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LEGION REQUESTS THAT COUNTY AID DISCHARGED VETS

Commissioners Petitioned by Resolutions of Cambria County Committee of Body.

The Cambria County Commissioners were asked at their meeting last Friday to establish a Department of Veterans' Affairs in the county to aid in the task of rehabilitating returning servicemen.

In a resolution presented to the Commissioners the Cambria County Committee of the American Legion urges the body to "give consideration to present situation and anticipate the postwar situation."

Text of the resolution, signed by S. T. Cawley, chairman of the committee; J. L. Soisson, secretary, and Edwin Green, commander of District 20 of the American Legion, follows:

"Whereas, it is now apparent that the rehabilitation of veterans of World War I and World War II will present a serious and acute problem in Cambria County, both now and in the post war period;

"And whereas, the Cambria County Committee of the American Legion is of the opinion the County Commissioners of Cambria County should give consideration to the present situation and anticipate the post war situation;

"And whereas, an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has granted the county commissioners the necessary authority to establish and maintain a county agency for this purpose;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Cambria County Committee of the American Legion recommend that the Board of County Commissioners of Cambria County give consideration to the establishment of a Department of Veterans Affairs and maintaining such department for service to all veterans of all wars;

"And be it further resolved that no political pressure or influence shall be considered in the selecting of the personnel for this agency, the selecting of personnel to be vested wholly in the Board of County Commissioners."

REDEDICATION AT BAKERTON CHURCH

A day of rededication, marking the completion of a remodeling project, was observed with appropriate services at the Bakerton Methodist Church on Sunday, Rev. Robert H. Karalfa is pastor of the church.

Improvements amounting to approximately \$4,000, the majority of which has been subscribed and paid, include the renovation of the basement making it adaptable for use as a Sunday School unit, installation of a new altar, pulpit and lectern in the sanctuary as well as electrical wiring and fixtures throughout the building.

VALIDITY DATES ON RATION STAMPS OFF

Food rationing became simpler for everybody on Monday as the Office of Price Administration removed the expiration dates from all red and blue ration coupons.

OPA said the move was done to cut the clerical and shopping problems of food rationing "down to a minimum of nuisance and trouble."

Not mentioned by the official announcement was another factor reported in several cities—the tendency of housewives to cash in their stamps just before expiration, for tokens which do not expire.

There will be no change in the rate at which stamps become valid; three red stamps for meat and fats will become valid every second Sunday, and five blue stamps for canned foods on the first of every month. Each stamp is worth ten points.

PICK MEN FOR CALL OF NAVY

Men to fill the Navy's call for April from Cambria Board No. 1, with headquarters in Cresson have been selected by the board. The date of their departure has not been announced publicly.

Included in the group are several Patton married men. The complete list follows:

- Gerald David Steir, Patton. Chester Raymond Seymour, Cresson. Simon C. Solomon, Patton. Ralph James Costello, Patton. William Vernon Walters, Portage. Paul Giles Briel, Cresson. George William Billand, Ashville. Elmer Francis Yingling, Lilly. Ralph Henry Woodley, Hastings. Paul Leonard Thomas, Patton. Charles B. Bowman, Glasgow. Chester Raymond Black, Utahville. Charles Philip Conley, Fallentimber. James Milton Behe, Lilly, R. D. Harold John Boylan, Lilly. Harold Joseph Buck, Gallitzin. Ardell Joseph Kawa, Flinton. Richard Henry Geleminio, Patton. Michael B. Nesbilla, Lilly. Stanley John Starchville, Lilly. Dante Francis Iachini, Gallitzin. James Francis O'Malley, Cresson. John Louis Zentak, Lilly. Harold Walter Eckenrode, Cresson.

MARY ELEANOR BILLER WEDS ALTOONA SOLDIER

Miss Mary Eleanor Biller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Biller, of Patton, became the bride of Pvt. Gen L. Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ingram of Altoona, at eight o'clock on Saturday morning in St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Rev. Father Florian Bergmann, pastor, officiated.

Miss Louise Biller, of Patton, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and William Krishock, of Gallitzin, was best man.

The bride wore an orchid suit with white accessories and a corsage of yellow rose buds. The bridesmaid was attired in a purple suit with white accessories and also wore a corsage of yellow rose buds.

A wedding dinner was served to the immediate relatives at the Commercial Hotel.

Pvt. Ingram was graduated from the Altoona High School and was employed by the Railway Express Company of Altoona before entering service. Mrs. Ingram is a graduate of the Patton High School and of the School of Commerce of Altoona. After a brief honeymoon Pvt. Ingram will return to camp for reassignment. He had been stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Drinks to Cost More.

Drinks across the bar will cost an additional one to four cents beginning April 1st when the new tax on alcoholic beverages becomes effective. The Office of Price Administration said bars may raise liquor prices two to four cents and add an extra penny on the cost of an eight ounce glass of beer to compensate for the added levies on spirits.

Relief Rolls Tumble.

Pennsylvania's relief rolls tumbled 87 per cent in the past five years, the Department of Public Assistance at Harrisburg reports. The department said the decline in the peak load in February, 1939, brought the number of persons obtaining general assistance down to 227,784 with only 28,885 on the employed relief rolls.

Strike Closes Laundry.

The Yorgey Laundry at Ebensburg has been closed due to a strike of 15 employees, who demanded higher wages. The strikers reported that the owner of the plant had advised them he is unable to meet the demands for wage increases and as a result has closed the plant. The walkout started last week.

HIGH COURT RULING LIKELY APPLICABLE TO MINE PORTAL PAY

Supreme Court Decision for Iron Miners on Travel Remuneration Probable U. M. W. Victory.

Price fixing and rent control regulations affecting virtually every person in the nation were upheld Monday by the Supreme Court in Washington.

At the same time the Court ruled that iron ore miners are entitled to pay for the time they spend traveling in the mines from the mine opening to their working places and back again. This decision may eventually have a bearing on the United Mine Workers of America's demands for similar pay for the nation's 500,000 coal miners.

Under the recent settlement of the coal mine dispute, miners are getting pay for travel time when their week exceeds thirty hours. The United Mine Workers quoted Crampton Harris, Birmingham (Ala.) attorney, representing the iron ore miners, as saying that in his opinion Monday's decision "will apply as the law of the land governing the work week in the coal mines."

The decision on price and rent control came at a time when a move is under way in congress to limit the price administrator's authority.

The decision in the iron ore miners case was hailed immediately by the United Mine Workers as adequate legislation to justify War Labor Board approval of their proposed wage contract, which would establish a "portal-to-portal" wage structure including travel time in bituminous coal mines for the first time.

FIREMEN PLAN A DINNER MEETING

Plans for a joint dinner meeting with the Somerset County Firemen's Association were outlined at a meeting of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and vicinity last Thursday night in the Barnesboro Fire Hall.

The joint meeting will be held on Thursday evening, May 25th, in the South Fork American Legion Home.

During the meeting each fire company was instructed to prepare a list of the men now serving in the armed forces and to present it at the next meeting. The fire companies also were asked to tabulate the total number of War Bonds purchased to date and present the total amount at the next meeting which will be held Thursday, April 27th in the Dundo Fire Hall.

Guest speaker at last Thursday night's meeting was Wesley Lohr, a former president of the Somerset County Firemen's Association. Fire loss in Cambria county outside the City of Johnstown during the last month was estimated at \$7,000.

MARSTELLER MINERS RETURN TO WORKINGS

Miners of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke 21 and 22 mines at Marsteller, numbering approximately 400, voted to return to work on Wednesday morning after reaching an agreement on a work schedule involving motormen and spraggers. They had been out two days. Beginning with next week the workers will alternate between night and day shift and will continue on this schedule as long as the mines operate six days a week. When the mines go back to five days a week, the old schedule of a fixed day and night shift will be resumed, it was stated.

Mrs. Nellie Warchock.

Mrs. Nellie (Paluch) Warchock, aged 60, of Emigh, died on Friday morning in the Miners' Hospital at Spangler after an illness of about 4 years. Her husband, Andrew Warchock, died in June, 1931. Surviving are these children—Mrs. Russell M. Hayward, West Orange, N. J.; Mrs. James Covino, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Anthony, Emigh; Sophia, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Pvt. John, with the Army in England; and Wanda, at home. There are six grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted on Monday morning in the Church of the Precious Blood, Emigh, and interment was made in St. Stanislaus' cemetery at Barnesboro.

DO YOU KNOW?

County Medical Societies throughout the state more recently concerned with graduate studies in industrial medicine are now emphasizing programs on tropical diseases in order to better serve professionally the returning personnel of the armed forces who may have contracted any of the more chronic tropical diseases.

SUNDAY HUNTING FAVORED BY COUNTY SPORTSMEN GROUP

Pointed Out That Many Hunters Work All Six Week Days and Lack Opportunity.

Members of the Cambria County Sportsmen's Association last Thursday evening went on record as favoring legalized Sunday hunting and also a reduction in the bag limits of racoons. While the association took no definite steps to petition the legislature to enact laws to legalize the Sunday hunting, the members will make an appeal to the state game commission to alter the present laws.

It was pointed out at a meeting at the Ebensburg court house that many sportsmen work six days a week and have no other time to hunt than on Sundays. The sportsmen favor the reduction of the bag limits on rabbits from five a day to four a day and from 25 a season to 20 a season. A recommendation also was made that the raccoon bag limit be reduced to ten a season instead of the present twelve a season.

Plans for an extensive stream and woodland improvement program after the war also were discussed. All funds made available during the present emergency will be earmarked for the construction of dams on fresh water streams and for reforestation of barren lands after the war.

The association purchased another \$100 bond and voted to the Red Cross War Fund Drive.

J. E. Shreve of Johnstown, presented a report on the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs held in Harrisburg recently.

MINERS RETURN TO COLVER PITS

Production of coal was resumed on Monday at the Colver Mine of the Ebensburg Coal Company, after the mine had not operated on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. The walkout is said to have resulted from dissatisfaction of the shuttlecar operators on their wage rate.

The shuttlecar operators met with the miners on Sunday afternoon in the Colver union hall and decided to return to work pending consideration by the War Labor Board of their demands for wage increases.

The Colver miners, in expressing dissatisfaction with the present \$8.69 per day rate, asked that they be classified in the same wage bracket as the helpers on joyloaders. Bernard Timms, Barnesboro, District Board Member of the United Mine Workers of America, met with the men on Sunday and urged them to return to work immediately and to present their case to the WLB.

Approximately 900 men are employed at the mine.

MORE 'B' GASOLINE COMING, BUT MAYBE

Rationing Chief Bryan Houston, said Tuesday night in Washington that while the OPA hopes to increase the "B" card gasoline ration, a decision cannot be made for at least 30 days.

Asserting that "it is basic OPA policy to ration out all the gasoline that is allocated to it," Col. Houston added in a Blue Network broadcast:

"We hope to be able, in keeping with that policy, to increase the ration allotment of people who need gasoline to earn a living. However, such a ration—the 'B' ration—will be increased only when and if there is enough gasoline to spare.

The question that arises is — are we saving enough gasoline to make an increase in the "B" ration possible? I wish I could answer that now, but I can't. I can't even begin to tell you for at least thirty days. I can say, however, that OPA will be just as liberal as allocations permit."

FORMER MINERS.

Plans to encourage the return to the coal mines of former miners now working in other industries were reported by Acting State Manpower Director H. Raymond Mason. The move to return former miners to Pennsylvania's anthracite and bituminous coal fields is one phase of a three point program recently announced by the War Manpower Commission to meet the critical manpower needs of the war vital coal industry. An intensive campaign to recruit new workers and a comprehensive survey to develop training and better utilization of the present labor force are the other major parts of the program.

HELP FOR MINING STUDENTS PLANNED

Questions that might puzzle students in classes preparing for mine examinations will be cleared up by Pennsylvania State College with the aid of a state board of mine inspectors.

Students in mining classes of the area have been asked to hand in questions which might pertain to interpretation of mining law and other coal problems, by April 7th.

William B. Wardrop, Indiana, inspector for the 30th bituminous district, Andrew J. Bengston, Indiana, 25th Bituminous District; Dennis J. Keenan, Barnesboro, 15th Bituminous District, and Samuel Cortis, Ebensburg, 10th Bituminous District, have been asked to serve on the board in answering the questions.

When the questions are submitted to the college they will be divided among the four mine inspectors who will submit their interpretations.

CRESSON BOARD LISTS ARMY GROUP FOR APRIL

Cambria Board No. 1, with headquarters at Cresson, has listed the following group of selectees for induction in the army early in April:

James Andrew Kirsch, Bradley Junction. John Joseph Kirsch, Bradley ct. James Blair Mulhollen, Jr., Allitzin.

Joseph Farabaugh, Bradley Jct. Charles R. Baker, Ashville. Robert Dabbs, Gallitzin.

Charles Polord Donahue, Hastings. Celestine John Nagle, Cresson. William Oscar Peterson, Cresson. John Alfred Clark, Cresson.

John Pete Conti, Lilly. Paul Leo Long, Patton. Walter Benson Piper, Lilly. Robert Francis Reese, Dysart. Stanley Joseph Leskovan, Hastings.

Joseph Donald Bruce, Cresson. Clarence Byer Purdue, Fallentimber. Michael Emil Saloney, Jr., Lilly. Ober William Lansberry, Blandburg.

Harold Austin Hoover, Patton. Adrian Thomas Cronauer, Patton. Joseph Sylvester Delozier, Loreto R. D. Robert Francis Shiber, Jr., Lilly. Robert William Scanlon, Cresson. Herbert Russell O'Shall, Flinton.

AMSBRY GIRL, AND BLAIR GO MAN, IN DEATH PACT

Miss Ruby Vesta Butterbaugh, 25-year-old Amsbry woman, participated in a suicide pact with Bernard Blair Thomas, 37, of Roaring Spring. Blair county authorities and state police said Tuesday, after the bodies of the two were found in a parked car near Duncansville.

The bodies were discovered Tuesday morning in a sedan which was parked behind a cinder pile along the highway. Both man and woman had died of asphyxiation by carbon monoxide.

Authorities listed the deaths as double suicide when a rubber hose attached to the exhaust pipe was found in the automobile. Bodies of both were found in upright positions on the front seat of the machine.

Highway workers made the gruesome discovery when they went to the cinder pile to obtain supplies on Tuesday morning. The couple probably had been dead since sometime on Sunday night or early Tuesday morning.

When police investigated they found the ignition key on the dashboard of the car was turned on and the gasoline tank was empty. The motor of the car was cold, indicating that it had been some time since it was in operation.

Authorities said that the hose line, which carried the poisonous gas into the machine had required considerable work and time to install. A hole had been bored in the floor boards directly back of the front seat of the car and into the hole had been fitted a piece of pipe. The hose was attached to the bottom of the pipe and the other end to the exhaust pipe.

Miss Butterbaugh, who was employed in the Altoona shops of the Pennsylvania railroad, had roomed in Altoona for several months, but recently had returned to Amsbry. A brother of the dead woman was fatally wounded in an accident in an army camp last August. Thomas, who resided in Roaring Spring, was married, and the father of three children.

PRE-INDUCTION EXAMS FOR ALL REGISTRANTS NOT YET TWENTY-SIX

Ordered by State Selective Service to Fill Quotas Before Call of Older Groups.

Pennsylvania's 422 local draft board were ordered Monday to fill all pre-induction quotas with under-26 registrants before drawing up older men.

The order becomes effective April 1, state selective service headquarters declared, and emphasized that it applies only to pre-induction calls and does affect those already found physically fit and awaiting orders to report for military service.

Headquarters said it issued the order after receiving this telegram from Gen. Lewis E. Hershey, national selective service director:

"Direct local boards to issue orders to report for physical examination to all registrants under 26 who are in Class 2-A or 2-B provided that such registrants have not been physically examined by the armed forces within 90 days of the date of this order."

A headquarters authorized spokesman explained that the new classification of calls for pre-induction physicals was set up following receipt of the telegram and asserted that it will speed up induction of men in the lower age brackets while slowing up the calling into service of registrants between 26 and 35.

The new classification of calls for pre-induction examinations gives precedence to men under 26 even against non-fathers over that age level but does not affect those already eligible for induction, he added.

Boards were directed to fill pre-induction quotas in this order: All non-fathers under 26 in 1-A and 1-AO (non-combatant).

Fathers under 26 in 1-A and 1-AO. Non-fathers under 26 in 2-A and 2-B (occupational). Fathers under 26 in 2-A and 2-B. Non-fathers over 26 in 1-A and 1-AO.

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EASTER CANTATA AT TRINITY METH. CHURCH

At 7:30 o'clock on the evening of Easter Sunday, the Easter Cantata, "The Easter Alleluia," by Roy E. Nolte, will be given in Trinity Methodist Church. The cantata consists of seven numbers, ending with the majestic "Easter Hymn." The public is invited to attend the service.

RUBBER SITUATION.

Although the nation is now producing synthetic rubber faster than raw rubber was consumed in this country any time prior to 1941, military and civilian demands still exceed the supply, the Office of Rubber Director discloses. Low speed limits must be enforced and all tires recapped if essential driving is to be maintained during the critical months looming just ahead, the Rubber Director warns. He reminds motorists that the life of a tire at 35 miles per hour is fifty per cent longer than at 50 miles per hour and three times longer than at 60 miles per hour.

CONSUMER GOODS SURVEY.

A check up on how well government measures have helped to alleviate shortages of civilian goods will be provided by a consumer goods survey now being made by the Office of Civilian Requirements of the War production board. Merchandise to be surveyed includes miscellaneous household articles such as bobby pins safety pins and cleansing tissue; clothing for men, women and children; household linens, and yard goods for apparel.

Nanty-Glo Foreman Killed.

Caught under a fall of rock while inspecting a room in the Hiesley Coal Mine in Nanty-Glo, Sulo John Hakenan, 34-year old mine foreman was instantly killed on Monday afternoon by a heavy fall of rock. He is survived by his parents, his widow and two sons.

Judge Hears from Son.

Pvt. Patrick (Pat) McCann, who was captured early last September while fighting in the Mediterranean area, in a letter informed his father, President Judge John McCann, that he is well and working on a German prison farm with other American soldiers. He also informed his parents that he has not received any mail home since last April.

Count on custards for a nutritious dessert. Make them now while their chief ingredient, eggs, is plentiful. Custard pie is always a favorite.