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NEXT WINTER'S COAL IS BEING WEIGHED NOW

Draft Scales Will Determine the Shortage Likely Below the Requirements.

Your coal next winter is being weighed in the draft scales now.

The armed forces say they will take 45,000 coal miners in 1944. Some coal experts had figured only half that number would be drafted.

When they think of 45,000 leaving the pits they gloom over the prospects of coming close to estimated coal requirements this year.

The armed services and the Solid Fuels Administration have been going over the manpower figures.

The manpower pinch is being felt already. Some mines have dropped from three shifts a day to two.

This year the estimated requirements are 686 million tons.

Coal men—figuring that perhaps only 22,500 miners would be drafted, or half the 45,000 mentioned above—think they will be able to produce 655 million tons.

The average miner produces 1,400 tons of coal a year. Then, 1,400 tons multiplied by the 22,500 expected to be drafted, gives 31,500,000 tons.

That would therefore be 31,500,000 tons unmined. Subtract that from the 686-million-ton requirements and the expected production of approximately 655 million tons is arrived at.

But suppose the armed forces carry out what they say and draft 45,000 men. That would be 73 million tons unmined and bring production down from the required 686 million tons to 613 for 1944.

That, of course, would not be the actual figure. It would be higher, as the draft is progressive and not all 45,000 miners would have been taken until the year's end, thus giving the mines the benefit of their output and raising the total output for the year.

So the result would be above 613 million tons but still, it seems, well below the 686 million tons produced last year when coal was none too plentiful.

Meanwhile the War Manpower Commission is making a nation-wide drive to get retired miners and miners who have shifted to war plants to go back to the mines.

LEGISLATURE TAKES UP THE SOLDIER VOTE BILL

Harrisburg—Pennsylvania's General Assembly is moving swiftly to enact in a brief, one-week session a soldier-vote plan without red tape that will cost the commonwealth almost \$1,000,000.

Getting down to business immediately after convening at noon on Monday and hearing Governor Martin's message, the House gave the first reading to a group of bills which the Governor described as a "simple, direct and easily-understood plan" for an estimated 500,000 to 800,000 men and women in the armed forces to vote at the November election.

By constitutional rule, a bill must be read three separate days in each house before a vote on passage. Leaders planned passage in the House on Wednesday and in the Senate possibly on Friday.

Principal provisions of the measures sponsored in the House by the two party leaders, Rep. Franklin H. Lichtenwalter, Republican and Rep. Reuben E. Cohen, Democrat, are:

- 1—Eliminating a requirement in the state election code for registration of voters in the armed forces.
- 2—Extending for about 105 days the time required to send out and receive military ballots. The present law provides absentee ballots must be applied for not more than 50 days before an election and returned within 10 days after an election.
- 3—Automatic mailing of ballots without request to all known voters in the armed or auxiliary services and permitting those at home on furlough to vote.
- 4—Authorizing the Governor to proclaim a military ballot day about August 1 when election boards will sit in the commonwealth's 8,197 voting precincts to receive the names and addresses of voters in the armed forces.
- 5—Authorizing the 1,500,000 members of the state's civilian defense setup to make a house-to-house canvass for names and addresses for military ballots.
- 6—Appropriating \$750,000 to the secretary of the commonwealth for expenses of administering the soldier-vote law and \$200,000 for expenses of the special session—a total of \$950,000.00.

INSTALL LAUNDRY.

A new laundry has been installed in the Barnesboro plant of the Phillips Jones Corporation. New machinery has also been received at the plant, and is being installed.

WASTE PAPER LOADING SUNDAY

In conjunction with all the Boy Scout Troops in the county the local scout troops are busily engaged in the collection of waste paper for the salvage drive.

All the communities in the county have been doing fine in this respect, and Patton still has its opportunity to boost a big collection this week.

Waste paper from the local community will be loaded next Sunday, May 7th. Officials in charge say that only through the cooperation of everyone will the Patton drive be a success.

Do your part. Get all those old newspapers and magazines together NOW and turn them over to the boy scouts.

You'll be performing a patriotic duty.

CARROLLTOWN NURSE GIVEN CAPTAINCY

Lt. Leora E. Stich, daughter of Mrs. Mollie Stich Thomas of Carrolltown, has been promoted to the rank of captain in the Army Nurse Corps at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, it was announced during the past week.

Capt. Stich, a graduate of the Mercy Hospital Training School of Nurses, Johnstown, in the class of 1931, was engaged in private and institutional nursing before accepting the position of supervisor of the maternity ward nursery in Mercy Hospital.

She held the latter position for a period of two years prior to entering the nursing corps of the army in March of 1941.

Capt. Stich also held a supervisory position in Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C., and at the Cresson Sanatorium.

Three brothers of the army nurse captain are serving with the armed forces of the nation—Charles J., who has been missing in action for more than a year in the southwest Pacific theatre; B. J., with the Navy, and Richard, with the Army.

OPA FREES ALL MEATS EXCEPT 2 CUTS OF BEEF

Washington—All meat except steaks and roasts of beef became ration-free at midnight Wednesday but that doesn't mean all the points that formerly went into hamburger and pork and lamb can be diverted to bigger and juicier steaks.

There'll be only half as many red points as before.

The Office of Price Administration figures the average consumer can have more of the items still to be rationed—steak and beef roast, butter, margarine, cheese and evaporated milk. And of course he can have all the hamburger, pork and other nonrationed meat he can find and pay for.

The actual effect on each individual will vary widely according to what he has been bought with red points in the past.

For instance, a person who has used most of his red points for steak and butter will be cut in those items. If he has been eating a 10-point steak and a three-point quarter pound of butter every two weeks heretofore, he has had 17 of his biweekly allotment of 30 red points left for other items, including the meats taken off rationing at midnight yesterday.

With the red point allowance slashed to 15 every two weeks beginning next Sunday, he will have only two points every two weeks for cheese, evaporated milk and margarine unless he cuts steak and butter consumption.

On the other hand, if the consumer has been letting the high-point items alone, using margarine, variety meats, and pork, he can have a good deal more of the better cuts of beef under the new schedule than he has been eating.

So far as the still-rationed, red point foods are concerned, OPA figures the average break at something like seven percent in the consumer's favor. It says 57 percent of the volume meat, fats, and cheese formerly sold on red points now are being made point-free. That leaves the consumer with 50 percent of the former number of points with which to buy 43 percent of the amount of rationed items.

The reduction in number of available red points will be accomplished by validating 30 per person every

CLEAN-UP WEEK IN PATTON BOROUGHS STARTS MONDAY

Success or Failure of Board of Health's Movement Rests With Citizens.

The Patton Board of Health has set next week—May 8 to 14th—as the annual spring clean-up period in Patton Borough, and urgently asks the cooperation of all residents of the borough to make the same a success.

Clean-up your premises, and clean-up your buildings as well. Particularly now, be sure to eliminate all fire hazards, and all disease breeding possibilities. A clean town is always a good town. Do your part to make it that way.

Following the usual custom, residents are requested to gather all rubbish and refuse together the first part of the week and place it in the alleys. The latter part of the week the borough will furnish trucks to haul it away.

Use common sense in what you consider refuse. For instance, stones and ashes or cinders are not regarded as being within the province of the community to dispose of, but are necessary requirements of the property holder to have taken care of.

And be sure to place your rubbish in strong containers. Thin cardboard boxes, are not suitable. Anything that may collapse will not be taken by the trucks.

Let's make the spring clean-up event in Patton the same successful affair it's always been. Everyone must do his or her part to accomplish that purpose.

JURORS DRAWN IN NORTH CAMBRIA

on the grand jury and 145 petit jurors were drawn from the jury wheel at Ebensburg last Thursday in Ebensburg. Jurors from the north of the county drawn, are:

Grand Jury. Martha Bercau, Ashville; James G. Chambers, Patton; Morgan Hoover, Ebensburg; J. J. Leonard, Barnesboro; Helen McCormick, Spangler; Catherine Rodgers, Hastings.

Petit Jury. Sheldon Brown, Allegheny Township; Roy Beers, Barnesboro; Rose Bishop, Cambria Township; Lottie Clark, Barnesboro; E. E. Campbell, Hastings; D. A. Dixon, Reade Township; Emma Eastman Cambria Township; Alvin Ferguson, Gallitzin; Edna Hindmarsh, Hastings; Pius Krug, Munster Township; Charles Lentz, Cresson; Michael Lacey, Carrolltown; Norman Marshall, Patton; A. E. Mongaluzzo, Barnesboro; John A. Malloy, Cambria Township; John McCarty, Reade Township; Gussie McCloskey, Gallitzin; M. A. McNulty, Clearfield Township; R. George Nicholson, Barnesboro; Othello Penman, Cambria Township; George M. Proud Spangler; Josephine Sibert, Hastings; Maurice Seymour, Loretto; Philip Shuss, Patton; Nick Simon, Reade Township; Ethel Smith, Ebensburg; Minnie E. Whitte, Barnesboro; Regina Winslow, Patton.

FIRE WARDENS GET SERVICE AWARDS

Twelve wardens of the Gallitzin Forest District, who have had twenty years of service and four with ten years' service each have been awarded certificates, it was announced by Charles E. Zerby, district forester.

The 20-year group includes George M. Gates, Flinton, R. D.; Victor R. Kline, Hastings; Bert H. Bell, Mahaffey; Francis H. Diehl, Portage; Perry M. Smith, Puritan; Ernest King, Burnside; Allen Eger, East Freedom; Elaine Byers, Westover, R. D.; Robert Clark, Ansonville; Morgan Westover, LaJesse, R. D.; J. T. Isenberg, McGees Mills, and L. J. Hile, Kermtown.

Ten year service certificates have been presented to Alban Gill, St. Lawrence; Alfred Havener, Windber, R. D.; Joseph B. Work, McGees Mills and Charles R. Michaels, Westover.

MANY PROPERTIES SOLD AT TREASURER'S SALES

Forty-eight properties were sold to individuals and 442 to the county at the county treasurer's sales held in Ebensburg Court House on Friday of last week. These properties will be held for two years and the original owner has the opportunity to redeem his property within that period by paying the sale price plus 15 per cent. There were 2,599 properties listed for the treasurer's sales but all except 490 had been redeemed by Friday, which was the date of the sale.

SOLDIER WOUNDED

The War Department on Wednesday notified Mrs. Bertha Keith, Barnesboro, that her son, Pvt. Elmer M. wounded in action somewhere in the Mediterranean battle area.

—Five white races are represented in Nova Scotia: English, Scottish, French-Canadian, Irish and Havorelian.

four weeks instead of 30 every two weeks as in the past. The three stamps becoming valid next Sunday, May 7, for 10 points each must last until Sunday, June 4.

COUNTY FIREMEN PLOT CONVENTION PLANS FOR PATTON

One Day Annual War Time Meeting To Be Entertained Here on Ninth of August.

Plans for the one day war time convention of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity to be held on Wednesday, August 9th, in Patton, were outlined at a meeting of the organization last Thursday night in the Lunlo Fire Hall.

Firemen will continue the plan inaugurated at the outbreak of the war—to hold convention activities to a minimum. Because of the shortage of gasoline and tires the regular parade, which was a pre-war convention highlight, will not be held until the end of hostilities.

Only business of the utmost importance, including the election of officers, will take place during the one day convention.

The firemen also discussed plans for a joint meeting of the organization with the Somerset County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Thursday evening, May 25th, in South Fork fire hall. Dinner will be served between six and seven p. m. and the joint meeting of the neighborhood organizations will commence at 8 p. m.

Donald Frye, South Fork, county president, announced that a total of 1,383 members of 27 of the 33 companies in the organization now are serving in the armed forces. He said that the depleted ranks of some of the companies have been bolstered to some extent by the admission of youths of 16 to 18 years.

A. F. Baker, Hastings, secretary, announced that 27 companies have purchased a total of \$74,000 worth of war bonds. Six companies have not submitted reports on their War Bond purchases, the secretary said.

Fire loss in the county, outside the City of Johnstown, during the month of April was estimated by the fire-

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men at \$16,000. Majority of the property loss resulted from a disastrous fire early last month in Barnesboro when two houses were destroyed, entailing damage estimated at \$11,000.

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COUNTY CONSIDERS JUVENILE HOME SITE

Cambria County Commissioners on Monday passed a resolution, subject to the approval of the court, to buy the property located on the corner of Center and Lloyd Sts., Ebensburg. It is owned by the Frank Hartman estate and is better known as the Johnson property. It was occupied until recently by the Betsy Brown Tea Room.

The commissioners are considering the property as a possible site for a detention home. It is also being considered for offices.

The property is located directly across from the courthouse and it fronts 130 feet on Center St. with a depth of 124 feet on Lloyd St. The price of the property is \$8,000.00.

STOP Schmickelgruber and Tojo by Buying Bonds!

EAGLES PLAN FOR MOTHERS' DAY

As has been customary for the past number of years, Patton Aerie, No. 1244, Fraternal Order of Eagles, on Sunday, May 14th, will again sponsor the Patton community Mothers' Day program, with fitting ceremonies.

The exercises will begin at 2:30 P. M. Flowers will be presented to the Mothers. The general public is cordially invited. Details will be given in next week's paper.

At the regular meeting of the local Eagles next Monday night, the annual election of officers will take place, and all members are urged to attend.

TAX HEADACHE IS STILL WITH SOME

Get out your checkbook. Your breather following the payment of income tax in March and withholding tax by the fifteenth of last month is over.

A new deadline fell concurrently with the end of April—that is if you are an employer, a cabaret owner or otherwise a retailer of liquors, wines and beers; in the transportation business or a dealer in furs, cosmetics, jewelry, etc.

Employers must pay withholding tax and social security deducted from pay envelopes of employees during the first three months of this year, and if you didn't pay it by the end of April—there are stiff penalties.

WILL HIRE GIRLS IN LIQUOR STORES

A policy of replacing state store clerks with women was announced on Thursday last by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

ADVOCATES YEAR OF MILITARY TRAINING

Disclosing that women hired to succeed men called to the armed forces had "worked out very well" on an experimental basis, the board named 8 more female clerks during the past week and said it will increase the number of these "war-duration" appointees gradually.

The board explained that the labor shortage had forced abandonment of its ten year old practice of employing only men in its retail outlets.

It is understood that there are in the neighborhood of 30 women now employed in liquor stores all over the state and in the Greater Johnstown area thus far nine girls have moved in as replacements of male clerks in the service.

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One year of military training after the war for all men and women between 17 and 20 was advocated the other day by Lt. Col. Guy G. Mills, acting head of the department of military science and tactics at the Pennsylvania State College, as the only way to insure peace.

"We can't have peace merely by being peaceful," he said. "Peace must be maintained by force—that is, the capacity to maintain force when necessary. Only a strong man can keep order in his own home, and only a strong nation can avert wars."

He asserted that American institutions will be perpetuated only so long as citizens are not merely willing, but are trained and maintained in a constant state of readiness for the nation's defense. This spirit of readiness, he said, should start with the elementary school children and become an integral part of our educational system.

Mills advocated military and vocational training for persons both in and out of college on the grounds that such a program would instill discipline—"habitual correct behavior"—in the nation's youth, and provide training in skills which could be applied to the solution of military problems.

DRAFT BOARDS RELEASE COAL MINERS UNDER 22

Harrisburg—Local draft boards in Pennsylvania coal mining areas on Monday started releasing coal miners under 22 for processing and possible induction into the armed forces in line with a directive issued by state selective service on April 12.

The same directive announced that representatives of the Solid Fuels Administration have been authorized to indorse Form 42A Special for registrants aged 22 through 25 provided such registrants have had three or more years of coal mining experience.

THREE CAMBRIA CO. MEN TO BE ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Spangler, Barnesboro and Ebensburg Youths to Have First Masses at Home.

Three Cambria Countians are among the twelve young men to be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle at solemn ceremonies on Saturday of this week in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The exercises will commence at 9:45 a. m.

Included in the ordination class are three priests from the Diocese of Altoona; three from the Diocese of Kansas City, Mo.; one from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and five from the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Penance. Eight of the class are now completing their studies in St. Francis Seminary, Loretto.

All of the three Cambrians will sing their first solemn mass the day following their ordination in churches of the county.

Cambrians to be ordained are:

Rev. Robert B. Byrne. son of Michael J. and Gertrude (Nagle) Byrne of St. Patrick's Parish, Spangler, is a brother of the Rev. Walter Byrne, Infant of Prague Chapel, Altoona. One of a family of seven, he attended St. Patrick's School, Spangler, Spangler High School, and St. Francis College and Seminary, Loretto. Father Walter Byrne will be his sponsor at the ordination.

St. Patrick's Church will be the scene of the first solemn mass Sunday, May 7. Rev. Joseph C. Kreiter, pastor, will be assistant priest; Father Walter Byrne, deacon; Rev. Leo A. Boyle, sub-deacon, and Rev. J. J. Denny, rector of the Cathedral, Altoona, and former pastor at Spangler, will preach.

Rev. Paschal Mino, T. O. R. Rev. Paschal Michael Peter Mino, T. O. R., was born in Metisko, Slovakia. He is the son of Mrs. Milda Mino and the late John Mino. He attended St. John's School, Barnesboro; Barnesboro High School, St. Francis Prep, Catholic University and St. Francis College and Seminary Loretto. The pastor of St. John's Church, Rev. Joseph A. Banik, will be his sponsor.

The first solemn mass will be sung Sunday, May 7, in St. John the Baptist's Church, Barnesboro, with Father Banik as assistant priest; Rev. Bernard A. Sheck, T. O. R., deacon; Rev. Walter Courtney, T. O. R., sub-deacon and Rev. Alphonsus Sobota, T. O. R., preacher.

Rev. Marianus Lieb, T. O. R. Rev. Marianus Donald Lieb was born in Colver, one of 13 children of Louis and Virginia Soisson) Lieb. He attended St. Francis Xavier's School at Cresson; Cresson High School; St. Francis Seminary, Loretto, and the Catholic University, Rev. James Cleary, T. O. R., will be his sponsor.

A brother, Rev. Aquinas Lieb, T. O. R., is now with the Franciscan Mission band in India. Father Marianus will sing his first solemn mass in Holy Name Catholic Church, Ebensburg, Sunday, May 7, at 10:30. Rev. Charles Gallagher, pastor, will be assistant priest; Father James Cleary, deacon, and Frater German Lieb, O. S. B., sub-deacon. Rev. Francis King, T. O. R., Loretto, will preach the sermon.

Another in the ordination class is Rev. Anthony Joseph O'Toole, of Altoona, brother of the pastor of the St. Augustine church, and the third of the family to enter the priesthood.

CAPT. McCANN THINKS DRIVERS ON TURNPIKE BECOME 'MESMERIZED'

A number of accidents on the Pennsylvania Turnpike are attributed by a former Pattonite, Capt. J. G. McCann of the state police in charge of the super-highway, to the fact that the automobile is not as modern as the highway.

Addressing the point conference of the Western Pennsylvania Safety Council and the American Society of Safety Engineers at Pittsburgh, McCann explained that the present day car cannot stand the high speeds possible on the highway over a long distance.

Another accident factor, he said, is the tendency of motorists "to become mesmerized" when they drive a long distance in a single direction and are unable to react normally if emergencies arise.

ENROLLS IN WAVES.

Doris Lovette, aged 20, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Lovette, of Spangler, has enrolled in the yeoman training school on the campus of Iowa State Teachers College, at Cedar Falls, Iowa, naval officials have announced.