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## MANY FATHERS IN CURRENT CALL OF AREA DRAFT BOARD

Patton Pretty Hard Hit in Number of Men Accepted Last Thursday for Service.

Pre-Pearl Harbor fathers predominate in the large contingent of selectees from Cambria Board No. 1, with headquarters at Cresson, inducted into the various branches of the military service at the Altoona Induction Center, last Friday. The men are now on the customary furloughs. The list of accepted men is as follows:

- Marines.**
  - Stanley Polish, Lilly.
  - Bryan W Kinney, Ebensburg.
- Navy.**
  - Arthur T. Bradley, Cresson.
  - Michael Pikus, Lilly Road.
  - Henry Adelsberg, Cresson.
  - Howard Brinkley, Cresson.
  - John Prebilio, Patton.
  - James E. Gaultner, Patton.
  - Paris DeSantes, Gallitzin.
  - John S. Smolko, Cassandara.
  - Patrick Riley, Loretto.
  - Matthew P. Quick, Hastings.
  - Clarence Fugh, Gallitzin R. D. 1.
  - Paul A. Debes, Patton.
  - Paul J. Hogue, Cresson.
  - Paul A. Tutko, Gallitzin.
  - Victor Donato, Lilly R. D.
  - John F. Mardull, Lilly.
  - Denver Conrad, Cresson.
  - Joseph E. Lannon, Patton.
  - William S. Nagle, Pottstown.
  - William N. Hnatkovicz, Hastings.
  - Michael T. Leach, Johnstown.
  - George L. Gorman, Amsbury.
  - James P. Noonan, Johnstown.
  - Anthony F. Goshish, Lilly.
  - Norman F. Sward, Hastings, R. D.
  - Leo W. Lidwell, Ashville.
  - Paul E. Wickard, Curwensville.
  - Francis Weaver, Patton.
  - William Gauntner, Patton.
  - Michael Berish, Cresson.
- Aviation Cadets.**
  - John A. Novak, Gallitzin.
  - Michael Kizak, Gallitzin.
  - Charles Kuleiren, Somerset.
- Army.**
  - Gerald E. Campbell, Gallitzin.
  - Douglass J. Krug, Ashville R. D.
  - Joseph J. Branigan, Ashville.
  - Louis J. Gioletto, Corning, N. Y.
  - Leslie E. Berger, Blandburg.
  - James W. Lomadue, Newton, Ohio.
  - George E. Ehrenfeld, Lilly.
  - Emmett A. Bender, Lilly R. D.
  - Louis W. Stoltz, Patton.
  - Irvin L. Kunsman, Gallitzin.
  - Anthony J. Mattello, Lilly.
  - John M. Mayernick, Lilly.
  - George W. Wyse, Patton.
  - Edward I. Brown, Patton.
  - Marlin B. Shope, Flinton, R. D. 1.
  - Lloyd W. Marshall, Patton.
  - George Gresco, Patton.
  - Paul S. Letterner, Cresson.
  - Frank J. Leja, Lilly.
  - John J. DeAngelis, New Britain, Conn.
  - Joseph E. Hetsko, Patton.
  - Angelo Polangelli, Itasca, N. Y.
  - Donald J. Ball, Coupon.
  - George J. Rickens, Cresson.
  - Paul J. Banik, Hastings.
  - David E. Trexler, Gallitzin, R. D.
  - Anthony T. Fiasco, Hastings.
  - Ralph O. Keith, Cresson.
  - Robert L. Beers, Blandburg.
  - John M. Noel, Fallen Timber, R. D.
  - Archie C. Buchanan, Dysart, R. D.
  - Gordon Thiec, Hastings.
  - Mike Senko, Patton.
  - Chester L. Stossell, Lilly.
  - John Berek, Cassandara.
  - Lloyd S. Glass, Fallen Timber.
  - Ignatius V. Bobetich, Altoona.
  - Chas. M. Amsler, Johnstown.

## EBENSBURG BOARD NO. 2.

Monday of this week the following group of men registered with Ebensburg Board No. 2, were inducted at the Altoona Center. Several business men, married men, and high school students, are included.

- Navy.**
  - Francis L. Little, Ebensburg.
  - Stanley J. Bemrose, Barnesboro.
  - John J. Bertram, Carrolltown, R. D.
  - Joseph Vadzak, Barnesboro.
  - William James, Jr., Barnesboro.
  - Francis E. Pizur, Barnesboro.
  - Grant E. Todhunter, Barnesboro.
  - Andrew Golmicz, Bakerton.
  - Fred W. Evans, Ebensburg.
  - Joseph Hanyok, Barnesboro.
  - William W. Brochi, Bakerton.
  - W. Ray Whitel, Barnesboro.
  - James R. Ball, Colver.
  - John Schettig, Jr., Ebensburg.
  - Francis Burley, Ebensburg.
  - James Sherry, Ebensburg.
  - Charles A. Evans, Ebensburg.
- Aviation Cadet.**
  - Lawman A. Alsbrook, Ebensburg.
- Army.**
  - William H. Findley, Johnstown.
  - Harold C. Leamer, Akron, Ohio.
  - Raymond J. Fox, Altoona.
  - Richard H. Rowland, Ebensburg.
  - Harry E. Kane, Revloc.
  - Anthony J. Nastasi, Barnesboro.
  - Wilbur Crago, Scottsdale.
  - Frank E. Fleeger, Barnesboro.
  - Ralph M. Shaw, Larimer.
  - Robert E. Hicks, Barnesboro.
  - Russell A. Lamar, Ebensburg.
  - Michael Descovich, Revloc.
  - Carl E. Froum, Cherry Tree, R. D.

## MOBILIZATION OF DEFENSE UNITS IS SET FOR SATURDAY

All Civilian Protectors Will Assemble at Regular Posts at Seven in Evening.

General mobilization of the Civilian Defense Corps throughout the State Saturday has been ordered by the State Defense Council in Harrisburg. In compliance with the order, County Commander Walter Stinson has issued instructions to all units in Cambria County to assemble at their regular posts at 7 p. m. Saturday.

Unlike the first general mobilization in December, when all units were mustered and inspected, only air raid wardens, fire guards and messengers will be inspected Saturday. The inspection will cover both personnel and equipment and will include verification of property and equipment, inspection of equipment for serviceability and cleanliness and a check to determine that each individual has with him his blue bordered identification card and armband. County council chairmen, commanders and members of their staffs will be in charge of the inspection. While only three branches of the defense corps will be inspected and inspected, all units will report to their respective posts to carry out incidents previously planned by commanders and communicated to the various units by sealed messages, to be opened at a specified time. These incidents are to be carried out in detail in order to test the proficiency of the corps in coping with emergencies.

## SALARIES OF EIGHT COUNTY OFFICE WORKERS SET BY BOARD

Salaries of employees in the offices of Controller Elmer Davis, Prothonotary John L. Hite and Clerk of the Courts Dean Joy were fixed at a recent meeting of the salary board. On motion of Controller Davis, Ed F. Deckert, new first deputy controller, will receive \$231 a month, the same salary paid his predecessor, Michael C. Chervenak, Jr. Miss Mabel Lehman, who became second deputy, succeeding Domenick Nastase, will receive \$196.35 a month. This is a promotion for Miss Lehman. As clerk she was paid \$172.35 a month. She has been employed in the controller's office for more than fifteen years. James McClunz, who will be auditor in the office, was voted a salary of \$175 a month, while Morgan Jones, Jr., new solicitor, to the controller, will be paid \$125 a month, the same salary paid his predecessor, Attorney Philip Lopresti.

Miss Helen Mahan, new first deputy in Mr. Hite's office, was voted a salary of \$200 a month and Miss Ann Bobenage, new second deputy, \$180 a month. The board also voted to pay Miss Marjorie Law, new clerk to pay Miss Marjorie Law, new clerk to the office, \$90 a month. Mr. Hite was also granted permission by the board to employ extra help at naturalization court at \$4 a day. The salary of Edwin T. (Benny) Englehart, deputy clerk of courts, was fixed at \$220 a month on motion of Clerk of Courts Joy. The salary board also voted that salaries voted employees in the commissioners' office those employed in court house maintenance services and employees of the juvenile home and the county home, shall remain at the same rates.

## ADJUST WAGES THREE OF COUNTY OFFICES

Salary increases, including a 15 per cent boost for the county detectives, were granted on Monday afternoon at a meeting of the Cambria County Salary Board. Three employees of Register of Wills Michael Hartnett, were given raises. They are Catherine Mahan, Helen White and Catherine McDonnell.

Salaries were approved for the employees of the county treasurer's office. Gertrude Lytle, clerk for the jury commissioners, was advanced from \$125 a year to \$200 a year.

## Gallitzin Soldier Hurt.

Sgt. Michael Madey of Gallitzin, was injured seriously in an accident last week at Camp Irwin, California, according to a telegram received by the soldier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Madey. The message did not disclose the nature or any details of the accident.

Joseph J. Wilenzik, Barnesboro.  
John C. Richey, Barnesboro.  
Clair C. Westover, Cherry Tree.  
Vincent P. Rajnisch, Barnesboro.  
Ralph Goughnour, New Brighton.  
Luke E. Dillon, Hastings.  
Mike J. Krupa, Marsteller.  
Russ A. Johnson, Ebensburg.  
Kenneth J. Miller, Nicktown.  
Charles P. Freeman, Marsteller.

## GALLITZIN SHIRT FACTORY WORKERS WIN WAGE HIKE

A total of 435 employees in the Gallitzin Shirt factory have been granted a fifteen per cent increase in wages. This increase, approved by the War Labor Board, is retroactive to December 8th. All employees who have worked for the concern for a period of five years were granted a two weeks' paid vacation.

## HUNTERS SHOULD REPORT THEIR KILL

Game Protector Bruce W. Catherman this week appealed to all hunters to submit their 1943 gamekill reports to the Harrisburg office of the Game Commission by January 15th.

Your prompt cooperation in this important matter will be greatly appreciated by both myself and the Commission," Protector Catherman said. "It will help greatly to expedite the tabulation of the game-kill, save considerable time, effort and money, and avoid the necessity for collecting \$2.00 from negligent hunters. Last year the Commission received 98.4 per cent of the hunters' reports. The year before the percentage was ninety-seven and one-half per cent. This year the Commission would like to see a one hundred per cent response. It would be very gratifying to me if the hunters in my district who took out a license last year sent their reports in immediately whether they killed any game or not. It's just as important for the Commission to know if they didn't kill any game as it is to know they were lucky," he concluded. If the stub, attached to the license has been lost it will be satisfactory to use a plain postal card or a piece of paper, provided the hunting license number (including the serial number) is given along with the name and address of the individual. Every hunter is required to file a report whether any game was killed or not.

## BAKERTON FLIER GOES THRU PLENTY

Lt. Richard E. John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard John, of Bakerton, went through more "experiences" in Greece last October than the average American boy ever will dream of. It all began when a squadron of planes, including a Flying Fortress in which Lt. John was an aerial gunner, was attacked by 35 Messerschmitts just after they had completed a bombing mission that wrecked a German airdrome near Athens, capital of Greece. The Germans laid emphasis on John's plane, and when several of the boys were shot up as a result of the hot German fire, the order was given to abandon ship after a 20-minute gun fight. The Bakerton lad jumped from the plane along with the others, landing on a tree in Grecian soil.

Nearby was a comrade suffering extreme pain from a shrapnel wound which had cost him an eye. None of the others was to be seen, having been scattered, so the lieutenant later discovered, over a radius of 30 miles. The next two days were hectic with the Bakerton man struggling through the Greek countryside carrying his wounded comrade. Lt. John himself had suffered shrapnel wounds of the thigh and lower leg, wounds which later earned for him the Purple Heart. At the end of that period he and his comrade finally came into contact with three other members of the crew and were taken care of in the best manner possible by some friendly Greek guerrillas, who have since received much praise from the Cambria County flier. The diet of grapes and black bread which the men lived on until their escape, is not one of which to boast, according to Lt. John, but there were times when he was glad to have those items of food.

For about two weeks after their reunion with their comrades, the party wandered throughout the Greek country, playing a game with the occupying Germans, who knew that their American enemies were in the neighborhood. On one occasion their Greek guerrilla friends ambushed a party of 15 searching Germans, killing 14 of the party and taking the remaining one a prisoner. Some of the Greeks were quite young, according to the local flier. At one time the party was without food for four days and on other occasions suffered severely with dysentery. Lt. John had been on his eighth bombing mission at the time. He and his companions had covered a distance of 300 miles before their escape, manner of which is a military secret.

The Cambria County hymn Sing will meet at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church at Barnesboro. Selections will include solo, duet, trio quartet and chorus numbers.

## V. F. W. WOMEN PLAN UNIT IN BARNESBORO

Mrs. Mary Lambert and Mrs. Rachel Wilson outlined plans pertaining to the formation of an auxiliary to the V. F. W. Post in Barnesboro at a meeting in Johnstown last week. The Barnesboro Auxiliary will be formed within a short time, and preparations have been under way for some months.

## TWO BARNESBORO MOTHERS HONORED

Two Barnesboro mothers of World War II heroes received the army air corps air medals on Tuesday in the absence of their heroic sons.

Army officials presented the medals to Mrs. James Scollon, whose son, Staff Sgt. James J. Scollon, 30, was killed in action July 14, and to Mrs. Kate Hafko, whose son Staff Sgt. Harry Hafko, -9, is a prisoner of war of the German Government. Capt. Kenneth McNeese, of Altoona, presented the coveted medals to Mrs. Scollon at private ceremonies in her home. Mrs. Scollon's son officially was listed as killed when a flying fortress was shot down over enemy territory in France.

The award to Mrs. Hafko whose son was taken prisoner Oct. 10, when his Flying Fortress was shot down over enemy territory was presented at public ceremonies in the Barnesboro American Legion Home.

## RUMORS ARE THAT THEY MAY LOWER ARMY AGES

The War Department is said to be showing interest in a plan discussed on Capitol Hill to let boys from 16 to 18 volunteer for military training during summer months, and get conditioned for real service later. Canteenments being vacated by troops now moving overseas would be used; state guards might cooperate on the training.

## BLASTS NAZI NEST WHILE WOUNDED

Feats for which Pfc. James Collins of Barnesboro was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroic action during the Battle of Tunisia were revealed in an official citation from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, the commanding general of the U. S. 7th Army, received by Pfc. Collins' mother over the week end. Though wounded in the face, Collins single handedly blasted out a German machine gun nest on a Tunisian hill and then personally staved off a Nazi counter-attack while his buddies crawled back to safety.

The medals and citations were made to Pfc. Collins in absentia, because he was captured by the Germans last April in North Africa. The soldier is known to have made good his escape from a German prison camp, somewhere in Italy. In a recent letter Pvt. Michael Toth of Hastings revealed that he and Pfc. Collins had escaped from the prison camp at the same time and had traveled together for some time through the enemy lines toward the advancing American troops. The Hastings soldier said, however, that he and Collins became separated somewhere in Italy sometime before the former located the advancing Americans.

Pfc. Collins is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Collins. The family has not heard from their son since he was captured by the Germans. He entered the army in January of 1941, and received his training at Ft. Devens, Mass., and at camps in Florida and Georgia. He was sent to England in June, 1942, and was transferred to the North African theater of war several months later. Two brothers are in the armed forces—Pfc. Francis, located at a base in New York City, and Pfc. Joseph, who is serving at an undisclosed post overseas.

## INCOME TAX FORMS READY FOR FARMERS

As an aid to farmers in keeping their accounts so that they may make proper income tax returns, the County Agent, H. C. McWilliams has obtained special forms of accounting books which he will give to interested persons. The forms may be obtained at Mr. McWilliams office at the Court House. The forms were prepared by the extension service at state college.

## GALLITZIN SOLDIER KILLED IN ITALY

Pfc. John Merlini, 26, was killed on December 20th, in Italy, the war department has notified his father, John Merlini, of Gallitzin. A letter from the soldier dated Dec. 17, said he planned to visit his father's brother in San Benedetto, Italy, as soon as the Germans were driven from that section of the country.

## SENATOR HALUSKA RETAINED AS HEAD OF MINERS HOSPITAL

Board of Directors Hold Annual Reorganization Meeting on Thursday Last.

State Senator John J. Haluska of Patton last Thursday night was elected superintendent of the Spangler hospital at a salary of \$2,700. Senator Haluska was named acting superintendent last October to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Ruth Cartwright. In addition to his duties as superintendent of the hospital, Senator Haluska also is manager of the Goerner Brewing Co. of Johnstown.

Mr. Haluska has served as treasurer of the board of directors for a number of years and last Thursday night asked to be relieved of those duties because of his new work as superintendent. State Mine Inspector Dennis J. Keenan of Barnesboro was elected treasurer.

Wayne Craver of Emehigh was re-elected president of the board, Co. Detective Charles Cowan of Barnesboro, was retained as vice president, and Pius Murphy of Bakerton was re-elected secretary.

Other board members are William McMullen and Bernard Collins, both of Barnesboro; Michael Platko, of Nicktown, R. D.; Martin Pavlock and Thomas Morris, both of Barnesboro; Metro Karol, Spangler, John Steir and Gus McNulty, both of Patton; Joseph Kopera, Hastings; Michael Hanyok, Hastings R. D., Joseph Jones, St. Benedict, and John Maholtz, Spangler.

## COUNTY LEGION WOMEN HAVE QUARTERLY MEET AT PORTAGE THURSDAY

Seven Cambria County units of the American Legion Auxiliary received citations from the national organization for surpassing their membership quotas for 1943, it was announced at the quarterly meeting of the Cambria County Council of the American Legion Auxiliary last Thursday in the Portage Legion Home.

Mrs. John Whalen, Spangler, the membership chairman, said the national citations were presented to units in Barnesboro, Spangler, Johnstown, Conemaugh, Lilly, Dunlo and South Fork.

The membership chairman also announced that the county council surpassed its 1943-44 membership quota by 58. She said the council's quota was 1,400 and that a total of 1,458 members had been enrolled for the campaign. Mrs. George Tucker, state child welfare chairman, told of the work being done by her committee throughout the state and urged all units to sponsor recreational and educational facilities for the underprivileged children of their communities.

In a brief address, Mrs. A. P. Sunday, Blairsville, western director, called on every unit in the county to expand its activities of caring for the needs of men now serving on the battlefronts throughout the world and to arrange entertainment for soldiers in their towns who are home on furlough. Miss Sadie Reese, Johnstown, presided at the session, which was attended by representatives of 12 of the 14 units in the county. The next meeting will be held in April in the Patton American Legion Home.

## COURT RULES MAN HAS RECOURSE TO APPEAL

Graynor Withers of Hastings, who alleges he was sentenced illegally by Preside Judge John H. McCann to serve consecutive sentences in the penitentiary, has relief through the State Supreme Court only. Judges McCann and George W. Griffith ruled Monday. The county court acted on a petition of the defendant seeking to have his one sentence withdrawn. The court stated that it had no jurisdiction in the case inasmuch as Withers is now a prisoner in a state penitentiary. It was announced however that the defendant could file a plea with the state supreme court. Withers was sentenced on May 15, 1939 to servt 5 to 10 years in the penitentiary on a charge of burglary and a term of one to one and one-half years on a charge if aggravated assault and battery. The sentences are to run consecutively. Withers charges that inasmuch as both indictments arose out of the commission of but one crime which happened at one and the same time and were inspired by the same felonious intent, the court should have passed sentence on only one count.

## LOST—Classes in case, January 1 or 2. Finder please return to this office or Thomas Simpson, 423 Langf Avenue, Patton.

## PRE-INDUCTION TESTS FOR DRAFTEES TO BE STARTED AT ONCE

February Quotas Will Be Filled With Men Examined This Month, By Naw Order.

Draft boards this week began scheduling their 1-A registrants for pre-induction physical examinations, ordered last Friday by selective service as a culmination to a long fight by congressmen to eliminate the hardships that accompanied pre-induction day physicals.

Under the new ruling, 1-A's will be given the official Army and Navy medical examination at least 21 days before they are called for induction. The period might be as long as three months or more. In fact, the period between examination and induction is definitely expected to be lengthened when a sufficient pool of men acceptable for service is built up to meet draft calls.

Under the previous set-up a registrant who was called up for induction did not know until the day he reported whether he would be physically acceptable and many men quit their jobs and wound up their affairs only to discover that they were physically ineligible and had to undo all the preparations they had made to leave civilian life.

Selective Service said while under its order men may be inducted as early as 21 days after they take the pre-induction physicals, the period will be extended as soon as a large enough pool of physically acceptable men has been established.

In order to start the pool immediately, local boards will at once begin to order physical examinations for a substantial number of men in 1-A, in addition to ordering men to report for induction to meet the normal January call of the armed forces.

To help ease uncertainties on draft status, local boards have been ordered to let the registrant know as soon as possible after the pre-induction examination whether he is acceptable and if so, to what service he has been assigned. Under the new procedure the preliminary draft board "screening" examination is eliminated except for registrants who believe they have a manifest physical defect which they think would eliminate them from the military service. These men may request a special exam and be rejected without undergoing the regular induction test, if they are found to be disqualified.

## PERSONAL TAX FORMS IN MAELS

Forms for the return of the four-mill personal property tax were mailed to Cambria counties by the Commissioners' office on Monday of this week. The returns must be made to the Commissioners not later than February 15. The tax is payable with other county taxes. Persons owning personal property need not pay the former four-mill state personal tax this year as the legislature at its last session did not renew the act relating to the state tax, which expired at the end of 1943. The tax, however, is still collected by the county under law. Collection of the tax in Cambria County decreased by \$3,959.60 last year as compared to 1942. During 1943 the county collected \$39,781.54, while in 1942, \$43,741.14 was collected.

Returns must be made by the following holders: Mortgages, promissory notes, or bonds, judgments, loans, bonds issued by any state, foreign countries, city, borough, township, school district, except those in the state of Pennsylvania, certificates of indebtedness, stocks, articles of agreement bearing interest, annuities yielding annually more than \$200, and equitable interest in any of these classes of personal property.

## FARM CONSERVATION OFFICES TO MOVE

Officers of the Cambria County Agricultural Conservation Association of the U. S. Agricultural Adjustment Agency, now located in the basement of the Ebensburg Court House, will soon be moved to the Masonic Building at High and Center Streets in Ebensburg. The county commissioners have signed a six months' lease on the premises for the association at a rental of \$50 monthly. The move is made necessary by the plan to move the offices of County Treasurer Roy B. Griffith to the Court House basement. Cambria County Ration Board No. 2, which formerly occupied offices in the court house basement, has moved to the Bloom building, North Center Street, near High Street.