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JUST ABOUT A WEEK PASSED from the time the President issued an order which certainly sounded as if the nation were going to get a showdown, at last, on the question of industrial deferment from the draft of young single men who can and should be replaced. Selective Service headquarters promulgated what appeared to be forceful instructions for that gravely needed housecleaning. In an amazingly short time the whole thing is seen heading back into the same old confusion, or worse. Instead of a real clean-up there are strong indications that the draft dirt is likely to be swept under the rug.

THE ARMY IS AT LEAST TWO hundred thousand men behind schedule. In every city, town and village throughout the country, married men with one, two, and up to seven children, are being inducted or getting ready for induction into the fighting forces of the nation. They are the ones who are becoming "I-A minded." Draft boards are not to blame that so many young men now in so-called war work are not in the service long ago. Replacements could have been trained for all these young chaps a year ago. No wonder so many wives who see their husbands off to service, and are left alone to rear their families, feel bitterly the fact there still are "deferred war plant workers" who enjoy civilian life so graciously, and who are making more money than they ever did.

ALL MOTORISTS CHARGED WITH violation of the 35 mile speed limit now face loss of their gasoline ration coupons. Enforcement of the speed regulations has been tightened in recent weeks, particularly in some of the heavily populated centers, because of an increase in accidents, and speeders now face both penalty of fines and curtailment of rations.

GET SET TO LAY OUT A FEW EXTRA pennies for that after-work "pick-me-up" when the new excise taxes go into effect on liquor on April 1st. Although tavern keepers are barred from raising the price of a "shot" of whiskey under current ceiling regulations, OPA opines that the prices rules undoubtedly will be eased to permit bar rooms to pass the new taxes on to the consumer.

WE READ ERNIE PYLE'S COLUMN in the Scripps-Howard newspapers most every day, and because he's the most down to earth war writer of them all, people generally ac-

cept his thoughts with alacrity. He feels the infantrymen at the front lines are not receiving their just dues and figures at the least they should receive more remuneration that could be called "fight pay." A number of the service branches are so accorded larger pay. Most anyone will agree that the men who are enduring the hardships, and the extreme dangers of front line service, surely are entitled to more than the chap who wears the uniform, but in comparative safety, and in much better living surroundings.

PEACE MANEUVERS AT BOTH ends of the German eastern line threaten Hitler when he is in desperate need of a united front against the Allies. In the north, Finland and Russia jockey for position for an armistice and disposal of 100,000 Nazi troops, and in the South Bulgaria and Rumania are reported putting out peace feelers. Of course much more than feelers is required to take any of these countries out of the war. Obstacles are many. In addition to the usual territorial and related issues, the greatest barrier to withdrawal of any of these nations from the conflict is the Nazi army on their soil. Even if and when other obstacles have been disposed of sufficiently to permit formal negotiations, the difficulty of internment or defeating German troops may destroy the entire peace chance—which is the present danger in Finland. But they do present cracks in Hitler's wall, and it is not unreasonable to assume the cracks will grow larger and larger.

CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES THAT are close to the Navy present the guess that the Japanese eventually will have to pull into the "inner ring" which includes the China Sea but not Formosa. This ring might extend as much as 350 to 400 miles from the Jap main islands. An inevitable battle between the Jap navy and ours will be delayed until we cross this ring. The Japs won't risk an all-out naval battle until they have adequate air cover. Other sources think Japan will try to go on the offensive when we invade western Europe. Their hope is that the Nazis have sent a last call for Jap help and have explained that the Japs' only chance is when we are busy in Western Europe.

RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE NEW ration tokens are finding their way into some of the pin-ball machines, and perhaps, too, some of the coin vending machines. We don't know if they work in any of the slot machines or not. The Truman committee is said to have bottled up an investigation into the token program, as they don't want to advertise misuse of ersatz money, and the report was made privately to OPA.

SAUERKRAUT, PROMOTED TO the delicacy class by a shortage, will soon reappear as a companion to that extra pork. Some 80,000 tons of winter cabbage is being diverted to kraut makers because of all time high of the southern crop.

GRUMBLING IN CONGRESS ON the fighting in Italy may break into the open on the floor of the House of Representatives shortly, with open criticism of British leadership, both Naval and Military. But back of it all will be found the usual flavor of politics.

THE ISSUE BETWEEN PRESIDENT Roosevelt and Congress is likely to be raised again over the soldier vote bill. Congress is expected to complete action on the measure late this week by approving the conference agreement between House and Senate versions, and it will then go to the President to sign or to veto. Mr. Roosevelt seemingly has prescribed his test for the bill by saying that the crux of the matter is whether more soldiers will be given a chance to vote under existing law, passed in 1942, or by the new bill.

MEANWHILE THERE IS EVERY indication that Governor Martin of Pennsylvania will convene a special session of the state legislature in a short time with the purpose given as facilitating our voting machinery so that soldiers can vote in a simplified and easy way. What legislation the Republican leaders have in mind is not yet certain. Whether or not the session will include in its call political matters remains to be seen.

AFTER HAVING PASSED OVER most of the winter months without much snow, and with the hope

that maybe March would treat us favorably in that respect, we were rudely shown last weekend that such was not to be the case. One thing in our favor now against old man winter soon dispel a lot of the snowy white and the chance that a "hang-on" will develop is not so great.

THE PATTON SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION held an enthusiastic open meeting on Tuesday evening. If you live in the local community, and like to hunt and fish, it is your duty to affiliate with the local organization. Mainly, it is through their efforts that a continuation of game is supplied, and that the streams are stocked. The membership fee is but fifty cents.

UNLESS THE CONGRESSIONAL situation among the Democrats in the county, and a few contests in the Republican ranks create some interest, the primary election in April promises to be a rather drab and uninteresting affair. Only the present incumbent, Harve Tibbott has filed for the Republican nomination for Congress, but four Democrats aspire to the Democratic nomination. They are Attorney Walter Glass, Robert Clark and Eddie McCloskey, all of Johnstown, and Nathan Asbel, of Johnstown. Senator John J. Haluska has no position in his party for a renomination for a third term, and he will be opposed by Homer C. George of South Fork, the only Republican to file. In the Democratic second district assembly primary only a single entry has been made against the three present incumbents, and four Republicans have filed for the three legislative nominations.

SINCE PUBLICATION OF THE Honor Roll list in these columns last week, there are now possibly 12 to 15 new names that can be entered in it. For the most part they are the names of married men from the community, family men. And lately, too, many men of prominence in the county are being called. Many of them are business and professional men. Tuesday John F. James, editor of the Johnstown Democrat, passed his pre-induction examination for service in the Navy; three more of the county's attorneys were called; the chairman of the County Democratic committee passed for service, managers of several business establishments over the county, and in Johnstown, have been accepted. Next week many will leave for active service from the north county who have been married for years and have families. More and more, most EVERY home is being affected by some one or more of its loved ones in the service and uniform of their country, and to the few homes not so touched, we say "You, indeed, are fortunate."

WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK THE writer's family again will be affected by the selective service when Richard D. Bradley, a nephew, reared in our household, married, with four small children, leaves for the U. S. Navy. "Dick," was for many years an employee of the Press-Courier, was the local state store manager up until last year, and currently is manager of the Barnesboro State Liquor Store. Within the next few weeks the husband of one of our nieces, also of our household, will go to service. Our own boy has been in service since 1942, overseas now for a year.

AND THE SAME HOLDS GOOD IN a majority of the nation's families. Some families have every last eligible—boys and girls—in the service. Patton has its four and five stars on service flags. We pass one of those every day when we drive past the William McLaughlin home on Fifth Avenue. And gold stars hang in some Patton windows. These are concrete arguments for a substantial contribution form all of us at home for the American Red Cross—not just a routine contribution, but all that we can afford.

"THE DESERT SONG," IS A PICTURE THAT YOU WILL ENJOY ALL THE WAY THRU

Dennis Morgan is pleased to report that his current filmic romance reaches a completely successful culmination. "I really get the girl this time," he said, with more than a shade of manly pride.

As one of the handsomest leading men in Hollywood, Morgan, it seems, has been losing entirely too many of his leading ladies, either to the attractions of other men or to the disastrous machinations of the thing called fate.

Things are different though in "The Desert Song" which will be the attraction at the Grand Theatre, in Patton on Sunday and Monday, Mar. 12 and 13, with a matinee on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. It is Warner Bros. modernized Technicolor Musical in which Morgan is co-starred with Irene Manning, the beautiful blonde singing actress. He claims Miss Manning for his own, despite the competition of Bruce Cabot.

Lysle Westover. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon in the Methodist Church at Emigh Run for Lysle Westover, notice of whose fatal accident in the Cherry Tree Coal Co. mine, appeared in these columns last week. Interment was made in East Ridge cemetery. A son of Harry and Alverda (Langham) Westover, the deceased was born January 7th, 1893 in Westover. Surviving are his mother, his widow, Mrs. Priscilla (Kitchen) Westover, and six children: Blair with the Navy; Mrs. David Westover Jr., Mrs. Ira Baum, Floyd, Beverly and Ruth Westover, all of Emigh.

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LOST—No. 3 Ration Book. Barbara Lee Rhody, 1009, North Fifth Avenue, Patton.

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NOTICE

The Commissioners of Cambria County have agreed to sell at Private Sale the hereinafter described property for the sum of \$200.00, to William F. Pennington and Freida Pennington, his wife, New Kensington, Penna., 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 March 17, 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 Emmet Good, as 27 Acres—Surf., in Barr Township, and was sold to the county on April 4, 1938. The total amount of taxes, municipal claims, penalties, interest and costs due is \$562.73. 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 \$400.00, to J. Harry Adams and Mary E. Adams, 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 March 17, 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 Jos. Behe, as 72 Acres—Fee, in Clearfield Township, and was sold to the county on June 27, 1938. The total amount of taxes, municipal claims, penalties, interest and costs due is \$1073.00. 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 \$45.00, to Elmer Lamer, 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 March 17, 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 Chas. Hertzog, as 13 1/2 Acres—Surf., in West Carroll Township, and was sold to the county on June 28, 1938. The total amount of taxes, municipal claims, penalties, interest and costs due is \$210.75. By Board of County Commissioners, H. F. DORR, Clerk.

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