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MOST MEN THIRTY AND OVER ARE NOW OUT OF THE DRAFT

But, In the Final Analysis, the Local Board Is Boss In Its Own Backyard.

Draft-age men up to 38—in connection with the latest selective service notice to the draft boards—are to remember this: The authority of the local draft board.

Selective service has laid down a national policy. It greatly widens the deferment fields for all boards, particularly in the case of men 30 thru 37. And all boards undoubtedly will try to follow the spirit of the policy.

But, in the final analysis, each local board is boss in its own backyard and will apply the policy to fit its local conditions.

At the same time selective service has placed a heavy responsibility on all boards through the decisions, explained below, that they will have to make henceforth:

This is what the boards were told: 1—All physically fit men 18 thru 25 should be drafted except those qualified for very special deferments. These deferments are comparatively so few and so rigid as almost to be taken out of the board's hands. 2—The only physically fit men 26 through 29 to be deferred are those considered "necessary" men and regularly engaged in an activity in war production or in support of the national health, safety or interest. The deferment of those "necessary" men is "for the time being."

3—All men 30 through 37, physically fit or otherwise, don't have to be "necessary." They are to be deferred if they are "regularly engaged in an activity in war production or in support of the national health, safety or interest." This deferment is for an indefinite time and might be forever.

But what is a "necessary man"? And what occupation is in support of the national health, safety or interest? And what is an "activity in war production"?

Each board will have to answer those questions for itself. One might consider a 27 year old playground instructor "necessary" from a health viewpoint. Another might draft such a man. Thus decisions will vary from board to board.

Each board has a list of the thirty-five industries the War Manpower Commission considers essential. Most boards seem certain to follow that list. They don't have to. It's a guide—not a mandate.

If any men are ordered inducted by their boards but think they are in the proper job categories for deferments, they can appeal.

But what of the present 1-A classification of men 26-29 who are "necessary" under the new selective service notice? And what of the 1-A classifications of the men 30-37 engaged in the jobs outlined above?

The boards have been told to review their classifications and place them in 2-A or 2-B, as the individual case deserves. Should these men just leave it up to the boards to reclassify them? No. Check with your boards to see that it is done.

Selective service particularly emphasizes, in the 30-37 group engaged in the outlined activities, that Form 42-B may be used for making requests for their deferment to get them out of 1-A. This is a job for their boss.

This should be noted: Selective service notified boards that all men, 18 through 37, who are physically disqualified for military service (4-F's) or qualified only for limited service may now be classified 2-A or 2-B if they are regularly engaged in an activity in war production or in support of the national health, safety or interest.

WOMAN CRUSHED TO DEATH BY BUS NEAR EBENSBURG SATURDAY

Mrs. Ruth Dunlap, 48, of Tyrone, R. D., was crushed to death on Saturday afternoon under the wheels of a Greyhound bus from which she had just alighted. The accident occurred on the William Penn Highway, one mile west of Ebensburg. Mrs. Dunlap left the bus after it had stopped at Penn Gables and had started to walk westward along the highway to the home of a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Mayes.

Benjamin T. Williams, of Greensburg, driver of the bus, told state police of the Ebensburg sub-station and Coroner Patrick McDermott that Mrs. Dunlap stepped into the path of the vehicle. The right wheels of the bus passed over the woman. Her pelvis was crushed and the lower part of her left leg was severed. Mrs. Dunlap also suffered internal injuries. She was a native of Clearfield County and leaves her husband and two children.

—Keep on buying bonds, stamps.

DEMOCRAT LEADERS IN COUNTY TODAY

More than 150 leading Cambria County Democrats have been asked to attend a luncheon to be given at 12:30 o'clock today, Thursday, in the Old Ebensburg Inn, for Senator Joseph F. Guffey, David A. Lawrence state committee chairman, and Richard H. Bailey, Jr., secretary to Senator Guffey.

The affair is being held so that the Democratic leaders can discuss the question of harmony with local members of the party. It is believed unlikely that either Senator Guffey or Chairman Lawrence will make any direct suggestion as to who should be named county chairman, but it is known the leaders will endeavor to bring about party harmony.

BOTH PARTIES TO NAME LEADERS

Organization meetings of the two major political parties in Cambria County probably will be held in the Ebensburg courthouse early next month.

Dr. Mark I. Leadbetter, Barnesboro dentist, probably will be re-elected chairman of the Republican Co. Committee. It is likely the meeting will be held Saturday, June 10th. While some opposition had developed to Dr. Leadbetter's reelection, it is said that the Barnesboro man will not encounter any difficulties in his candidacy for reelection.

The Democratic Co. Committee meeting may be held on Saturday, June 3rd. A number of men are being discussed as candidates.

Delay in holding the two party organization meetings has been occasioned by the ties which resulted in the primary when party committeemen and women were elected. Drawings to decide the ties were held in the commissioners' office last Friday.

Following the deciding of the ties, the commissioners mailed certificates of election to the new party committeemen and women, who will be eligible to participate in the annual meetings of their respective parties.

PLAN RETREATS AT LORETTO COLLEGE

Plans for conducting four retreats in the month of July at St. Francis College, Loretto, were outlined at a meeting of the officers and delegates of the Laymen's Retreat League of the Altoona Diocese on Sunday evening at the college.

First of the retreats will be held on Friday July 7th and the others will be conducted on the following three consecutive Fridays—July 14, 21 and 28.

A retreat master will be named at a later date, but officials said it will probably be one of the fathers at the college. Additional plans for the religious services will be outlined at future meetings of the league of which George A. Wolfe, Altoona, is president, and John A. Moran, of Johnstown, is vice president.

Plans for continuing the present campaign to raise funds to erect buildings at the college were discussed during a meeting Sunday afternoon of the Friends of St. Francis.

NOTICE

OPENING OF PATTON RECREATION CENTER SWIMMING POOL. Opening date—Memorial Day, May 30, 1944.

Admission prices same as last year, except higher Federal tax. For full details on prices of admissions and where season tickets may be purchased, see next week's Union Press-Courier.

Patton Recreation Center Commission.

CATHOLIC NUN DIES AT NANTY-GLO CONVENT

Sister Amata O'Hara, 71, a teacher in St. Mary's parochial school at Nanty-Glo, collapsed and died Monday evening in the convent there.

The sister, who had taught the 5th grade of the school for the past two years, died as a result of an apoplexy stroke. She expired before a physician could be summoned.

Sister Amata was a member of the Sisters of St. Agnes.

Use of facial tissues by war plants for cleaning precision metal parts and polishing lenses and increased use in hospitals are cutting into civilian supplies to some extent, the War Production Board says, but, with reasonable conservation, supplies in general should meet all essential demands. Production of facial tissues has been maintained at the 1942 rate for the past two years.

BLOOD DONOR UNIT COMING TO PATTON AND BARNESBORO

Clearfield Branch Has Monthly Meeting in Red Cross Rooms in Patton Last Week.

Clearfield Branch of the Cambria County Red Cross Chapter will entertain the mobile blood donor unit from Pittsburgh next September 4, 5 and 6, it was announced at a meeting of the branch last Friday night in the Red Cross headquarters in Patton.

Following a discussion on the need of military forces for more surgical dressings, branch members laid the plans to open headquarters to supply bandages.

Hastings unit of the branch to date has donated \$135 to the kit fund campaign and Patton \$4, it was reported.

A final tabulation of the contributions to the 1944 Red Cross War Fund showed a total of \$9,568.58 netted, as opposed to a quota of \$10,725.

Of the total Dean and Dysart gave \$631.65; Fallentimber, \$735.81; Ashville, \$190.75; Coupon, \$296.25; Blandburg, \$885.22; Patton, \$3,781.36, and Hastings, \$3,047.54.

Announcement was made of the next meeting of the branch to be held in Hastings Thursday, June 1.

The Susquehanna Branch of the Red Cross, with headquarters at Barnesboro will have the blood donor unit in Barnesboro on September 7, 8 and 9th, it is announced. Other branch headquarters also will have its facilities for three days.

PATTON COUNCIL IN REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting of Patton Borough Council met May 12, was called to order by President Ott, with the following members present—Ott, McLaughlin, Zahursky, Rogers and Dixon, with Burgess Louis A. Haluska.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A letter from the Garden Study Club was read inquiring if the borough truck and labor were available in regard to the beautifying of lot known as "The Palace House Corner." Council agreed that borough help is limited at this time and that they will be busy until after Memorial Day. However, the secretary was instructed to advise the club that the borough truck and the three employees for three days, would be available for that purpose, after May 30.

It was properly voted that the borough secretary be authorized to purchase a new blade for the borough snow plow.

The secretary reported receipt of a check from the Bell Telephone Co. for \$41.75; also the tax collector's check for the month of April in the amount of \$201.35. Both were deposited in the borough depository.

Guy T. McMullen requested to tap on borough sewer. Council agreed that if Mr. McMullen would meet with the street commissioner's requirements, the request would be granted.

Water Works Pumper Jos. F. Short tendered his resignation as pumper, due to his health. It was properly voted to accept his resignation.

Due to the scarcity of firemen, the Patton Fire Co. requested Council's approval to accept volunteers from 17 to 18 years of age; the secretary to contact the solicitor to see if legal, and if they would be covered by compensation insurance.

Routine bills were read and ordered paid. Adjournment.

COIN THROAT FATAL TO PORTAGE CHILD

Unable to breathe after a penny became lodged against his larynx, Merle Brunett, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brunett, Portage R. D., died on Tuesday morning in Memorial Hospital, Johnstown. The child swallowed the coin on Saturday at the parental home but his condition did not become alarming until Sunday when the child's throat started to swell rapidly and breathing became very difficult. Physicians at the hospital made numerous unsuccessful attempts to remove the coin.

AID FOR FARM COMMUNITIES.

Agriculturally based communities wishing assistance in planning post-war jobs may get assistance from the Department of Agriculture. Engineers, industrial chemists, statisticians, marketing experts and other consultants, will be available to aid communities where farm income and farm purchases make up the backbone of local business. The communities make their own plans and put programs into action at their own expense, while the consultants provide them with specialized aid and suggestions.

NORTH CAMBRIANS CALLED FOR SERVICE IN ARMY AND NAVY

Both Cresson and Ebensburg Selective Service Boards Send Recruits During Week.

Recruits for May quotas have been called for induction by the Ebensburg and Cresson draft boards, and most of the men have departed for service this week. The Cresson board sent their quota to the army, and Ebensburg's contingent were selected for the Navy. The list follows:

Cresson Board, No. 1—Army. Joseph Warren Youngkin, Glasgow. John Adam Finkelstein, Coupon. Harry Frederick Schwarzerer, Cresson.

Robert Eugene Duncan, Lilly. Gerald Edgar Gooderham, Patton. Leo Joseph Lesniewski, Gallitzin. Denzel Adam Garman, Fallentimber R. D.

Harry Earl Falk, Gallitzin. Thomas Anthony Belleumo, Gallitzin.

Grva Berton Landrus, Blandburg. John M. Westover, Akron, O. William Joseph Biter, Loretto. John Begony, Patton R. D. 1.

James Edward Delozier, Coupon. Eugene Benjamin Gates, Flinton. Francis Benedict Westrick, Patton. Roy Nisewonger, Jr., Flinton.

Arthur Regis McElheny, Loretto. Leo Joseph Keller, Ashville, R. D. Raymond L. Kunzman, Gallitzin. Joseph Mandichak, Cresson.

Richard Paul Bradley, Hastings. Patrick John Weakland, Hastings. Charles Elmer Edmiston, Blandburg.

Thomas Richard Lubert, Hastings. Ebensburg Board—Navy.

Victor Thomas Kizak, Spangler. Francis Augustyn Lubert, Spangler. John Paul Baker, Emeigh.

Leo Glenn Trexler, Patton R. D. James Robert Elliott, Spangler. Clarence Joseph Faraabaugh, Carrolltown.

Roland Manfred Carlson, Emeigh. Philip Ned Makin, Portage, R. D. Edward Joseph Geroskie, Colver.

Louis Joseph Kimek, Barnesboro. Clyde Matthew Miller, Bakerton. Howard James Hertzog, Elmora.

Edward Joseph Adamoski, Barnesboro. Paul Shea, Barnesboro. Thomas Christopher Stoltz, Carrolltown.

Francis Lawrence Patrick, Barnesboro R. D. William Andrew Colberg, Spangler.

Frederick Holland, Barnesboro. Gerald Holland McKinnon, Revloc. Frank Fransoni, Washington, D. C. Henry Clyde Kinney, Barnesboro.

Walter Michael Pavlock, Barnesboro. Richard Jay Craft, Colver.

ASK MINERS TO WORK ON HOLIDAY

Citing the pressing need for coal in the war emergency, district miners last week were asked by the government to remain at their jobs on Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30th.

The announcement, signed jointly by J. N. Geyer, regional bituminous coal manager, and C. J. Potter, deputy coal mines administrator, declares:

"In view of the urgent need for coal in the prosecution of the war, all operators are urged to operate their mines, and all mine workers are urged to work on Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30th. It is the patriotic duty of every operator and mine worker to see that no operating time is lost on that day. In accordance with Executive Order 940 and supplemental wage agreements, unless pursuant to agreement with employees other holidays of greater importance was observed in lieu of Memorial Day for premium pay for year beginning October 1, 1943, time and one-half compensation is payable for work on Memorial Day."

Woodsmen Had Meeting.

Woodsmen of the St. Augustine section had a meeting on Tuesday evening at the Joseph McGough sawmill, located between St. Augustine and Fallentimber. Frank Murphy, extension forester of State College, gave a demonstration on the proper methods of preparing pulp wood for marketing.

HOSPITALS AND PENICILLIN.

More than 1,000 hospitals in the United States have been selected to serve as depot hospitals for the limited civilian distribution of penicillin, the WPB announced. The hospitals should have received their first shipments May 10.

COMPLETE PLANS FOR LEGION MEMORIAL RITE

LT.-Col. Walter Kress, former Cambrian, and now personnel director of the Third Service Command, will be guest speaker at the Cambria County American Legion's annual Memorial Service to be held Sunday, May 25, in Ebensburg-Cambria High School Auditorium.

The musical program will include solos by Congressman Harve Tibbott, of Ebensburg, and Eddie Donahue of Patton. Johnstown's Junior Legion Chorus will sing and other music will be provided by the Ebensburg-Cambria high school band. A colorful pageant will be presented by representatives of each post in the county, and George Simon, Radio Station WJAC announcer, will serve as the announcer.

SPEAKER ASSERTS WAR CAN BE LOST

Declaring that the war is not yet won and can easily be lost, Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchinson, executive director of the Pennsylvania Council of Defense, in an address at a dinner meeting of the Ebensburg Council of defense Tuesday evening, called upon the civilian population to be prepared for any emergency. He declared that the civilian organization is not one set up to cope with disasters of war but to provide assistance in the event of any catastrophe. He praised the work of the OCD in this county, and urged that the work be continued on a permanent basis.

The mammoth job of registering all Pennsylvania soldiers for the right to vote, which has been placed in the hands of the OCD organization was discussed by Mrs. Worthington Seranton, commander of the state civilian war services.

Guests were many at the Ebensburg sponsored affair.

POPPIES ON SALE IN PATTON THIS WEEK

Once again the American Legion Auxiliary of Patton has set aside a period for its poppy sales, and this week they will have small boys stop at your door with these tokens, and solicit your purchase.

Please remember that World War I is ended, but our responsibility to the victims of that war will not end so long as one disabled veteran remains alive. Let us now be concerned about post-war rehabilitation, and child welfare. Let us be very much concerned about the present demands. A mental picture of the men making poppies in hospital wards will incite immediate sympathy and admiration, so let us make the soul of the poppy creep into the souls of the people and make many happy days for the disabled veteran.

Every poppy is a symbol of a boy who did not come back; so the little boys will ask their friends and neighbors to buy a poppy and wear it over their heart in memory of the dead.

Wear it to help the living for whom this war is not over. Wear it as a hope—a dream of a better world. Wear it as a pledge of peace.

TWO BARNESBORO YOUNG LADIES GIVEN COMMISSIONS AS ARMY NURSES

Two well known Barnesboro girls have been commissioned officers in the Army Nurse Corps and Monday reported for active duty at Fort Meade, Md. They were Miss Ruth Morley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morley, and Miss Louise Shortencarrier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shortencarrier.

Oath of office was administered to three Barnesboro girls who entered the nursing staffs of the armed forces by Edwin Binder, post commander of the Barnesboro American Legion Post, at public ceremonies in the American Legion Home. The third girl was Miss Anna Marie Byrnes, who was commissioned an ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps.

Two Barnesboro volunteers were accepted for duty with the Women's Army Corps at Altoona, also, Monday. They are Miss Helen Larsen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Larsen, and Mrs. Esther (Hicks) Domonick daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hicks. Mrs. Domonick is married to Angelo Domonick who enlisted in the army early in 1942, and is now in England.

MORE IRONS TO BE MADE.

Authorization to produce a total of 193,625 electric flat irons in 1944 has been granted to two manufacturers in Mansfield, Ohio, and one manufacturer in New York City, WPB asserts. The total authorized production is now about 395,000 irons.

TWO NOTABLES ARE GIVEN DEGREES AT LORETTO INSTITUTION

Postmaster General and Railroad Head Are Honored By St. Francis College.

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, who received the degree of doctor of letters at commencement exercises Saturday at St. Francis College, Loretto, declared that a great nation cannot be built without liberal arts.

The honorary degree of doctor of letters also was bestowed upon Ray B. White, president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, during the 97th commencement exercise.

In paying tribute to the college, Mr. Walker said: "Well rounded education cannot be achieved without a touch of the spiritual. The speaker also told of being acquainted with the late Charles M. Schwab and that Edward Schwab, a brother of the steel magnate, had taught him his law course at Notre Dame."

Mr. White spoke very briefly and told of the period of grave responsibilities through which the Nation is now passing.

As the principal commencement speaker Attorney Charles J. Margiotti expressed keen disappointment in the small number of graduates in the college. He declared that this is a scientific and mechanized war which puts vital importance on technically trained men.

"The war," he said, "is a shining triumph of American technology." He also paid tribute to Mr. Walker and Mr. White. In closing his address Mr. Margiotti said America must affirm its right to live peacefully, securely and under God.

Rev. Father John Sullivan, TOR, president of the college, presided at the exercises and presented the degrees to the two men in the absence of Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle.

A baccalaureate mass was celebrated on Saturday morning and was sung by the Rev. Father Severinus J. Carroll, TOR, dean of the college. Only 12 graduates received diplomas. The class was one of the smallest in the history of the Loretto college.

Degrees were conferred as follows: Bachelor of arts—Thomas L. Carr, Philadelphia; John H. Cloonan, Jr., New Hampton, N. Y.; Leon W. Dobosiewicz, Erie; Everett F. Finley, Rome, N. Y.; Pohn J. Finnegan, Laurel Springs, N. J.; James P. Gilpin, Haverhill, Mass; Matthew C. Herron, Pittsburgh; Felix H. Schenk, Loretto; Francis A. Schmitt, Pittsburgh; John H. Wheeler, Pittsburgh, and Francis A. Workman, Philadelphia. Bachelor of science—William R. Abeyounis, Washington, D. C.

EBENSBURG ACE IS MADE A MAJOR

Announcement has been made from an Eighth Air Force Fighter Station in England of the advancement of John L. Elder, Jr., of Ebensburg, from the rank of Captain to that of Major. He is operations officer for a Mustang squadron.

The 25 year old pilot, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Elder of Ebensburg, was graduated from the Ebensburg-Cambria high school in 1936 and from Pennsylvania State Teachers' College in 1941.

The major, who has five victories over the Luftwaffe to his credit, entered the air forces in November, 1941 and received his wings in May, 1942.

He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his exploits overseas.

TO HELP GET FARM SUPPLIES.

Dealers are required to give farmers preference in the purchase of about 300 listed items of farm supplies, under a recently revised War Production Board regulation. A farmer may buy these supplies upon his written certification that the supplies "are needed now and will be used for other than household purposes in the operation of a farm." New items added to the list include hay stacker cables, fire extinguishers, flashlights, funnels, tool sharpening grinders, harness repair tools, concrete mixers, metal fence posts, Portland cement and insulating materials.

MORE CHILDREN'S GARMENTS.

More than two million dozen essential items of infants' and children's wearing apparel will be produced during June, July and August, WPB said. All garments are to be manufactured from woven cotton fabrics and will include infants' creepers, gowns, and dresses; children's pajamas, sunsuits and coveralls; girls' blouses and dresses; and boys' wash suits, underwear, overalls, and shirts and blouses.