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FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS THE north of Cambria county has been exceptionally fortunate in having but very few costly fires. The south of Cambria has not been so lucky. A costly fire occurred Sunday night in South Fork. Perhaps a lot of the "luck" that has been prevalent in the north county is due mainly to the alertness of the several volunteer fire companies and to their co-ordination of effectiveness when a conflagration occurs.

THE CAMBRIA COUNTY VOLUNTEER Firemen's Association has been the instrumental factor in the close co-operation that exists between the fire companies. All of the fittings and hose connections of the different companies have been made uniform, so that the best efficiency can be utilized at conflagrations.

ALL OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S organizations in the north of the county, as well as elsewhere over the land, have lost many of their members, and usually the most active ones, to the armed forces. That places an added burden on the older men who remain at home. That they have arisen to the demands placed upon them is shown in the great number of fires that are extinguished

with but minor damage, by prompt and energetic action.

HERE IN PATTON, FIRE CHIEF

James Blake announces that a fire school will be held after the regular meetings of the company. This is important. It calls for the presence of all active firemen.

THERE'S NO USE KIDDING OURSELVES: The moral and political effect of an Allied defeat in the Nettuno bridgehead in Italy would be tremendous. It would be all out of proportion to the military significance of the reversal. The eyes of Russia, Balkans, China and occupied countries are on us in Italy. So are the eyes of the Nazis and their satellites. Russia never enthused over our North African campaign. She called it a sideshow. She warmed up a little after Sicily and the collapse of Mussolini. But she still demanded a second front in Western Europe, and since the virtual stalemate in Italy, Russia has sneered, "I told you so."

THE GERMAN PEOPLE WHO ARE beginning to weaken at the constant air hammering, would be buckled up. They would feel that they still have a chance to win, if things go wrong in Italy. Yugoslavs and Greeks would conclude that liberation was as far off as ever. Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary, reported to be looking for the nearest exit, would give it second thought. China, already told she must wait until the war in Europe is over before getting increased help, would feel that help was far off.

NO USE BEING AN OSTRICH ABOUT this either: The military effects of a defeat at Nettuno would also be out of proportion to the number of troops involved. Some of the best military brains still say that the Balkans are the weakest bastion of Hitler's fortress, and strategically Italy is the key to the Balkans. Had Italy been quickly overrun by the Allies, Yugoslavia and Greece would have become untenable for the Axis, Turkey would have taken her cue, Bulgaria and Rumania would have been pushovers and Hungary would have dropped out. That would have left Germany exposed to the coup de grace. But if Nettuno becomes a little Dunkirk (and we don't think it will) Rome probably will not be taken for some time and the Nazi's Balkan flank will be protected.

DO YOU HAVE A BOY OVERSEAS? If you have, and he has been there any length of time at all, he certainly has written you letters of praise for the American Red Cross. In many ways this humanitarian organization has aided and helped him, in both big and little things, whether or not, he has been a casualty. During the drive for Red Cross funds last year, there was some criticism about the Red Cross, engendered, no doubt, on some experiences of the first World War.

PUT IN THE COMFORT OF SOLDIERS and sailors on the front lines, behind the lines, and in the training camps, the American Red Cross in THIS present war, is far above criticism. That goes without saying. Now the time is at hand when they again need funds to carry on their work-

a work that constantly grows in volume, and constantly extends farther and farther over the face of the globe—a shining light in a world of dreariness for our own boys.

ANNOUNCING THAT PLANS ARE

being made for the 1944 Red Cross War Campaign Fund, Robert J. Glock Cambria County campaign chairman, issued an appeal for full co-operation in the drive. The national goal is \$200,000,000 and Cambria County's share has been set at \$246,000. "Every citizen of Cambria county has a common share in Red Cross and each has a common share to see that Red Cross is given the greatest financial support," Glock declared.

"OUR SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN Red Cross is an investment in victory. The humanitarian work of Red Cross is vital and must be continued. Serving on the steering committee for the 1944 War Fund are E. J. Blough, John M. Casler, George Clark, Karl V. Eckel, S. D. Evans, George Fig. Jr., P. H. Harris, R. G. Kirschmann, Eugene Maurice, Robert McElldowney and R. B. Porter.

THEY ARE STALLING AROUND AT Washington on the privilege of letting the soldiers vote. Our own Congressman by his roll call "No" on federal ballot propositions, hasn't helped matters much. Pennsylvania voters, under our state laws, in the military and naval forces must apply for a military ballot within the 20 day period which occurs not more than 50 days before the election and not less than 30 days before the election. Election officials must then mail these ballots at least 15 days before the election "to the address furnished by the elector in his application." With Pennsylvania voters scattered in hundreds of places around the world, many of them bound to change addresses between the time they apply and the time ballots are mailed, it manifestly is impossible to provide more than a fraction of them with ballots, even if they were thoroughly acquainted with the law.

AND WHAT DO OUR REPUBLICAN congressmen and anti-poll tax Democrats yell? It's unconstitutional! Surely there is nothing more constitutional than the right to vote. Let's make the constitution work by providing a simple uniform method by which the armed forces may exercise their constitutional franchise. Let's make it as easy as possible for them to vote, not as hard as possible.

NOVENA FOR THOSE IN ARMED FORCES

A Novena in honor of the Little Flower will be held at the Carmelite Monastery, Loretto, Feb. 22 to Mar. 1, inclusive, for all those in the service of the country. Special intentions will also be made for a speedy termination of the war and for a just peace. All other intentions recommended will be included. Send the names of those in the service that they may be remembered in this Novena and in the prayers of the Carmelite nuns during the holy season of Lent. Address to the Carmelite Monastery, Loretto, Pa.

Mrs. Victoria Plant, Mrs. Victoria (Yeskovich) Plant, aged 73 years, died last Friday morning at her home in Emeigh after an extended illness. Born on April 3, 1870, in Europe she was the widow of Peter Plant, who died in 1932. Surviving are three children—Joseph, New Castle; Mrs. J. H. Nunley, Miami Beach, Fla.; and John of Emeigh. There are nineteen grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted on Monday morning in the Church of the Precious Blood by Rev. Father Joseph Tomko, and interment was made in St. Stanislaus' Cemetery at Earnesboro.

NOTICE

The Commissioners of Cambria County have agreed to sell at Private Sale the hereinafter described property for the sum of \$145,000, to James Hertzog and Susan Hertzog, his wife, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth, approved the 29th day of July, 1941, P. L. 600.

The Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County has fixed February 23, 1944, at ten o'clock A. M., in the Court House, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, for a hearing on the petition for confirmation of said sale. The property to be sold was assessed in the name of James Hertzog, as 1 House and 1 Lot, in Dean Township, and was sold to the County on June 27, 1938.

The total amount of taxes, municipal claims, penalties, interest and costs due is \$528.48. By Board of County Commissioners. H. F. DORR, Clerk

NOTICE

The Commissioners of Cambria County have agreed to sell at Private Sale the hereinafter described property for the sum of \$55,000, to Emily Anderson, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth, approved the 29th day of July, 1941, P. L. 600.

The Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County has fixed February 23, 1944, at ten o'clock A. M., in the Court House, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, for a hearing on the Petition for confirmation of said Sale. The property to be sold was assessed in the name of August Arveson Est., as 1 House and 1 Lot, in East Carroll Township, and was sold to the county on June 27, 1938.

The total amount of taxes, municipal claims, penalties, interest and costs due is \$184.79. By Board of County Commissioners, H. F. DORR, Clerk.

YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE FIFTH LAST SEVEN WEEKS

The third whiskey rationing period in Pennsylvania from Feb. 14th to April 1st, will extend for seven weeks instead of the last one of six but individual buyers will still be limited to a fifth of a gallon, the Liquor Control Board announces.

State store customers will again have to present in person War Ration Book 3 to be stamped and punched by a state store clerk, while Pennsylvanians who bought no whiskey since rationing began Nov. 15, will fill out and sign identification slips.

The board also set allotments for officers and enlisted personnel, 21 and over, at a pint for the first four weeks, another pint for the remaining three weeks, or a single four-fifths of a quart for the entire period.

Allotment of whiskey to licensees will continue on the basis of 60 per cent of their former normal purchases, the board added, while whiskey is still the only rationed merchandise at state stores.

Rums, all United States table or dry wines and all foreign wines, except sparkling wines, may be bought in any quantity, while consumers also can buy at the same time one bottle of brandy or dry gin or fruit flavored gin or sloe gin or cordials or liquors or rock and rye or cocktails. In addition a person may buy a bottle of any available sparkling wine or of any United States dessert wine or vermouth or aperitif.

ASHVILLE SOLDIER NOW IS IN THE HOSPITAL

Sgt. Paul K. McKinney, 29, has been evacuated from the Asiatic war theatre and now is a patient at the Valley Forge General Hospital, at Phoenixville, Pa., it has been disclosed by Army Service Forces.

A son of Mrs. Germaine McKinney, of Ashville, the soldier enlisted in the air corps on December 9, 1941, and subsequently served for twenty months in India and China as an armament man.

Prior to joining the fighting forces the soldier attended St. Thomas' Parochial School, Ashville, and later worked as a miner. A brother, Vernon D., is on duty with the Army Medical Corps.

DRAFT AGE WON'T BE RAISED SAYS WAR HEAD

Robert P. Patterson, acting secretary of war, denied the other day a report that the army will raise the upper age limit for draftees from 38 to 45.

"So far as I know, that's not true" he said in response to a question at a news conference.

"You recall that when the age limit was reduced from 45 to 38 in the fall of 1942, it was done as a result of army and navy experience that men in the higher age group were less effective.

"There are, of course, a good many men in the service above 38 and a lot of them are perfectly fit, but to take them by and large is quite a different" matter.

FALLEN-TIMBER COUPLE COULD ORGANIZE ARMY

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rickard of Fallentimber are having difficulty these days keeping track of their grandchildren because 22 of them are with Uncle Sam's Armed forces and two others have been given honorable discharges. Rickard is 91 and his wife 72.

Eleven of the grandchildren are overseas. A granddaughter, Lieut. Sarah McCreadie, is a nurse stationed at Madera, Pa.

Three of the Rickards' daughters, Mrs. Carrie Noel, Mrs. Robie Ross, and Mrs. Minnie Noel, each has five sons in the service.

HARRY HOPKINS' SON IS KILLED IN ACTION

Stephen Hopkins, the 18 year old sc. of Harry Hopkins, presidential aide, was killed the first night of fighting on the Marshall Islands. He ran into a crossfire between U. S. Marines and Japanese snipers.

Hopkins, a husky youth, had turned down a chance to get a commission at officers' training school, preferring to get a crack at combat fighting as a private. He enlisted last June after graduating from Hill School, Pottstown, Pa. He was a light machine gunner and had been in the Marines for seven months.

REV. BARTLEY McATEER GIVEN ARMY CAPTAINCY

Rev. Father Bartley C. McAteer, former pastor of St. Augustine's Catholic church at St. Augustine, has been advanced to the rank of Captain in the Army Chaplain Corps. He has been on duty in the South Pacific for the past several months. He entered military service on May 9th, 1942.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish in this manner to thank all those who assisted us in any way during our recent bereavement, the illness and death of our father, Michael Kober; for the floral offerings and use of cars at the funeral. —The Children.

Intensive training in life-saving enabled American merchant of the SS Monterey to rescue 1,675 survivors of a torpedoed troop transport in the Mediterranean, according to the War Shipping Administration. Some of the 1,977 persons aboard the transport were saved by other craft, and only four persons were lost.

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Something To Shout About! ONCE IN A GREAT WHILE A PICTURE COMES ALONG THAT IS TOPS IN ENTERTAINMENT. A picture that will warm your heart, make you laugh or cry—a picture that we know you and everyone else will enjoy, and remember for a long time. SUCH A PICTURE IS 'LOST ANGEL', STARRING LITTLE MARGARET O'BRIEN. This Theatre is glad to present this Grand Picture and give it our personal endorsement as one of the best productions of This Present Year. GRAND THEATRE. —The Management. P. S.—Film Daily's Poll voted Margaret O'Brien's "Best of the Year." Friday, Saturday, February 18-19. M-G-M's BRIGHT NEW COMEDY ROMANCE! LOST ANGEL starring MARGARET O'BRIEN with JAMES CRAIG MARSHA HUNT PHILIP MERIVALE HENRY ONEILL DONALD MEEK THE DEERSLAYER BLATT BROTHERS GRAND THEATRE PATTON, PA.