The Susquehanna branch had as its quota, \$9,000; it pledged \$9,885.50 and paid \$10,723.

The total quota was \$50,000.00; the total pledged \$56,030.23, and the total amount paid was \$56,962.69.

Members of the United Mine Workers of America in the area contributed the sum of \$20,606.02, as is shown in the following tabulation by local union, the number of the local appearing before the name of the town.

Table listing donation amounts for various towns: Twin Rocks (\$434.00), Hastings (1,169.50), South Fork (467.50), Portage (629.00), Barnesboro (777.00), Vintondale (672.00), Dunlo (22.00), Patton (72.00), Revloc (731.00), Colver (1,902.00), Cresson (343.32), Cassandra (931.00), Johnstown (101.50), Gallitzin (729.50), Elmora (1,450.00), Lilly (347.75), Jamestown (516.00), Nanty-Glo (2,025.75), Emeigh (328.40), Benedict (282.25), Cymbria (89.50)

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PAIR JAILED IN DEATH OF INFANT

Gallitzin R. D. miner and an Altoona woman are in the Blair County jail at Hollidaysburg, charged with concealing the death of an illegitimate child born June 26th.

The couple, William H. Bollman, 39, and Mrs. Beulah A. Coudriet, 29, admitted parenthood of the child to police and told of carrying the body to the mountain near Tunnelhill where it was buried beneath a slag pile.

Charges will be lodged against the pair.

Bollman and the woman formerly lived together in an apartment in Altoona. The Gallitzin man had been in the army but was discharged on age and has been employed in the mines at Gallitzin.

Police stated that in signed statements, Bollman and Mrs. Coudriet admitted they were the parents of the full-term child, born alive. Its death and burial were not reported to authorities.

Mrs. Coudriet, according to police, has been separated from her husband since 1935 and is the mother of four children, only one of which is legitimate.

Detectives in their investigation learned that Bollman had twice buried the child.

Because cattlemen are holding their livestock on the range until live stock prices have been adjusted less shoe leather will result, the WPB announces. There's been a temporary cut of one-third in cattle, calf and kip skins, due to sharp curtailment in the slaughter of cattle.

CANDIDATES GIVEN EXTRA-MILE RATIIONS

Candidates for public office in the local rationing board area will be granted 540 miles of automobile travel in conducting their campaigns for nomination in the September primaries under a ruling from the Altoona District offices, it was stated Tuesday night by Chairman Wilbur Wright of the County War Price and Rationing Board. The mileage, which is the equivalent of 36 gallons of gasoline according to OPA estimates, must last the candidate through the six weeks' campaign.

PATTON SELECTED BY FIREMEN FOR THE NEXT CONVENTION

Cambria County Group Elects New Officers At Annual Meet in Beaverdale Wednesday.

Election and induction of officers featured the business session of the 22nd annual convention of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity, held on Wednesday in Beaverdale.

Nominated without opposition, Donald Frye, of South Fork, was elected President by unanimous vote; Robert Allison, Ebsenburgh, was chosen vice president; William Ferg, of Oakmont, second vice president; A. F. Baker, Hastings, reelected secretary for the 22nd time; and Victor Smith, Lilly, reelected treasurer.

Approximately 400 delegates from the various fire companies in Cambria county attended the one day conclave.

During business sessions of the ladies' auxiliary of the county association, Mrs. Earl Sharbaugh, Carrolltown, was elected president; Mrs. Catherine Logue, Spangler, first vice president; Mrs. Bridget Bowser, of Portage, second vice president, Mrs. John Whalen, Spangler, Secretary, reelected; and Miss Katherine Glasser, Spangler, treasurer, re-elected.

Mrs. E. J. Nash, Nanty-Glo, Mrs. Ann Beazer, Carrolltown, and Mrs. Iva Matthews, Scarp Level, were elected directors.

Patton Volunteer Fire Co., No. 1, was awarded the 1944 convention by acclamation. Representatives of the company requested the conclave because the fire company will observe its golden anniversary next year.

CARROLLTOWN NEWS TO PRINT BALLOTS

By submitting the low bid of \$9.90 per thousand, the Carrolltown News, Carrolltown, was awarded the contract to print 125,000 ballots for the Cambria County Primary, Tuesday, September 14th.

The other bid received by the commissioners was one for \$10.25 per thousand by Weigel & Barber Printing Co., Johnstown.

William G. Johnson, Pittsburgh, was awarded the contract to furnish election supplies with a bid of \$563.30. The only other bid was one for \$597.10 submitted by a Harrisburg firm.

YANSSENS TO ASSIST REGISTRATION DRIVE

John R. Torquato, chairman of the Cambria County Democratic Committee, has announced that Ernest Yanssens of Cresson, district organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, has been appointed co-chairman of the advisory body of the county committee.

Yanssens will assist in directing the Democratic party's registration campaign in Northern Cambria county. He has been active in labor organizations in Cambria county for nearly 20 years, and is a native of Patton.

CONTOUR EXPERT TO VISIT COUNTY

Albert Cooper, agronomy specialist at State College, will be in the county to lay out contour work on Friday of this week. Any farmers seeking this advice should contact county farm agent, H. C. McWilliams at Ebsenburgh.

Awarded Purple Heart.

The Order of the Purple Heart has been awarded to Pfc. Lee Berger, a son of Mrs. Grace Berger of Blandburg, who was wounded in action in Africa some weeks ago. Pfc. Berger now has recovered and rejoined his unit. He enlisted in the army a year ago and was sent abroad with the American forces which invaded North Africa.

Included in a list of nine Cambria County young women who will graduate as nurses next Sunday afternoon from the Altoona Mercy Hospital Nurses' Training School, is Miss Marjorie M. Steir, of Patton.

U M W IS STANDING FIRM IN ITS DEMAND ON PORTAL PAYMENT

Request of Some of the Mine Operators for Court Ruling Fails to Deter Union.

Washington.—The United Mine Workers of America are standing behind their proposed Illinois wage contract in the face of an operators' move to force a court test of the prolonged dispute on underground travel pay.

A UMW spokesman said the operators' petition for a ruling on portal to portal pay by the Abingdon, Va., Federal District Court, would not affect the union's course of action. It will continue to press for War Labor Board approval of the agreement with Illinois operators, he said.

The union view was also reflected in an editorial in the current issue of the UMW Journal, which said:

"Every discussion of the present coal wage controversy reaches the same conclusion, namely, that there will be no peace in the coal industry until an adequate coal supply until a collective bargaining wage agreement is signed."

The Jewell Ridge Company issued a statement which said the operators and miners had failed to agree because of "one major difference," the dispute over travel pay.

The company said a court decision on the issue would pave the way for agreement on a contract and insure uninterrupted production.

Miners are without a contract at the present time. The UMW Journal points this out. That they must have a contract is the definite opinion of miners' officials and of the rank and file of the miners themselves.

President John L. Lewis of the U. M. W. A., pleaded at a three hour hearing before the War Labor Board on Tuesday on approval of the Illinois portal to portal pact. He said the miners want no favors from the board, but believe their demands are just. The board likely will hand down a decision within the next two weeks.

WESTOVER MINER IS CRUSHED TO DEATH

Cambria county Coroner Patrick McDermott is awaiting the report of state mine inspectors into the death of Ernest L. McKee, aged 42 years, of Westover, R. D., who was crushed to death on Monday morning when he was caught between a Deisel shovel and the wall of a strip coal mining operation near St. Benedict.

The coroner said he will study the mine inspector's report before determining the necessity of an inquest. The man died in the Miners' Hospital at Spangler at 12:20 a. m., a short time after his admission. The man suffered a crushed pelvis, internal injuries and a fracture of the right leg.

The man had been employed for some time by the Frank Wood Coal Co., engaged in strip mining operations in the north of the county.

CRESSON PILOT BAGS TWO PLANES; WINS OAK LEAF

Lt. Harry E. Eyerley, of Cresson, a fighter pilot in the U. S. Air Force, is shooting his way into the ranks of the aerial Aces of World War II. The fier, who is at a U. S. base in the Mediterranean theater, is credited with shooting down two German Messerschmidts in recent aerial action in the Mediterranean.

In a letter received last week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Eyerley, he told of shooting down the two enemy fighter planes and of earning the Oak Leaf Cluster to the coveted air medal.

He attended Cresson High School and entered the air force in January, 1942. He received his basic training at air bases in Texas and was graduated as a fighter pilot from Moore Field, Tex., early in October, 1942. Prior to entering the service he was employed as a postal clerk.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT MOUNT ALOYSIUS SOON

There will be but one retreat for women conducted this year conducted at Mount Aloysius' Junior College, Cresson opening Friday evening, August 27th, and closing Monday morning, August 30th. The Reverend Ditmore McArdle will conduct the Retreat.

Those desiring to make the Retreat are requested to apply for reservations no later than August 10th.

DRAWINGS MADE BY CANDIDATES FOR PRIMARIES

Position on Ballot Regarded by Some As Being Helpful If Several Are Running.

Some politicians say that a "top" position on the ballot when a number of candidates are running, is good for a large number of votes. This may or may not be true. However, at the drawing for ballot positions by the county candidates at the commissioners' office in Ebsenburgh on Monday, they drew in this order:

District Attorney—Stephens Mayer and Walter E. Rose, Jr., R., and Albert L. O'Connor, D.

Prothonotary—B. F. Jervis, John L. Hite and James Bent, all R., and John A. Conway, D.

Recorder of Deeds—Reginald S. (Puddy) Davis, Steve A. Burr and R. M. (Milt) Good, all R., and Clark Powell, D.

County Commissioner—Cyrus W. Davis, Emily H. Jones and John Thomas Jr., R.; and Frank P. Hollen, Eddie McCoskey, George C. Hoppe and Michael C. Chervenak, Jr., D.

Treasurer—Albert Scott Beum, Roy B. Griffith and Byron W. Davis, all R., and Leslie L. Chamberlain, Edward J. Baumer, Francis G. McKinley and Bruce Lybarger, all D.

Controller—Perce Appleyard and Elmer Davis, R., and Dennis L. Westrick, D.

Clerk of Courts—J. Dean Joy, R.; Lettie Easterbrook, Joe Piurkowsky, Peter J. Culliton and John Bitchko, all D.

Coroner—George F. Lee and Herbert C. Dixon, R., and Patrick McDermott, D.

Plan OGD Campaign.

The Barnesboro Civilian Defense Council has opened a financial campaign to raise funds for the purchase of equipment for members of the organization. Final plans for the drive were made last week at a meeting of the OGD.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER TRANSFERS MADE

Expressing his regret on leaving his position as district engineer of District No. 9 of the State Highway Department, Don C. Stackpole left to take charge on Monday of this week of the Philadelphia district office of the Department. He was succeeded by Paul Ambler, assistant district engineer of the Harrisburg district.

"It is with great reluctance that I am leaving the Hollidaysburg office where I have been stationed since Feb. 20, 1939," Mr. Stackpole said. "I've enjoyed particularly working with the Cambria County Commissioners and advocates of good roads in that county."

Mr. Stackpole, who was in charge of Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Bedford and Fulton counties, has been connected with the state highway department for 33 years. As head engineer for the Philadelphia district he will have charge of a large area.

REGISTRATION DRIVE PLANNED BY CAMBRIA COUNTY DETMOCRATS

A county wide drive to register every potential voter was launched last week by the Cambria County Democratic committee it was announced by County Chairman John R. Torquato.

Chairman Torquato said that 356 Democratic committeemen and committeewomen in the county will endeavor to contact all unregistered persons reaching their majority in an effort to have them register when the county registrars sit in the various towns on Friday and Saturday of this week.

Because of the gasoline shortage automobiles will not be available to haul potential voters to registration places but Chairman Torquato said all persons should be glad to walk to the designated places in order to exercise their right of franchise, one of the principal things for which the greatest war in the history of the world now is being waged.

The county chairman emphasized that especially during war times the people should register to become eligible to vote to assure themselves of the best government possible. "Policies of the government are instituted and carried out by the men the people elect and it is the duty of the people to elect the best suited men to public office," he declared.

LORETTO BOY WOUNDED IN PACIFIC AREA ACTION

Cpl. Anthony Biller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Biller, Loreto, was reported seriously wounded in action on July 20th in the Southwest Pacific theater of war. The extent of the soldier's injuries were not revealed in the War Department communication received by the Biller family in Loreto. Cpl. Biller entered the service May 8, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Shelby, Miss. He was sent overseas in Oct., 1942. He had not been home on furlough since entering the army.

NICKTOWN STORE AND POST OFFICE SAFE IS LOOTED

Professional Is Believed to Have Pulled Job Late Friday Night or Early on Saturday.

State police and U. S. Postal inspectors are searching for a "professional" safe-cracker who looted the safe in the combination postoffice and general store in Nicktown late Friday night or early Saturday morning.

Police said the thief who picked the safe by merely turning the dial to the right combination, obtained \$200 in cash and jewelry valued at \$983.

Approximately \$80 of the cash loot was the property of the U. S. Government—receipts of the postoffice. The balance of the money was the proceeds from the store, which is operated by N. F. Lambour, well known Nicktown resident.

Mrs. F. N. Lambour, who replaced her father-in-law as postmaster, said the robbery was discovered at 7 a. m. Saturday when she and Mrs. Lambour opened the store and postoffice.

Authorities said that the thief was apparently experienced as he did not touch approximately \$1,000 worth of non-negotiable government bonds and stocks in the safe.

The cash register in the store also was looted. The register was opened by forcing the door so that the bell would not ring. The outside door of the safe was not damaged, but the inner door to the cash box was broken open.

The jewelry, owned by Mr. Lambour, included diamond rings, several watches, gold pieces and a necklace.

Police reported that the thief who apparently had "spotted" the place previously, gained entrance to the building through a basement door, which he forced open. The first attempt to enter the building was through a rear window, but the robber was unable to raise the window.

Postmaster Lambour reported to police that she left the building at 9 p. m. Friday and at that time everything was in order.

Postal inspectors who joined officers of Ebsenburgh sub-station of the state police, in the investigation, also expressed the opinion that the robbery was committed by a professional because of the manner in which the safe was opened.

PVT. JOSEPH HROMULAK IS INJURED IN ACTION

Pvt. Joseph Hromulak, aged 26, of Barnesboro, has been wounded in action while fighting in the Pacific area, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hromulak, Sr., of Barnesboro, have been informed by the War Department. He is now recovering at a base hospital.

The parents were told that the degree of wounds is unknown. He enlisted in the service Dec. 18 of last year and has been overseas since May.

Before his induction into the armed forces he worked in the Colver mine of the Ebsenburgh Coal Co. A brother, Sgt. Paul, is now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

GAS TO ATTEND PICNICS

Due to the established nature of the various picnics held in this section, the Hastings Rationing Board at a meeting Wednesday night, voiced the opinion that it is permissible for local motorists to use "A" gasoline coupons for the purpose of attending such of these affairs that have throughout the years been annual practices, and, in no case shall such opinion be construed to be applicable to any outing that may not have such an established precedent.

—Oatmeal is a good meat stretch-er. Use it uncooked as you would cracker crumbs—as the binding material in meat loaves, croquettes and patties.

DRAFT OF FATHERS IN CARDS AGAIN FOR LATE PRESENT YEAR

Will Start Calling Pre-Pearl Harbor Dads After Fist of October Is Latest Dope.

Local draft boards were authorized by Selective Service Monday to call up Pre-Pearl Harbor fathers after October 1st, but only to the extent "absolutely required" to meet their monthly quotas.

One authoritative estimate was that some 300,000 fathers living with and supporting children born before last September 15th and not engaged in nondeferrable work would actually be inducted this year.

Another 150,000, however, probably will have to be sent to induction stations in order to get the 300,000 fully qualified men.

Since there are 6,559,000 non-farming fathers, this would indicate that only about one out of 22 will be put in uniform in 1943.

The 744,000 fathers regularly engaged in agricultural work will continue virtually draft proof for occupational reasons.

Preparatory reclassifications may begin at once but local boards were forbidden to order fathers to report for induction before Oct. 1, if they are maintaining a bona fide home relationship with children born before last September 15th and are not workers in the activities classed as non-deferrable.

Also, the boards were instructed to continue calling single and childless married men first if they have no occupational or hardship ground for deferment and to make reclassifications out of the fathers' group, 3A, "only as needed to meet the demands upon a local board for men for military service."

The calling of fathers will be according to their draft order number or age of their children, unless they are granted deferment as essential in agriculture or industry or unless their induction would mean "extreme hardship and privation" to their families. The policy on not drafting men over 38 continues.

The decision in each man's case will be up to his local board, subject to appeal.

In deciding whether to grant hardship deferment, classification 3-D, the boards are to take into consideration provisions for allotments to dependents of servicemen and "other means by which the registrant could contribute to his family's support in event of induction."

Currently wives get \$50 monthly—\$22 taken from the husband's pay, and \$28 an outright government grant—while the government gives \$12 monthly for the first child and \$10 more monthly for each additional child.

LIQUOR RATIONING STRIKES LICENSEES

Liquor rationing for licensees is now in effect in Pennsylvania. To assure an equitable distribution of available supplies, the State Liquor Control board has adopted a formal rationing program involving wholesale purchases by tap rooms, hotels clubs, restaurants and other drinking establishments.

Each licensee's purchases are now restricted to a specific number of bottles per week based on the extent of buying during June, July and August of last year, and stocks available to the state.

At the present time the licensees are getting about 60 per cent of the gallonage purchased in the months set as a standard by the board.

The board has not yet taken any definite action on rationing of retail purchases by consumers, but the general practice for several months has been to sell only one bottle at a time to a customer.

However, the new method of allocating liquor has been devised to give the licensee and retail purchaser their proportionate shares of State store goods.

JIM FARLEY SAYS WAR MAY BE OVER BY XMAS

Portland, Ore.—James Farley, former Democratic National Committee chairman, said this week the war probably will be over before Christmas.

"The people may awaken some morning to find victory in their laps," he said.

Farley, who had not a word to say about politics, said he believed the tremendous increase in the United Nations' striking power, combined with the decreasing Axis reserves, meant the end of the war was in sight.