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WMC SAYS FATHERS MUST GET INTO THE ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY

If of Draft Age Dependency Will Offer No Relief, but Right Kind of Work Will

The War Manpower Commission on Saturday night last announced a thorough reorganization of its system for filling military and industrial needs out of the rapidly dwindling pool of reserve manpower.

The new program is based on the premise that the time has come when a man of draft age, regardless of the number of dependents, must be either in essential industry or the Army. It places entire emphasis on occupation, rather than dependency, as a ground for deferment, and puts teeth in the "work in a war plant or fight" principle.

An immediate result will be that thousands of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers will find themselves automatically available for induction if they are on the wrong jobs after October 1.

WMC believes that its new program, which restricts a worker's choice of jobs as drastically as the commission can without more stringent legislation, is strong enough to avoid a labor draft, but emphasizes that national service legislation will be necessary unless the program receives full public support.

The WMC has set up a new and virtual draft-proof list of 149 "critical skills". Men possessing those skills, subject to the decision of their draft boards, can count pretty safely on occupational deferment, but workers possessing those skills must go into war industry or supporting civilian activity by Oct. 1.

If they do not do this—and they may change jobs only through the United States Employment Service—they lose all claim of occupational deferment and become subject to the draft in accordance with their order numbers.

At the same time the list of non-deferred activities and occupations was expanded to include 28 new activities and 30 new occupations. Men engaged in any of the listed occupations—such as the manufacture of alcoholic beverages—cannot be deferred for any reason unless their induction would cause extreme hardship on their families. This applies whether the man in question is head of the company or the driver of a truck owned by the company.

The same goes for any man regardless of where he works, whose occupation is among those listed as non-deferred. A literary agent or a ticket taker cannot be deferred for any reason whether he takes tickets on a railroad or is literary agent for Donald M. Nelson.

The WMC is unable to estimate how many men, including fathers, are thus automatically made available to fill draft calls.

NOTICE

The public schools of the borough will open September 7, 1943, for a nine month term.

Beginners, pupils who enter school for the first time, must present birth certificates and certificates of successful vaccination.

All pupils who will be six years of age on or before February 1, 1944, will be enrolled at the opening of the term on September 7.

All pupils planning to enter the freshman class or 9th grade, who have not yet had their schedules completed, are requested to register in the office on August 24 and 25, from 9 A. M. to 12 o'clock.

W. M. BOSSERMAN, Supv. Prin., Patton Public Schools.

NEW DIRECTORS FOR RED CROSS CHAPTER

Two new members were elected to the Board of Directors of the Cambria County Chapter, American Red Cross, to fill vacancies caused by resignations of Eugene Maurice, executive director of the United Steelworkers, Johnstown, and Lewis Evans of Colver, board member of the United Mine Workers. Both these gentlemen are in the armed forces.

Chosen to succeed them are John P. Harrington, Johnstown, and Geo. Mosley, Nanty-Glo.

MCORMICK-MOHR WEDDING.

Miss Marilyn Moore, daughter of Mrs. Mayme Mohr, of Toledo, Ohio, and Sgt. Joseph McCormick, son of Mrs. Frances McCormick of Barnesboro, were united in marriage on August 7th in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Toledo, Ohio. The pastor of the church officiated. The couple left for the Army Air Base at Clovis N. M., where Sgt. McCormick is stationed.

Bonds and stamps buy security.

EBENSBURG YOUTH IS LISTED AS INJURED

In a letter written August 8th and received Monday Pvt. Herbert Donahey of Ebensburg, informed his widowed mother, Mrs. Blanche Donahey, that he is confined to a U. S. Army base hospital in Sicily suffering from shrapnel wounds of the leg.

Pvt. Donahey has three brothers serving in the armed forces—Cpl. Edgar, stationed in Canada; Pfc. Reuel, stationed at Scott Field, Ill., and Sgt. Frank, located at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

The Ebensburg soldier was assigned to overseas duty last March after receiving his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He was inducted into the armed forces Dec. 18, 1942.

LOCAL FIREMEN ARE GETTING READY FOR NEXT YEAR'S MEET

General Committee Selected to Lay Foundation for Convention of County Group

Patton has always been noted as a good convention town, and since Patton has been selected as the convention town of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity for 1944, the Patton Fire Company already is preparing to make the affair the best the war conditions at that time will permit.

In fact they have already notified the member companies of that intention by circular letter.

At a recent meeting of the firemen preliminary plans were discussed, and a general committee for the convention named. This committee will actively function throughout the year, and long before convention time arrives next August, will have all the general details worked out. The committee follows:

George Lehman, Chairman; H. J. Mulligan, Vice Chairman; Elmer Crowell, Secretary; Theodore Ott, Treasurer; William Whiteford, Parade; Frank P. Cammarata, Publicity; William H. Jones, Banquet and Dance; William Leary, Contests; H. C. Stauffer, Concessions; James Blake, Sports; and E. J. Burkey, Police.

The year of 1944 is the golden anniversary of the founding the local fire company.

CRESSON SOLDIER DIES OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN NORTH AFRICA

Mr. and Mrs. Englebert McConnell, well known Cresson residents were notified on Sunday by the War Department that their son, Pvt. Leonard McConnell, died June 27th, from injuries suffered during the North African campaign.

Pvt. McConnell, aged 25, a member of a U. S. Air Force Paratrooper unit, had been located overseas since April. He was sent directly from Ft. Bragg, N. C. to the front lines in North Africa. He entered the army in November, 1939, and received his basic training at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and his training as a paratrooper at Ft. Benning, Ga. He returned to the North Carolina camp for a brief period after receiving his rating as a paratrooper.

Born in Indiana county, Dec. 20, 1917, he was a son of Englebert and Mary (Weaver) McConnell. His parents have resided in Cresson for the past 21 years.

Besides his parents he leaves a brother, Pfc. Elmer McConnell, with an artillery unit in Philadelphia and these sisters: Grace, Margaret and Anna McConnell, all at home; Mrs. Catherine Buterbaugh, Dean; and Mrs. Cecelia Burke, Chest Springs.

BOY, 12, LOSSES LEG IN TUMBLE UNDER ENGINE

In a fall under a freight locomotive on which he had "hopped" a ride, Jackie Inman, 12 year old Cassandria youth, suffered a traumatic amputation of the right foot above the ankle on Sunday afternoon. The youth, whose father, John Inman, was one of the 63 men killed in the disastrous explosion in the Sonman mine in 1940 is reported resting fairly well in a Johnstown hospital.

Portage police and railroaders said the accident occurred in the Portage freight yards only a short distance from the Pennsylvania Railroad freight station. The locomotive with a caboose attached, was shifting coal cars on the sidings to make up a train.

The lad, together with two other boys, jumped onto the tender and were standing there when the locomotive started. The jerk of the locomotive starting was said to have knocked the Inman boy from the tender and he fell under the wheels of the heavy locomotive.

Portal Pay Still Issue, District Head Asserts

New Forty-Eight Hour Work Week Will Still Fall Short of Providing Final Settlement to Wage Disputes Between Union and Operators, Miners Watch for WLB Decision in Illinois Issue.

Adoption of the 48-hour week in the coal mines of this area will fall short of providing final settlement to wage disputes between union and operator, James Mark, president of District 2, of the United Mine Workers, asserts.

Miners still are awaiting disposition by the War Labor Board of the Illinois agreement which provides portal to portal pay, he said, and until this issue is settled no final agreement can be made.

Official notification of the 48-hour week regulations are awaited by the district union president, and he announced that no action will be taken on the matter here until word is received from union headquarters in Washington.

The United Mine Workers approved the increased work week in the Illinois contract which has been submitted to the WLB, the district head pointed out. If this agreement is sanctioned by the board it will be used as a pattern for other coal operators' associations he said.

Coal miners of the district probably will accept the added hour per day in answer to a plea from their government for a step-up in production, Mary stated. The change-over to the eight hour day can easily be adopted at many of the mines while at others due to shifts, the added hour will present slight problems he stated. At the present, mines working three shifts have been using the periods between to shoot coal and for cleaning.

Following full clarification of the 48-hour week order, a meeting of the U. M. W.'s large policy committee will be called to determine action of the union in the matter.

Strikes Back at Maize
President Mark struck sharply at a proposal by Richard Maize, secretary of the state department of mines that 16 year old boys be introduced into the coal pits of the state in order

to bolster the weakened labor force of the bituminous fields. The district union chief declared he will oppose vigorously any efforts to have the age limits of coal miners lowered in this area. The present



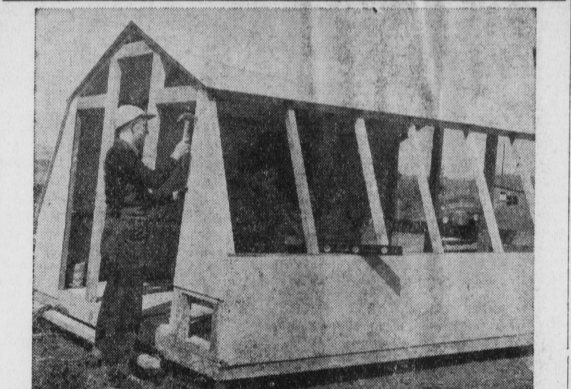
JAMES MARK.

minimum age at which a youth may enter the mines is 18 years.

"Sixteen year old boys are safer in the Army than they are in the coal mines," Mark said. He added that the "mines are too dangerous for 16 and 17 year old youths."

"The situation has not become that urgent that we have to take such tender aged boys," he said. "Introduction of 16 and 17 year olds into the coal mines will serve nothing more for labor than to send it back to the dark ages," he stated.

BUILDING WAR BROODER HOUSE



Workmen (above) are building a new war brooder house at the recent convention of vocational agriculture teachers from three counties, held in Patton. The new brooder house, 10 by 12 feet, is constructed of non-critical materials at a cost of \$75. Asbestos cement wall board, a recent development, was used in place of lumber and roofing. (Cut reproduced by courtesy of the Johnstown Tribune.)

NEW TYPE BROODER HOUSE IS ERECTED AT TEACHER EVENT

Asbestos Cement Wall Is Used In Place of Lumber at Meet-in Patton Recently.

A short training course for the study of new non-critical building materials and their application to the farm use, featured the three day meeting recently of vocational agriculture teachers from Indiana, Cambria and Armstrong counties in the Patton High School.

Highlight of the convention was the construction of a new-type brooder house, now in great demand because of the increase in poultry raising due to the non-rationing of fowl.

The 10 by 12 ft. brooder house, which was completed at the time the accompanying picture was taken, was constructed by the teachers at a cost of \$75. Asbestos cement wall board was used in place of lumber and roofing. This non-critical material is a recent development and is proving a very desirable substitute for lumber and standard wall board materials.

W. A. Miller of Geistown was president and described the manufacture as well as the many applications of the new material, pointing out that it is particularly adaptable for all farm structures because of its permanency. The material is fireproof, ratproof, termiteproof and waterproof and is easily nailed, drilled and sawed.

ELMORA YOUNG LADY ENLISTS IN THE WAVES

Miss Imelda Lorraine Schilling of Elmora, enlisted recently in the WAVES and was sworn in at the recruiting office in Philadelphia. Miss Schilling is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schilling. Her father is an assistant mine foreman at Elmora. Graduating from Carrolltown High School, Miss Schilling had been stenographer during the 1941 legislative session for Assemblymen O'Connor, Chervenak and Owens, and later worked in the State Treasurer's office, prior to her enlistment. Miss Schilling has two brothers in the service—Pvt. John R. Schilling and Seaman Third Class Paul E. Schilling.

MAIZE ADVOCATES RELEASE OF MINERS FROM ARMED FORCES

Also Suggests Lowering of Age to Sixteen Years for Employment in the Pits

Government control is hampering output of the nation's coal mines and "there will be a continued slowing down of output, as long as the government control continues," Richard Maize, state secretary of mines, said in Ebensburg last Friday night.

Speaking before the local council of the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association, Maize predicted that the request of Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes for 600,000,000 tons of bituminous and 65,000,000 tons of anthracite this year will not be met, largely because of work stoppages.

(However if the government were to pass the mines back to the operators now, miners would again find themselves working for those operators without a contract.)

As a step to increase production Maize urged that miners now in the army be released to work in the pits and that the commonwealth's age limit for working in the mines be lowered from 18 to 16 years.

Mr. Maize cited the case of England, where 80,000 miners were released from the armed forces after the country learned that the men were needed more on the production front.

In discussing the lowering of the age limit, the secretary said that in the event it should be placed at 17 years, the mines would benefit very little in view of the fact that 17-year old youths are now offered opportunities in branches of the armed forces.

Pennsylvania is now producing a third of the coal mined in the United States, Mr. Maize said.

The Monroe Coal Mining Company mine at Revloc was presented with the banner for achieving the best safety record of Class A mines for the months of June and July.

SPANGLER MAN GETS BARS OF A CAPTAIN

John E. Salamanchuk, formerly of Spangler, has been promoted from lieutenant to captain at Peterson Army Air Field, Colo.

Capt. Salamanchuk was graduated with honors in the class of 1937 from the Spangler High School where he participated in scholastic football.

Later he entered Pennsylvania State College where he majored in business administration. He enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the College and received his commission as lieutenant in May, 1942.

Capt. Salamanchuk is assigned to duty as commanding officer of the training detachment at Peterson Field. His wife, the former Sara R. Romig, of Milroy, Pa., is residing in State College.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Salamanchuk, of Spangler, the officer was employed as sales manager for the Real Silk Hosiery Company prior to entering the service.

NATION PERILED BY 'POLIO' WAVE

Chicago.—The American Medical Association reported on Monday that the current spread of infantile paralysis has reached almost epidemic proportions.

"Indications are that this will be the worst year for this disease since 1940, when 9,770 cases were reported," the A. M. A. Journal stated.

"Through August 7 nearly 3,000 have been reported, or more than twice as many as appeared during the similar period last year.

"California, Texas, Oklahoma and Connecticut appear to be the most seriously infected states. Many other parts of the country are relatively unaffected, with no more cases than would be expected at this time of the year."

Eighteen cases to date have proved fatal in the Chicago area.

Invest ten per cent or better of your pay check in bonds and stamps.

CAMBRIA COUNTY LEGION MEN AND WOMEN HONORED

Hit High Spots in Auxiliary for Membership Increases and Coupon Collections.

Cambria County American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units copped a goodly number of state prizes during the annual state legion convention which closed last Saturday in Wilkes-Barre.

In addition to the posts and auxiliaries receiving high awards, two Johnstowners were elected to high offices in the state organization.

Fank Dallas, Westmont, was elected grand chemist of the 40 et 8, fun and honor organization of the Legion, and Mrs. Frank Ling, Johnstown, was elected demi-chapeau (vice president) of the state 8 et 40, the fun and honor organization of the Auxiliary.

Members of Johnstown Unit were presented two state awards for the collection of coupons, and the Cambria Co. Council received the highest state coupon award. The Johnstown Unit received the Ella Rice Trophy for the greatest number of coupons from any unit in the state. More than 73,000 coupons made up their total. The other Johnstown award was a cash prize to Mrs. Archie Kuhn, unit president, for the best cooperation in coupon collection.

Mrs. Thomas A. Owens, of Carrolltown, Cambria county state sub-chairman, was presented the coveted Velma Paul Trophy for turning in the most coupons from any council in the state. The county council which is composed of 14 units, collected a total of 200,000 coupons. They were turned over to the American Red Cross to be used to obtain two blood donor units.

Mrs. Owens also was presented two other cash awards for heading the committee that turned in the greatest increase over the number of coupons collected during the previous year.

Mrs. John Whalen, Spangler, president of the county council, was given an award as the head of the council which turned in the largest percentage of new members during the last six months. The Gallitzin unit was presented an award for surpassing its membership quota.

The 20th District, Cambria County, was presented second prize for Americanism activities, it was announced by Edward Green, Portage, district commander. Comm. Green also was given a prize for heading a district that went over the top in its membership campaign.

DRIVE LESS IF YOU WANT MORE GAS

There has been considerable publicity given the intended discontinuance of the ban on pleasure driving, and as well we hope that OPA will be able to increase the amount of gasoline for the "A" book holders.

This has caused very noticeable increase in driving on the part of the public. The pleasure driving ban has not been called off, and until such time as the Altoona District office receives official word to this effect, it will continue checking for violators of this pleasure ban.

Unless, through compliance on the part of the public, the oil industry can build up inventories, it will not be possible to remove the pleasure driving ban in September as intended. If the motorist in the East fails to live up to this ban on non-essential driving, we will find ourselves in the same predicament, namely, with dry storage tanks, and the possibility of thousands of trucks and industrial workers' cars stalled as a result of insufficient gasoline.

The District OPA office wishes to emphasize the fact that the investigators will continue checking for violators of the present driving ban and will continue to do so until it is officially discontinued.

TWENTY PER CENT DROP IN STATE POTATO YIELD

More than 500 members of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers' Association at their annual conference held last Saturday in Coudersport, Pa., were told this year's potato crop would be at least 20 per cent below normal. The prediction was made by Dr. E. L. Nixon of Pennsylvania State College, who explained it was based on a survey made by the directors of the association.

Adverse weather conditions, said Dr. Nixon, were to blame for the reduced yield.

Fire-watching duty for women between the ages of 20 to 45 is compulsory in Britain for those working less than 55 hours a week.