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MINERS' PRESIDENT OF DISTRICT URGES RED CROSS SUPPORT

James Mark Issues An Appeal to All Local Unions to Be Generous in Contributions

In a letter addressed to all local unions, James Mark, president of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, issued a call to support the Red Cross War Fund. The text of his letter, is as follows:

"The American Red Cross is putting on a drive to raise \$200,000,000 for the purpose of carrying on their activities in this global war. The Red Cross is of the greatest benefit to our armed forces. They are the only organization that can contact our enemy countries. They are the only organization that can get the information from enemy countries as to whether our men in the armed forces are living or dead after they are missing from our armies. They are the only organization also that can arrange to forward parcels containing food and other necessities to prisoners of war in enemy countries. In fact they are the only source through which our Government can secure information as to the whereabouts of our soldiers who are missing or captured

"Everyone must admit that the American Red Cross has done wonderful work in this war. All of this requires a wonderful amount of work and money. It would be a calamity for all of the people of the United States who have sons and daughters and other relatives in the armed forces, if the Red Cross had to give up any part of their activities. I understand that each county has set up their own organization to collect the quotas assigned to each county. Some counties require different amounts than other counties. Some counties have to lay different plans than other counties in order to get their quota.

"I am therefore, requesting the Mine Workers of District No. 2 to work with the Operators and the Committee in charge of the Red Cross drive in your county. The United Mine Workers of America heartily endorses this drive and earnestly requests all Mine Workers to donate their share as outlined by each county committee, and I am sure that the mine workers will not fail and will measure up to the high standards set by the United Mine Workers in the past."

CAMBRIA ROAD DEATHS DROP DURING JANUARY

While the first month of 1944 brings a slight increase in Pennsylvania's traffic fatalities, Cambria County has fewer road deaths for January than in the corresponding period last year.

Only two highway deaths in auto accidents were reported in January, 1944, as compared with five in January, 1943. Two pedestrians were killed in the first month of 1943, but none this year.

Pennsylvania as a whole had an increase of 20 deaths during the first month of this year. All of this increase has been in accidents in rural areas. Fatalities in urban areas actually have declined.

Cambria is one of the six Pennsylvania counties heading the list of counties with a reduction in traffic fatalities.

HASTINGS V. F. W. NAMES OFFICERS

A. J. Strittmatter was elected commander of Patrick D. Riordan Post, V. F. W., at a reorganization meeting held last week in Hastings. Other officers elected are Raymond Born, senior vice commander; B. J. Niebauer, junior vice commander; E. J. Weikland, adjutant; M. T. Anna, chaplain; M. P. Strittmatter, post surgeon; and William Nelson, B. R. Hindemarsch and J. E. Udicious, trustees. Officers are to be installed at the April 11 meeting.

The group plans to erect a memorial honoring veterans of the Civil War and World Wars I and II. A lot in Hastings Borough has been purchased and work on the project will begin when weather conditions permit.

Ballot Contract Given.

Submitting the sole bid, the Carrolltown News was awarded the contract on Monday afternoon by the county commissioners for the printing of 120,000 ballots to be used in the primaries April 25th. The bid price was \$18 per thousand. The William G. Johnston Co., Pittsburgh, was the only bidder for 180 boxes of election supplies and computation books for use in the primary elections. The price was \$528.30.

HOW CANDIDATES WILL LINE UP FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

Drawings for Ballot Positions Give Voters Idea of How the Ballots Will Be Shaped

Robert S. Clark of Westmont won the top place on the Democratic party ballot on his candidacy for nomination to Congress from the 26th district at drawings held Tuesday at the state elections bureau in Harrisburg. Harve Tibbott of Ebensburg is unopposed in seeking renomination as congressman on the Republican ballot.

Homer C. eGorge, South Fork and John J. Haluska, Patton, are unopposed on the Republican and Democratic ballots.

In the Democratic second district assembly drawings, candidates placed in this order on the ballot: John J. Trybus, Barnesboro; Albert L. O'Connor, Loretto; Michael C. Chervenak, Jr., Portage Township, and Thomas A. Owens, Carrolltown.

Republican Assembly candidates in the second district will be in this position: Llewellyn J. Reese, Ebensburg; Wilbur E. Schonek, Johnstown; Albert Beam, Upper Yoder Township, and George R. Bender, Carrolltown.

Cambria county state committee drawings: Republicans—Martin E. Stephens, Johnstown and Gladys B. Evans, Ebensburg. Democrats—Geo. C. Hoppel, Patton, and Mrs. Kathryn Q. McGuire, Johnstown.

Convention delegates from the 26th district follow: Republicans—Harry A. Borland, Indiana; Walter R. Suppes, Johnstown, and Harry L. Myers, Johnstown. Alternate, John L. Hite, Johnstown. George C. Hoppel of Patton, Democrat, was unopposed for election.

GRANGE PLEDGES SUPPORT TO WAR

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill Grange of Chest Springs was held Friday evening, March 10, in the Chest Springs range hall. Members pledged their support to the American Red Cross and to a greater production of food for the coming year.

The committee in charge of bond sales for the Fourth War Loan reported that \$5,700.00 in bonds had been sold.

Following the business session 37 candidates were instructed in the 3rd and 4th degrees of the order by the Worthy Master, Edward J. Weise, assisted by the degree team of the Grange.

The following committees were appointed to serve for the ensuing year: Home Economics—Mrs. Edward J. Weise, Mrs. Rose Kelly, Mrs. Rose Callahan, Mrs. Elvera Reig, and Mrs. Ella Little.

Entertainment—E. C. Reig, Charles Flick, Joseph Sutton, John Conrad, Ada Fogle, Mary Little and Mary Callahan.

CAPPING EXERCISES AT MINERS' HOSPITAL

The Capping Exercises for the students of the Miners' Hospital School of Nursing will be held at 8:30 o'clock P. M., Thursday of this week, March 16th, at the Nurses' Residence.

The following students have successfully completed their course of pre-clinical instruction and will be capped:

Louise Boggio, Gloria May Bradley, Martha Dell Campbell, Ruth Chiger, Marjorie Crover, Marguerite Hiteh, Marjorie Kirsch, Martha Kline, Anna May Martin, Doris McGlynn, Elva Miller, Thelma Myers, Laura Taylor, Bertha Mae Thomas, Bertha Wilkinson, and Jean Zieminski.

The principal speaker of the evening will be Miss Florence E. Kimball, Dean of Women at Indiana State Teachers' College, Indiana, Pa.

BLANDBURG YOUTH TAKES OWN LIFE

Ronald Lewis, 16 year old son of Mrs. Annie Lewis of Blandburg, took his own life on Wednesday morning of last week by hanging himself in a garage on a Mercer Co. farm where he was employed.

The youth had been at the George Junior Republic near Grove City until a few weeks ago when he was released to work on the farm. The Mercer County coroner said the boy left a note in which he stated he was "discouraged."

Someone You Know Needs the Help of the American Red Cross

Two hundred million dollars is the National quota for the American Red Cross this year and this in turn means that our local quota is more than a half larger.

Some will say this is a large amount, but it is small when the service rendered is considered. Blood plasma for the soldiers, emergency relief for the soldiers' families, personal contact with all in the service, the making of all bandages—and the list can go on, and on!

This year we have an extra day to work, or 366 days instead of 365. Were we all to give our wages for that day the quota would be met. The point is that we all must do our part. None of us can fall down.

Solicitation will start in Patton this week, and the drive must be completed by March 31st.

The population of the northern end of Cambria County places quite a large sum to be raised in the two branches—Clearfield branch, with its headquarters in Patton, and Susquehanna branch, with headquarters in Barnesboro. Frank Schwab heads the Clearfield branch for the campaign for funds; Louis Luxenberg is chairman at Barnesboro.

The Clearfield branch quota has been set at \$10,785, and Susquehanna \$13,000.00.

Read the full page north county sponsored Red Cross advertisement on page seven of this issue. Contribute all you can afford!

HOW THE RED CROSS FUNDS ARE TO BE ALLOCATED, STATED

Attention Focused by Cambria County Chairman on Many Services Performed.

Actual amounts that will be allocated to various Red Cross Services were announced this week by Robert J. Glock, chairman of the Cambria County War Fund appeal for \$246,000.

Pointing out that few people realize the vast extent of the Red Cross Program, Glock stated the amounts represent the ratio for each service on the basis of the National Red Cross breakdown of \$2,000,000,000 goal.

Figures released by Glock are \$32,226 for service in the Army and Navy Hospitals at home and abroad; \$44,280 for service in Army and Navy Camps; and stations, and the combat zones; \$7,284 for assistance to the Cambria County Chapter in home service work (for servicemen and their families); \$4,928 for the blood donor service; \$4,228 for emergency financial assistance to servicemen; \$2,554 for chapter production of surgical dressings, garments and other articles; \$4,744 for emergency morale supplies for men in combat zones and hospitals; \$33,210 for the servicemen's clubs overseas; \$1,722 for U. S. prisoners of war; \$4,774 for disaster relief and civilian war relief; \$2,706 for foreign war relief; \$6,008 for health, education and safety services; 6,150 for general services, and assistance to the chapter; \$2,700 for general executive and financial services; \$14,514 for contingencies, and \$73,800 for chapter requirements.

Under the category of chapter requirements are listed all Red Cross Services performed for or essential to the armed forces which are not listed elsewhere. It was pointed out that the "larger part of chapter activity is conducted by volunteers; the chapter programs, if a financial equivalent could be shown, would represent a substantially larger figure.

The contingency fund was explained as covering "emergencies and unforeseen requirements which are bound to arise in time of a world wide war or the occurrence of a major disaster."

In announcing the break-down on allocations, Glock appealed for all-out support of the Red Cross program in Cambria county.

"Our efforts and money are going to aid the men and women from Cambria County who are making great sacrifices on the battlefield," he declared.

SPANGLER MAN COMMISSIONED

Cleon R. Wyland of Spangler has been commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve and will report for active duty next month. He was sworn in as an officer last Wednesday. He will leave for Hollywood, Fla., on April 1st. He was graduated from the Spangler High School in 1932 and from St. Francis College in the Class of 1936. He has been employed in the Barnesboro postoffice and is secretary of the civil service commission of the postoffice.

Ensign Wyland is married to the former Marie Divido of Nanty-Glo. The couple have two children, Thomas Raymond, and Mary Ellen.

Promoted to Lieutenant.

Harold K. Laughlin, Ashville, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He enlisted in the army in 1940 and received his basic training at Fort Belvoir, Va. In 1941 he was sent to Panama and then to the jungles of South America. He returned to the United States in 1942 to attend officer candidate school at Fort Belvoir. He is now stationed in California.

NEW LICENSE TAGS REQUIRE CHANGE IN GAS RATION BOOKS

How You Will Go About Making Necessary Alterations to Adjust to New Numbers.

The states, at least 31 of them, are sprouting out in new license plates in 1944, and Pennsylvania is included.

If you're a motorist you'll have to make a slight change in your gasoline ration book. This is necessary to keep the records straight. Straight records help the government in its fight against the black market in counterfeit and stolen ration coupons.

That black market, by OPA figures drains of 2,500,000 gasoline daily and has netted its operators millions of dollars. It is estimated that ninety per cent of the black market is in counterfeit coupons, the other ten per cent in stolen ones.

Your present (1943) license number already is written on your ration folder in that place where you give your name, address and make of car. When you get the new 1944 license plates, draw a line lightly thru that 1943 license number on the ration folder (lightly, so it can still be read) and above it write the new number.

You're supposed to have written your 1943 license number on each of your ration coupons already. If you haven't done it, do it now. But don't write your 1944 license number on those coupons.

Applications for new Pennsylvania license tags started out to the motor vehicle owners last week. Only one new plate will be issued for each vehicle. It may be used after Wednesday of this week.

There are loopholes through which connivers can jump to work monkey tricks with coupons in this turn-over to 1944 plates. The OPA hasn't discovered an air tight way to prevent them. And they won't be explained here.

But what has been outlined above is what the OPA wants you to do.

JURY RECOMMENDS COURTHOUSE CHANGES

Additional office space for the Cambria County Probation Board was among the recommendations of the March Grand Jury in its report to the court last Friday morning. The venire suggested that the adjoining room of the Cambria County Historical Society be turned over to the probation Bureau.

Other recommendations of the jury included: Installation of fluorescent lights in several of the county offices particularly in the office of Probationary John L. Hite; separate rest room outfitted for the exclusive use of the women employees of the court house; installation of a directory of the building inside the main entrance, repair of plaster on the ceiling at the probation office bureau; construction of a ramp on the north side of the county home to connect the second and third floors with the ground level; and painting of the fire escape at the juvenile home.

NOTE ISSUE IS SOLD TO PHILADELPHIA FIRM

The Cambria County Commissioners Monday afternoon sold a \$500,000 tax anticipation note issued to A. Webster Dougherty & Co., of Philadelphia at an annual interest rate of .565 of one per cent. The notes will be dated March 15th and will run for five and one half months, maturing on September 1st.

The bid of the Philadelphia company was the lowest of three submitted. Last March, the Commissioners sold a similar note issue of \$250,000 at an interest rate of .74 of one per cent.

Menigitis Patients.

Two Northern Cambria County men, who had been patients at the Spangler hospital, were removed to the Municipal hospital in Johnstown on Monday for treatment of meningitis. They are Martin Lamar, 20, of Spangler, and Carl Boring, 30, of Marsteller. Both were described as "very sick men."

INJURED IN FALL OF ROCK.

Caught under a fall of rock, Alben Marra, 28 year old Dysart miner, suffered an injured pelvis. Marra, an employee of the Pennsylvania, Coal & Coke Co., was admitted to Memorial hospital, Johnstown, and his condition is reported as fair.

DR. TURNBELL DIES.

Dr. William G. Turnbull, aged 68, formerly supervisor of the Cresson Sanatorium, and well known in this county died at Philadelphia on Saturday of a heart attack.

WMC ACTS TO RETURN FORMER COAL MINERS FROM OTHER WORK

Manpower Releases Will Be Given to Former Pit Workers Who Want to Return.

With the threat of a critical coal shortage looming, first steps toward returning miners to mines from other industries to which they have drifted, were announced last Thursday by the War Manpower Commission.

Releases from present jobs will be granted miners now in other occupations, if they return to production of coal, the WMC revealed as the first phase of a broad program designed to alleviate manpower shortage in the coal fields.

Frank L. McNamee, regional War Manpower Commission director, stated that this is the opening of a program by which it is hoped to eliminate the labor problem confronting Pennsylvania operations before the country faces another critical shortage of the war-vital fuel.

The program includes utilization studies after which WMC engineering experts will make recommendations to mining interests on ways in which labor in the mines may be used to better advantage if under-utilization is discovered.

Another method by which better results may be obtained is through a series of training-within-industry courses which are expected to start soon following a survey in several mines.

Under the ruling which permits all local employment offices the right to grant releases to skilled mine workers, McNamee pointed out the regional Stabilization plan, which states:

"If an individual is employed at less than full time or at a job which does not utilize his highest recognized skill, for which there is a need in the war effort, the United States Employment Service may, upon his request, refer him to other available employment in which it finds that the individual will be more fully utilized in the war effort."

It is estimated that more than ten thousand miners or about 20 per cent of the coal workers in District No. 2 have been called to the armed forces or have accepted employment in other industries since the entry of the United States into the war.

Although coal production in this area rose to the highest figure in history during the past year, there was very little stock on hand due to the heavy demands of the war industries.

STATE BIRTH RATE CONTINUES CLIMB

Pennsylvania's birth rate continued to climb in 1943 when 199,332 live births, the largest number since 1928, were reported to the state health department.

While the births were only 1,437 fewer than the record number of 200,769 in 1928, Dr. A. H. Stewart, health secretary, said deaths also increased with 113,566 reported for the year from all causes, leaving the state with a population increase of 85,766 for 1943.

Stewart said a large percentage of the deaths were caused by pneumonia, influenza, heart disease, cancer, cerebral hemorrhage, nephritis and diabetes.

While figures were not available, Stewart said decreases were reported in both suicides and homicides.

TREASURER'S SALE IS PLANNED FOR APRIL

County Treasurer Roy B. Griffith announced Tuesday that a treasurer's sale on properties to which taxes have been returned for 1938 and 1939, will be held at the court house on Monday, April 24th. Listed for sale, Mr. Griffith said are approximately 2,700 properties.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the many relatives, friends, neighbors and pallbearers, for the kindness and sympathy shown during our recent bereavement, the death of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Agnes Thomas. Also for the floral offerings, use of cars for funeral, and spiritual bouquets.—B. F. Thomas and Family.

To increase the consumption of unrationed foods, the retail and wholesale distributing trade and the restaurant and hotel industry are conducting a campaign that will reach its peak during March and April. Foods to be specially emphasized are oranges, potatoes, eggs, soy flour cereals, enriched bread, breakfast cereals, macaroni, spaghetti, egg noodles, crackers, orange and grapefruit marmalade, peanut butter, and coffee.