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NORTHERN COUNTY RESIDENTS ASKED TO BE BLOOD DONORS

Walter Noonan of Patton Will Be Head of Clearfield Red Cross Branch in Campaign.

Announcement of the appointment of blood donor campaign chairmen was made last Thursday night at a meeting of Clearfield Branch, Cambria County Chapter, American Red Cross, at headquarters in Patton.

Harry Nehrig, branch head, named leaders after the members at the session were informed of detailed plans for operating a blood bank in Johnstown December 13th to Jaunary 15th under the auspices of the Red Cross.

Walter E. Noonan of Patton was selected as chairman and George Clark, of Hastings, vice chairman of the registration committee. Rev. Father Vincent Schlemmer of Hastings, was appointed to head the speakers' bureau.

A schedule of registration days will be set up for the communities in the area served by the Clearfield Branch and in Patton Chairman Noonan has anniunced that registrations will be accepted at the local Red Cross headquarters every afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock, and in the evenings from 7:30 to 8:30.

Registrations started in the area on Monday of this week and will continue all week.

Robert S. Clark, general chairman of the blood donor drive, and R. S. McClelland, executive director of the County Red Cross Chapter, both of Johnstown, were speakers at the meeting.

Mr. Clark explained the procedure of organization in the interest of securing acceptable persons to contribute to the blood bank.

Mr. McClelland's talk dealt also with the coming to Johnstown of the Red Cross caravan but he commended the branch for its "outstanding enthusiasm and work in all Red Cross activities."

Announcement was made that Mrs. Robert Pennington and Mrs. John James are entitled to receive production pins for contributing gratis more than 350 hours' work to the Red Cross cause.

More than 100 persons in Hastings are taking a Red Cross first aid course.

QUARTERS OF SOME OFFICES IN CHANGE

Proposal that quarters of various county departments be shifted in the Ebensburg court house will probably be considered soon by the county commissioners. For some time the need of obtaining larger quarters for some of the departments has been apparent.

Under the proposed setup Cambria County Ration Board No. 2 and the Cambria County Agricultural Conservation Association, both of which are quartered in the basement of the courthouse, will have to seek outside quarters.

The office of County Treasurer Roy B. Griffith would be moved to the basement, where he would have greatly enlarged space. The office of the Controller would then be moved to the County Treasurer's office, while the quarters of the clerk of courts would be removed to the controller's office. The space vacated by the clerk of courts would be gven to the prothonotary, John Hite, who for some time has been greatly in need of enlarged quarters.

Under the setup the Cambria County Historical Society, now located n the third floor of the courthouse, would be removed to a room n the basement and the present quarters of the Society would be given for the use of Mrs. Lola Bennett, chief probation officer.

Heads of the departments affected have complained for some time of crowded quarters and in some instances have stated that their work was impeded by lack of space.

BAKERTON YOUTH NOW LISTED GERMAN PRISONER

Lt. Joseph M. Columbus, 22, listed as missing in action since Oct. 14th, is a prisoner of war of the German government, the war department notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Columbus, of Bakerton. The officer failed to return from a bombing raid over Germany.

Graduating from Carrolltown High School in 1940 he joined the Army Air Forces on April 11, 1942, and received his wings as a bombardier in December, 1942. He served as an instructor at Walla Walla, Wash., before his assignment to overseas duty. Two brothers are in the service—Cpl. Louis Columbus in the Pacific area, and Henry Columbus, a flying instructor at Clarion.

PATTON SOLDIER IS WOUNDED IN ITALY

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Simmers of Patton R. D., have been informed by the War Department that their son, Pvt. Raymond L. Simmers, 19, was slightly wounded in action October 13th, in Italy.

He joined the army in November of 1942 and traned as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Ga. However, he later transferred to the Infantry and was sent overseas last June. He participated in the Sicilian campaign, and then went to Italy with the Allied forces. The Simmers family formerly resided in Seward.

PAPER NEXT TUESDAY

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday next Thursday, and in order to facilitate our mail delivery and to afford advertisers coverage before the holiday, the Union Press-Courier will be published on Tuesday afternoon next week.

May we ask all correspondents and advertisers to have their copy in our office no later than next Tuesday morning.

LIEUTENANT EMORY DIETRICK SPENDING FURLOUGH AT HOME

One of Patton's outstanding soldiers has returned home on furlough. He is Lieutenant Emory Detrck of the United States Army Air Forces—a pilot who has seen the required number of missions over enemy territory in the Middle-East and African and Mediterannean theatres.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dietrick received a telephone call from their son, at Langley Feld, Va., saying he was now in the States and that he would arrive home this week on a twenty day furlough. He arrived home Tuesday night.

Emory was one of the first Patton young men in the service. Enlisting quite a while before the draft law was established, he worked his way from the enlisted personnel into officers' school, and became a pilot with the commision of second lieutenant in the Air Force. Somewhat more than a year ago, he left for overseas, and was assigned to the Middle East Command. He saw plenty of air action during the period when Rommel was chased across Africa and when the Germans were finally ejected from that continent. Following this, he submitted to an operation which kept him in a base hospital at Cairo for a couple of months, when he was again placed on active flying duty. He took part in the air raids on Sicily and later Italy. Most of the time he has been piloting a War Hawk (P-40) plane, and has been actively engaged in strafing and dive bombing.

Lt. Dietrick has been exceptionally fortunante throughout all this action, and it goes without saying that the host of friends he has in Patton, who have constantly been interested in his activities, are glad to see him back home again safe and sound. He will report to Atlantic City, following his leave, for further assignment.

Also visiting at the Dietrick home is Pvt. Francis Dietrick, brother of Emory, and his wife, of Fort Drew, Florida.

UMWA ASKS FOUR TO RESIGN WLB

The United Mine Workers of America called on Monday night for the resignation of Chairman William H. Davis and his three associate public members of the War Labor Board.

The demand is contained in an editorial in the union's official publication, the UMW Journal.

"American labor wants and demands a labor board personnel in whom honest workingmen can place confidence," the editorial reads.

"If Mr. Davis and his associate public members want to perform a real service to their fellowmen—if they are as patriotically devoted to the prosecution of the war as they would have the public believe, then the way of action for them is clear.

"There is but one answer—resign in a body—and do it quickly."

TO STORE MEAT FOR SPRING.

A wider variety of rationed meats will be available to the housewife during the low ebb of meat production next spring under a rationing plan recently announced by OPA. Meat wholesalers will be loaned points to fill their storage freezers with veal, lamb, mutton, and the lower of the beef grades, between now and the middle of January, the peak period of meat output.

DR. BOWERS HEADS BLOOD DONOR UNIT SUSQUEHANNA AREA

Barnesboro Red Cross Headquarters Will Participate in the Drive for Plasma.

Dr. B. F. Bowers, practicing physician of St. Benedict and Barnesboro, was named general chairman of the blood donor service committee of the Susquehanna branch, American Red Cross Chapter, at a meeting of the branch, Monday night, in Barnesboro. Assisting him in the registration will be the vice chairmen in the various communities who will announce dates and places for registering in their home areas.

Mrs. Blair McAnulty, Susquehanna chairman, who made the appointment, announced at the same time the selection of other branch leaders.

Chosen were Miss Jean Daugherty, publicity; Miles E. Ranck, speakers' bureau; Miss Helen Gordon, water safety, and Miss Catherine Scollon, home service.

Appointment of Dr. Bowers came as Susquehanna branch voted to cooperate fully in the blood bank drive sponsored by the county Red Cross, in Johnstown Dec. 13 to Jan. 15.

Thomas A. Owens, of Carrolltown, representative in the State Legislature, was speaker at Monday night's session. He spoke on the general work of the Red Cross and complimented the Susquehanna Branch members in particular for their endeavors and accomplishments.

Mrs. George Nicholson, chairman of volunteer services, reported that 73 workers contributed 1,000 hours of labor last month.

Mrs. John Whalen, chairman of the home nursing, disclosed that four home nursing classes have been formed—two in Nicktown, one in Spangler high school, and an adult class in Spangler.

It was announced that the next meeting of the branch will be held in headquarters in Barnesboro December 13th.

LOCATIONS GIVEN FOR MILK FEED FUNDS

Cambria County milk producers who wish to receive payments under the Dairy Feed Payment Program should save evidence of milk and butterfat sales for presentation in applying for such payments, according to E. J. Farabaugh, Chairman of the County AAA Committee. The rate of payment for Pennsylvania dairy producers will be 40 cents per hundredweight for whole milk deliveries and 5 cents per pound for butterfat sold in cream and butter. The butterfat test or the utilization of the milk will not affect the payment for whole milk delivered.

Application for payment on October milk deliveries should be made to the county AAA cimmittee between November 1 and 30. Locations throughout the county, convenient for the producer, to make application for the dairy feed adjustment are announced below:

Mr. W. H. Fyock, at the Tri-County Milk Marketing Office, 324 Swank Building, Johnstown, on November 24th and 26th, from 6 p. m. on.

Mr. C. J. Bearer at his home in Susquehanna township in the afternoon and evening of November 24th and 26th.

Mr. P. C. Strittmatter at his home in East Carroll township on November 24th and 26th from 6 p. m. on.

Mr. Ivo J. Kirkpatrick at his home in East Carroll township on November 24 and 26, from 6:00 p. m. on.

Mr. Earl Karlheim at his home in Chest Township in the afternoon and evening of November 20 and 22.

R. H. Farabaugh at the Allegheny Township Election House on November 24 and 26th from 7 p. m. on.

George Settlemyer, at the Wilmore High School on November 24 and 26, from 7:00 p. m. on.

To apply for payment, the milk producer simply has to present evidence of his sales in the form of the customary sales slips, receipts, stubs obtained from the milk producer, or if necessary, in some other form acceptable to the county committee. Evidence of feed purchases will not be required. After receiving the application with satisfactory evidence of the milk deliveries, the County Committee will write a draft on the Commodity Credit Corporation, in favor of the producer. This draft can be cashed at any bank.

PASTOR TRANSFERRED.

Rev. E. A. Lowmaster, who has been pastor of the Pentecostal Tabernacle at Alverda, has been transferred to Greensburg where he will serve as pastor of the First Pentecostal Church. He departed for his new position last week.

INDUSTRIAL STORES CLERKS GET WAGE BOOST IN DECISION

Regioual WLB Gives Hike to the Workers in Thirty-five of the Local Company Units.

Wage boosts ranging from $2 to $10 a month have been granted approximately 325 employees in thirty-five industrial stores in Cambria, Indiana and Westmoreland counties, it has been announced by the regional War Labor Board.

General Merchandise Stores of the Industrial Stores Group, which includes ten industrial concerns in the three counties, are affected by the pay increase which the board announced is in line with the 15 per cent cost of living formula.

Also granted were adjustments in monthly salaries on the sub-standard basis. The War Labor Board ordered all increases retroactive to July 1st of the current year.

Companies included in the group are the Hughes Store Co., Cresson; Heisley Store Co., Nanty-Glo; Revloc Supply Company, Revloc; Colver Store Company, Colver; Central Trading Corporation, St. Benedict; the Cambria Mercantile Co., Cresson, the Mahoning Supply Co., Indiana; the Clearfield Supply Co., Indiana: Superior Mercantile Co., Greensburg; and Hannastown Supply Co., Greensburg.

Employees will receive increases according to the following scale:

From $45 to $66 per month, $10 increase per month; and so on in the various wage brackets up to present salaries of $115 or more a month, where the raise will be but $2.

SCRAP DRIVE TO CONTINUE.

The "Victory Scrap Bank" Drive, scheduled to end November 15th, has been continued indefinitely. As long as the war lasts there will be a continuing need for iron and steel scrap to keep the mills well supplied. The collection of iron and steel scrap from al sources must be a continuing operation.

DEMOCRATS WIN MOST SOLDIER VOTES

A majority of Cambria County servicemen and women who voted in the election of Nov. 2, cast their ballots for the Democratic party, a count of the military ballots conducted by the computation board last Friday afternoon at the Ebensburg court house, revealed.

On the county wide ticket they gave majorities to the Democratic candidates with one exception. This exception was Cyrus W. Davis, Republican candidate for county commissioner.

Of the 89 military ballots returned to the commissioners, acting as the county board of elections, 15 were marked with ink and therefore could not be counted. Two others were invalid because the affidavits accompanying them had not been completed.

Following are the official results of the military ballot count:

Superior court judge—Bok D, 42; Reno, R, 15; Palmer, Pro, 2.

District Attorney—O'Connor D, 39; Mayer R, 29.

Prothonotary—Conway D, 38; Hite R, 32.

Register of Wills—Hartnett D, 55; Varner R, 10.

Recorder of Deeds—PowellD, 45; Davis R, 25.

Commissioner—McCloskey D, 38; Hollern D, 32; Davis R, 40; Thomas, R, 20.

County treasurer—Baumer D, 40; Griffith R, 22.

County Controller—Westrick D, 46; Davis R, 22.

Clerk of Courts—Culliton D, 36; Joy R, 31.

Coroner—McDermott D, 58; Lee R, 11.

County Surveyor—Pfeister D, 40; Fetterman R, 20.

COUNTY GIVES STATE THREE OF ITS ROADS

Cambria County Commissioners Frank P. Hollern and John Thomas, Jr., last Thursday passed the necessary resolutions to turn these county roads over to the state:

The road known as the Vintondale and Twin Rocks Road, which is 3.122 miles in length and runs from Vintondale to Twin Rocks where it joins Route 54.

The road between Beaverdale and Lovett, which is 2.17 miles long, and the Benscreek Pike in Upper Yoder Township which is 834 feet long and joins routes 851 and 219.

Under a law enacted during the last session of the state legislature the county roads will become state highways and will be maintained by the commonwealth.

FOOTBALL TEAM TO BE FETED TUESDAY

The Patton High School Football team will be tendered a testimonial banquet at the Commercial Hotel on Tuesday evening next, November 23, at 6:30 o'clock, sponsored by the the Walter McCoy Post, Amercian Legion, and local citizens.

Guest speaker at the affair will be Bill Higgins, head coach of the Penn State Football squad.

There are approximately 30 students on the local football squad, and they have been coached by Frank Schwab.

TO HOLD UP FATHERS

The congressional deadlock over legislation to ease the draft's impact on fathers was broken on Tuesday when a Senate-House Committee agreed on a compromise embodying the principle that no father anywhere in the nation should be called while a non-father is available. This was the main point of a measure passed by the House Oct. 26 but rejected by the Senate which earlier had approved a bill to tighten regulations for deferment of non-fathers.

LEGION AUXILIARY SPONSORING LOCAL DRIVE FOR BONDS

Mrs. A. T. Sundry, Western Director of the American Legion Auxiliary was in attendance at the meeting of the Patton Unit on Tuesday evening of this week, and installed the officers to serve for the ensuing year.

Of most interest to the ladies of the Auxiliary at this time, is a War Bond Drive now in progress. Mrs. Ann Jacobs, of this place, has been named chairman of the War Activities Committee, and she in conjunction with the unit president, Mrs. Ann Haluska, are the co-ordinating heads of the drive for the Patton area.

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Pennsylvania, are actively engaged in a campaign that started on Armistice Day, and which will terminate on December 16th, to sell War Bonds sufficient to purchase 67 Army Ambulance Planes known as the C-3's, and which would be named for each of the sixty-seven counties of the state. The fact that each of the planes costs $110,000 means, of course, that the state Legion ladies have pledged themselves to a voluminous task.

All the War Bonds that are purchased in the Patton section during this period, can be credited to this drive, providing the purchasers contack either Mrs. Jacobs or Mrs. Haluska. It is urged that all War Bond purchasers do this. It will help "top one more drive" to Patton's credit.

These Ambulance Planes are used to transported the battle-front casualties post-haste to army base hospitals and surely you wouldn't want a more worthy cause for your well invested war bond money than that.

The Legion Auxiliary will hold a Bingo party in the Community hall next Monday evening, and the general public is cordially invited.

COUNTY LEGION PLANNING EVENTS

Discussion of a program of winter activities featured a meeting of the Cambria County American Legion Committee on Tuesday night in the Ebensburg Legion Home.

Activities of the various Legion posts in the county were outlined in a talk by District Commander Edwin Green of Portage. S. T. Cawley, of Cresson, county chairman, was in charge of the meeting, during which routine reports were submitted by committee chairmen.

During the last year the monthly meetings have been held in the Ebensburg Legion ome because of wartime travel restrictions. However, beginning next month, the committee will meet at the various Legion posts throughout the county and the next meeting, Tuesday evening, December 21st, will be held in the Carrolltown Legion Home.

STEP UP TRUCK PRODUCTION.

A four fold increase in its 1944 civilian truck production program has been announced by the War Production Board. So important is this program that it has been given priority ratings equal to aircraft and high octane gas. Provisions are also made for production of replacement parts for civilian use. In spite of the fourfold increase, the new goal of 123,492 trucks is still far short of the pre-war production of approximately 700,000.

ICKES TELLS COAL OPERATORS THEY MUST GET A PACT

Mines Will Not Be Returned Until Wage Contract Is Agreed Upon, He Warns.

Coal Administrator Harold L. Ickes Monday emphasized that the government operated coal mines will not be restored to private control until the operators have signed a wage agreement with the United Mine Workers of America.

"If the operators were to negotiate a contract with the mine workers and the repitition of the work stoppage was thus rendered improbable, it would seem clear that the government could immediately turn back the coal mines," he said at a conference with 29 bituminous and anthracite operators.

He said that he would not again subject the nation to a possible fifth general coal strike by prematurely returning the properties. The first period of government control was terminated before any contract was signed and it led to the fourth major walkout.

The Connally-Smith Anti-Strike law stipulates that government seized industries must be returned to private operation within 60 days after normal production efficiency is resumed. Retention of control by Ickes presumably would be based on the assumption that normal output could not be obtained under private operators without a contract.

Ickes stressed that he was never in favor of nationalization of the pits and added that "when I joyfully put them back in your laps I hope they will stay put." The sooner a private agreement is negotiated and the mines are returned to private ownership "the sooner you will make happier men of yourselves and me."

He promised full assistance to the operators in their efforts to win OPA price adjustments to compensate for higher production costs resulting from the terms of the present government contract under which the miners are working.

PLAN PLACINGS OF NEW BUILDINGS AT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

Preliminary plot plans for the placing of the new buildings to be erected at Saint Francis College, Loretto, show that the thinking of the authorities at the institution is centering around long range planning. The Very Reverend Benedict Determann, Provincial of the Franciscan Fathers of Loretto, explains the study by stating: "Our object is to determine how best to use our present facilities in connection with new structures during each period of the rebuilding program, that is, when we have one, then two, and successively more of the necessary additions. We contemplate a development of the splendid properties at Loretto, over a period of years, which will not overlook the undeniable fact that by the time all of our new plant is operating much of what little remains after our great fire of a year ago will have become obsolete. Our plans are to so develop St. Francis as to make it one of the finest and most completely equipped institutions in the state, and it will be so done that this entire region will look upon it as a fitting monument worthy of civic pride. I confidently expect such growth of the institution—coming of necessity from its very excellence, as will indeed force a growth of this little town of Loretto. We can do great things here: we will do great things here. Such an institution as the new Saint Francis is to be has an obligation to play a vital part in the welfare of the community in which its constituency is found. The new Saint Francis is going to be admirably fitted for taking its place as a leading force and fulfilling this mission. The responsibilities of post war days loom up large on the horizon. We do not look at them as an ominous shadow but rather as a great challenge. Our first problem now is to get ready—materially. When we know the best path to choose we shall let the people know what it is—they will do the rest."

MISS RUTH MORLEY GETS NURSE'S DEGREE

Miss Ruth Morley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morley of Barnesboro, has been notified that she has successfully passed her state examinations and is now recognized as a registered nurse.

Miss Morley was graduated from the Memorial Hospital Nursing School in September of this year. She was graduated from the Barnesboro High School in 1939. Her father is Commander of the Barnesboro Post of the American Legion.