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## STATE'S SOLDIER VOTE CALENDAR IS SENT TO BOARDS

### May Twenty-third Is Probable Date for Conference on Canvass for Names.

The state's "GI" election calendar provided by the new absentee voting laws was drafted last Saturday by the Bureau of Elections at Harrisburg.

Commonwealth officials prepared to notify the counties and put the measures into effect with speed matching that of the special legislature, which enacted the bills finally last Friday to complete the task in the shortest possible time, five days.

The Bureau outlined this "GI" voting time table under the new laws: May 23—This is the probable date for a meeting of county defense council chairmen at Harrisburg to receive details from the State Council of Defense and Election Bureau on the canvass for names and addresses of Pennsylvania voters of voting age in the armed forces, Merchant Marine, Red Cross, Society of Friends women's auxiliary service pilots and the United Service organizations.

June 14—This date was tentatively set to start the canvass.

July 4—Independence Day will be designated "military ballot day" if Governor Edward Martin follows suggestions that this date be set aside as the time when the judges and inspectors of election in the state's 8,195 voting precincts will sit to receive the names and addresses from civilian defense workers, other organizations and individuals.

July 25—This is the last day for candidates for state offices in the Nov. 7 election to withdraw.

Aug. 4—This is the last day for substitutions for candidates who withdraw.

Sept. 2—Ballots must be mailed by this date to all persons whose names were received on "military ballot day." These may be marked by the elector at any time on or before November 7 and returned to the county election board.

Sept. 23—County Election Boards are required to post names of these electors. Ballots must be mailed within 24 hours to soldiers whose names and addresses are submitted after Sept. 2 and their names posted on a supplementary military file by Nov. 2.

Nov. 22—Counting of military ballots will begin at ten a. m.

Nov. 27—Returns must be certified along with the official civilian count by this day to the State Elections Bureau so that certificates of election may be issued on Dec. 1 to successful candidates for the Senate and House.

The Bureau is preparing these printed forms:

Canvassing cards—Civilian defense workers will enter on these forms the name, address and age of the elector, the length of time he has been a U. S. citizen, resident of Pennsylvania and his home election district, names of the informant and canvasser. The soldier's serial number is desired but not mandatory. These cards will be returned to the precinct election boards and filed in the county commissioners' office.

Military ballot—This will be similar to the usual type but names of substituted candidates for state offices and Democratic nominees for President and Vice President will be typewritten so that printing will not be delayed. The voter may erase mistakes in marking, but must do so neatly.

Instructions and envelopes—Envelopes will be printed in red for free air mailing by special federal government permission. The return envelope will also contain the elector's affidavit of eligibility. The instructions direct the elector to appear before any person qualified to give an oath, display the blank ballot, mark it secretly in the officer's presence, make affidavit and mail.

## ROAD DEATHS DOWN IN CAMBRIA COUNTY

Cambria County led other counties of Pennsylvania in reduction of highway deaths during the first quarter of 1944, it was disclosed in a comparative analysis of traffic fatalities prepared by the state bureau of highway safety for the first three months of this year and 1943.

The report shows that Cambria County had only three motor vehicle fatalities this year—a decrease of five from the eight recorded in the same period of 1943—and only one pedestrian death in the first quarter of 1944—a decrease of four from the five reported in the initial three months of 1943.

## LEGION SETS ANNUAL MEMORIAL RITES FOR LAST SUNDAY IN MAY

### Will Be Held in Ebensburg-Cambria High School, and Will Be Colorful Event.

A colorful patriotic pageant will be presented in conjunction with the annual memorial services of the Cambria Co. American Legion Committee to be held Sunday, May 28, in the auditorium of the Ebensburg-Cambria High School, it was announced Sunday by Walter J. Stinson, Ebensburg, general chairman of the affair.

Members of posts throughout the county will take part in the pageant. Each year the Legion conducts memorial services for deceased veterans of all wars in which the United States participated. This year, however, special tribute will be paid deceased veterans of the present war.

Arrangements are being made to have a nationally known speaker for the program, possibly a high ranking Legion official.

A parade will precede the services. The Legionnaires, together with the color guards of each post in the county and the Ebensburg-Cambria high school band will form at the Court House and march to the school. The procession will move promptly at 2 p. m.

Committee in charge of the affair is composed of Chairman Stinson, S. T. Cawley, Cresson; county chairman, Louis A. Sheehan, Clay D. Harshberger, Joseph T. Straub, and Earl S. Keedy, all of Johnstown; Gerald Mears and Charles Meisel, of Ebensburg; Francis Green, Carrolltown; Dr. H. M. Dunagan, Ebensburg; Fritz Monley, Earnesboro; and J. L. Soisson, Cresson. Three veterans of World War II also are committee members. They are John Rose, Gallitzin; Frank Domico, Carrolltown, and Newton Miller, Johnstown.

Further plans for the services will be outlined at a committee meeting next Sunday.

## PREPARE PLANS FOR MINE EXAMINATIONS

Inspectors of the State Department of Mines are completing plans for conducting examinations in four district towns to qualify applicants for positions of mine foremen, assistant foremen, electricians and fire bosses.

Examinations will be held in Barnesboro, Johnstown, Indiana and in Wmber on June 1 and 2. Applicants for second grade mine foremen and electrician certificates will be required to attend the examination June 1.

Applicants for first grade mine foremen certificates will be required to attend the June 1 and 2 sessions, while applicants for fire boss certificates will be required to attend the examination June 2.

Dennis J. Keenan, inspector for the Fifteenth District, is chairman of the following boards: Wendell Young, Marsteller, representing the miners; Richard Todhunter, Barnes and Tucker Coal Company, operators' representative, and Samuel Cortis of Ebensburg, inspector for the Tenth district, secretary.

## ST FRANCIS TO HONOR TWO NATIONAL LEADERS

Honorary degrees will be conferred upon two high ranking national business leaders at the 97th annual commencement exercises of St. Francis College Saturday. Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, former Democratic National chairman, will be presented with the doctor of letters degree for "directing the gigantic task of directing the mail to every part of the world during this global war." Roy B. White, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, will be honored with the degree of doctor of laws "in appreciation of the part being played by America's system of railroad transportation."

Guest speaker at the commencement will be Attorney Charles J. Margiotti. The exercises will be held in the reception room of the mansion of the late Charles M. Schwab.

Religious portion of the program will be conducted in the Chapel of Christ the King.

Relief rolls in Pennsylvania have dropped 76 per cent since the depression days of 1939, the Department of Public Assistance reports. At the peak of the pre-war period of public dependency 18 out of every 100 residents of the state were receiving some sort of aid from the commonwealth compared to two out of every 100 at the present time, the department added.

## PATTON HIGH SCHOOL TO GRADUATE SENIORS

Commencement exercises for sixty-five seniors of Patton High School have been scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 31, in the Grand Theatre. Commencement speaker will be Donald V. Hock, and diplomas will be awarded by Dr. B. J. Overberger, president of the school board.

Six members of the 1944 graduating class now are in the armed forces and several others will enter service immediately after the close of the school term. Those now in uniform are Patrick Demetrius Boniferno, Mark Howard Brown, Jr., John Ernest Gelemino, Albert Gene Lapenna, Anthony Francis Vescovi and Charles Wellwood Winstlow.

The junior-senior prom, social highlight of the school term, will be held Monday, May 29th.

Members of the graduating class are:

Bernardine Agatha Airhart, Mary Leocadia Albright, Mark Richard Arnold, Anthony Martin Bender, Grace Dellius Annette Bender, Rene Desire Beunier, Jr., Barbara Mary Bloom, Eugene Paul Boyle, Anthony Richard Brasko, Julia Eusha, Andrew William Callahan, Loretta Agnes Christoff, John Edgar Cooper.

Louise Frances Mary Cossitor, Woodrow Joseph Dandrea, Dolores Ann Dietrick, Myron Irvin Dietrick, Helen Dobransky, Barbara Ann Fogel, James Augustus Fogel, Thea Juliana Gelemino, Maxine Elizabeth Ill, Albert George Gobert.

Helen Delrose Gooderham, Loretta Theresa Gresko, Alvina Catherine Hoover, Joseph Paul Ianiello, Raymond Harold Karheim, Lee Harold Kirk, Thelma Elizabeth Krug, Frederick Louis Laurito, Wilma June Leaper, Dorothy Jean Leary, Ann Cecelia Lehman, Leo Lesnak.

Viola Marie Link, Mary Eleanor Long, Rose Marie Macalus, Elizabeth Jean McNulty, Daniel Bernard Ott, George Michael Patrick, George William Pettorini, Dorothy Louise Petruynak, William Pinali, Donald Thomas Resko, Emma Mae Riley, Mary Francis Ryan.

Dorothy Elizabeth Sheehan, Edwin Singel, Bernard Clair Smaile, Ellen Jane Thomas, Mary Eleanor Thomas, Genevieve Margaret Trexler, Henry Louis Zezza, Mildred Louise Warner, Dolores Marie Weakland, Helen Margaret Wyland, Mary Emily Yahner, Josephine Virginia Zungali.

## Three Patton Soldiers Receive "Purple Heart" Medal Awards

Three Patton young men were recently given Purple Heart Awards.

Cpl. Frank Dietrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dietrick, was decorated with the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the enemy at the Anzio beachhead in Italy. Mr. and Mrs. Dietrick received the medal on Tuesday, and additional decorations attached included three silver stars, signifying participation in three major battle engagements. Cpl. Dietrick entered service on May 2, 1941, and received his basic training at Camp Shelby, Miss. He was sent overseas in August, 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Dietrick have two other sons in service.

Pfc. Walter, with the Marines, stationed at Hawaii, and Pvt. August, who is stationed somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Gelemino received the Purple Heart for their son, Pvt. Louis C. Gelemino, on Monday. This is the second time in four months Pvt. Gelemino was wounded in action. The latest citation was for wounds in action in Italy February 17th. He entered service on March 13th, 1943, and received his basic training at Fort Bragg, N. C. He left for overseas in October, 1943. Another son, Seaman second class John Gelemino, is stationed at Bainbridge, Md.

Pfc. Frank Yannitelli, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Yannitelli, of Patton, has been decorated with the Purple Heart Award in recognition of wounds suffered while battling the Nazis in Italy.

Pfc. Yannitelli was wounded Feb. 8th of this year. He entered the Army Service Mar. 12th, 1943, and received his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He was transferred overseas in September, 1943, first being shipped to North Africa.

He is a patient at a base hospital and in a letter to his parents stated he is improving rapidly.

He was graduated from the Patton High School in 1942. A brother, Pvt. Joseph, is stationed in New Guinea.

## THE BOY SCOUTS ARE THANKFUL

The Boy Scouts of Northern Cambria County say "Thanks" to the public of all the surrounding towns for their splendid cooperation in the salvaging of waste paper.

The pick-up, which started Friday, May 5th, and ended Sunday, May 7, netted over 53 tons, or 3 solid railroad cars.

They also want to thank the busification firms and others who used their trucks for the pick-up and the representatives of the Quaker Oats Co., and National Biscuit Co., for their assistance in loading of the paper.

This paper will go to the Quaker Oats Company for use in making bomb casings for Berlin and Tokio.

Please save all your waste paper for the next drive which will be in about 60 days.

The Quaker Oats Company has already placed an order for all we can get on our next drive.

Following is the types of papers needed: Newspapers, magazines, corrugated and cardboard boxes and cartons, wastebasket paper, wrapping paper, paper bags, cracker or cereal cartons, old books and catalogs.

You'll keep it for the Boy Scouts, won't you?

## LIEUT. DAUGHERTY IS LISTED WAR PRISONER

Second Lieutenant Joseph W. Daugherty, Barnesboro, reported lost following a bombing mission over Germany last month, is now a war prisoner of the Nazis, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Daugherty, were notified on Sunday.

Lt. Daugherty is one of four members of his family serving in the armed forces. He joined the Army Air Force in July, 1942, and was commissioned at Selman Field, La. He was assigned to overseas duty last February and made his first raid over enemy territory last March.

The flier is a graduate of Barnesboro high school and Syracuse University. He is married to the former Dorothy Kellogg, of Battle Creek, Mich., who resides in New York City.

—Buy bonds and stamps regularly!

## MINE LEADERS IN SAFETY MEETINGS IN NORTH COUNTY

### Emigh Had Meeting Wednesday and Hastings Friday, Barnesboro Later in Month.

Safety rallies to stress the importance of accident prevention in mines as a major factor in maintaining vital coal production are being held this week in three Northern Cambria coal producing communities.

Lennis J. Keenan, state mine inspector for the Fifteenth Bituminous District and chairman of the safety committee of the district, and John J. Dougherty, federal mine inspector and secretary of the committee, are completing plans for two rallies to gether with union and company officials. One rally was held on Wednesday evening of this week at Emigh, another will be held in the Hastings union hall, Friday evening, and will start at 7:30.

Plans for a big safety rally in Barnesboro at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Sunday, May 21st, at which high ranking coal officials will be present, are now being completed.

Speakers at the Barnesboro meeting will include Richard Maize, secretary of the State Department of Mines; James Mark, president of District No. 2 of the United Mine Workers of America; Thomas Moses, retired vice president of the U. S. Steel Corporation, and chairman of the Coal Mining Division of the National Safety Council, and representative of the U. S. Dept. of Mines.

The safety rallies will make five conducted in the Fifteenth Bituminous District during the past several months in conjunction with the accident prevention program of the National Safety Council.

The council is striving to cut down last time accidents in mines in order to keep up production of coal which now looms as one of the most essential materials in the Nation's war effort.

## OUTPUT OF COAL IN AREA HIGH

Coal production in the Central Pennsylvania region during the first two months of the year reached more than 8,000,000 tons—nearly 1,000,000 tons over the output for the corresponding period in 1943.

Mines included in the 11 bituminous districts in the regional coal fields produced 8,038,604 tons of coal worth \$41,300,000, it was announced by the secretary of Mines Richard Maize. No compilations have been completed for the months of March and of April.

During the first two months of 1944, more than 7,073,000 tons of coal were produced by the mines in the districts included in the report of the state mines secretary.

The district last year set an all-time coal production high and, barring unforeseen major work stoppages, miners should be able to point above the mark for this year.

A total of 24,820,994 tons of coal were produced in the bituminous regions of the state during the first two months of this year, it was revealed by Secretary Maize.

## PATTON MINER HELD IN THEFT

Mike Dobransky, 43 year old Patton coal miner, was committed to the Cambria County jail without bail to await court action following charges of larceny lodged last week at the office of justice of the peace David Westover of Barnesboro.

Dobransky confessed to stealing \$6,370 from his two sisters-in-law, Helen and Julia Buscha, both of Patton. Information was filed against the man by Pvt. Joseph Mannion of the Ebensburg sub-station of State Police, and County Detective Charles Cowan.

The defendant told officers that he had taken the money from an old cedar chest in the home of his two sisters-in-law. He hid part of the currency in a manger under straw, placed \$600 in a fruit jar and placed it under the porch of the home, and put the remainder at the bottom of his dinner pail. All the money was recovered.

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Through the Barn and Barnyard Equipment Industry Advisory Committee, WPB has been advised that despite some shortages in the available supply, 1944 production quotas of barn and barnyard equipment will be realized.

## HASTINGS FATHER OF THREE CHILDREN DIES IN CAR CRASH

### Clair M. Pierce Is Victim; Wife and Children Escape When Vehicle Overturns.

Clair Melvin Pierce, 26 year old Hastings father of three children, who Monday passed his pre-induction examination for service in the Navy, was killed instantly on Monday night and his family miraculously escaped serious injury when their car overturned on the Hastings and Westover road.

Coroner Patrick McDermott said Pierce, who was driving the car, was crushed to death when he was pinned under the machine when it turned over after crashing into an embankment.

The man's wife and his three young children escaped with body bruises and shock. His wife was forced to break two windows in the car and crawl from the wreckage and to extricate her children.

Mrs. Pierce was treated by a Hastings physician for a laceration of the left hand, and shock. Jeanette, four, and Clair, three, who were in the back seat of the machine, sustained slight body bruises and shock. An infant Mrs. Pierce was holding on her lap was not injured.

State police from Ebensburg substitution were informed by Mrs. Pierce that the family was enroute from Hastings to Westover and that Mr. Pierce was traveling at a rather fast rate of speed when the machine approached a sharp curve about two and one-half miles north of Hastings.

Police said the car left the road and crashed into an embankment and then turned over. Time of the fatal accident was listed as 9:15 p. m. Coroner McDermott said an inquest will not be necessary.

Pierce, who Sunday observed his 26th birthday anniversary, passed his preinduction examination for entrance into the Navy Monday in the Armed Forces Induction Center at Altoona.

## OFFICERS ELECTED BY C. D. OF A. UNIT

Court Our Lady of Victory No. 722, Catholic Daughters of America, elected officers for the ensuing year at a meeting last week. Miss Loretta E. Prindle was re-elected Grand Regent. Other officers elected are Mrs. Mary Harvey, vice regent; Mrs. Marguerite Shraugh, prophetess; Miss Rose Farabaugh, monitor; Miss Marie Garrity, lecturer; Mrs. Rose Mulvihill, treasurer; Miss Marie Hogue, historian; Mrs. Esther Krug, sentinel; Mrs. Mary Hips, financial secretary; Mrs. Mary Shannon, organizer; Mesdames Rose Arble, Margaret Young, Rebecca Young, Louise Shissler, Winifred Owens, Amelia Binder and Nellie Morey, trustees.

The new officers will be installed at a meeting in the near future. The members of the Court discussed plans for a reception for new members in June.

## SCHOOL SAFETY RALLY IS SET FOR SATURDAY

Appealing to the pride of every citizen of this territory, W. Winston Davis, president of the Johnstown Motor Club, stated that for this year no school child had been killed or injured on the way to or from school at an intersection protected by a School Safety Patrol Member. Mr. Davis added that one way in which this community can express its appreciation to the boys and girls on school safety patrols for the splendid job they are doing is to help assure the success of School Safety Patrol Rally Day on Saturday of this week.

"In other years," the AAA Club official reminds, "hundreds of School Safety Patrol Members participated in a national rally and gigantic parade arranged by school, police and AAA officials in Washington, D. C., but due to the war this is out of the question. It is up to this community to let these youngsters know that this town is solidly behind them in protecting our children at school crossings."

—MISS LANTZY COMMISSIONED.

Edna Mae Lantzy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert F. Lantzy of Cresson, who was commissioned an ensign upon enlisting in the Navy Nurse Corps, has completed her indoctrination course in Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., and has been assigned to duty at the Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Hospital. She is a graduate of Cresson High School and Allegheny General Hospital Nurses' Training School, Pittsburgh.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all those who assisted us in any way during our recent bereavement, the death of our father, John P. Baker; also for the floral offerings, spiritual bouquets, and the use of automobiles. — The Children.