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FLOOD DONOR DATES AND SITES CHOSEN IN NEW COUNTY DRIVE

Will Operate at Moose Hall, Patton, Two Days, Early in September.

Rev. D. K. West has been appointed vice chairman of the blood donor service of the Cambria County Chapter of the Red Cross, R. S. McClelland, executive secretary of the Chapter, has announced.

Mr. McClelland also revealed that a quota of 5,675 pints of blood has been set up for the county during the visit of the mobile blood unit from Pittsburgh next August 21 to Sept. 23.

With the caravan scheduled to operate under the auspices of the chapters in six communities in Cambria County, in addition to Johnstown, sites have been chosen and approved by Pittsburgh Red Cross officials, Mr. McClelland said.

In Johnstown, the mobile unit will establish headquarters in the First Presbyterian Church from Sept. 11 to 23. Preliminary, however, the itinerary, dates and sites of operations, will include:

Black Lick Valley Branch—August 21, 22 and 23, Volunteer Fire Company Hall, Nanty-Glo.

Mountain Branch—Aug. 24, 25 and 26, Ebensburg High School.

Allegheny Ridge Branch—August 28, 29 and 30, Portage High School.

Beaver Valley Branch—Aug. 31, Sept. 1 and 2, South Fork.

Clearfield Branch, Sept. 5 and 6, Moose Hall, Patton. Originally it was requested that Clearfield Branch be visited by the caravan for three days but a decision was reached to suspend operations Sept. 4th.

Susquehanna Branch—Sept. 7, 8 and 9, Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Earnesboro.

Mr. McClelland pointed out that the quota of 5,675 is an increase over that set for the last campaign.

"Although 6,000 pints of blood were obtained in the December-January campaign, the Red Cross staff worked for six weeks instead of five as will be the case during the coming drive," the chapter executive related.

Present plans call for a goal of 200 pints of blood each day, Monday through Friday, and 175 pints on Saturdays.

Now that a full scale invasion has been launched the need for blood plasma has reached its zenith, Mr. McClelland said.

All donations of blood made to the Red Cross are earmarked exclusively for the use of members of the armed forces.

PATTON SOLDIER IS WOUNDED THIRD TIME

The war department last week notified Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Gelermino of Patton that their son, Pvt. Louis C., was wounded for the third time while battling Germans in Italy.

He had been in action only two weeks after recovering from previous wounds, when he was struck by enemy shell fire for the third time last May 23rd. The soldier had been presented the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in earlier action.

He informed his relatives that the first two times he was wounded the wounds were not serious and he recovered within a short time.

Pvt. Gelermino entered the service in March 1943, and received his training at Fort Jackson, S. C., before going overseas. A brother, John, is serving in the Navy.

SPANGLER YOUTH IS WOUNDED IN ITALY

In a recent letter to Spangler relatives, Staff Sgt. Andrew Klapak, informed them that he was wounded in action on April 30th in the Italian theater of war. The soldier said he was recuperating from his wounds in a hospital in Italy.

The soldier entered the army in November, 1941, and received his training at Fort Bragg, N. C., before being assigned to overseas duty about fourteen months ago. Three brothers are in the armed forces—Sgt. Michael, in the army, and Elmer and Clyde, both in the Navy.

LORETTO PRIEST HAS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Father Patrick Fahey, TOR, of St. Francis Friary, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination recently. He sang a high mass in the morning and in the evening was honored at a testimonial banquet. This was followed by a reception. A native of Ireland, he came to the United States in 1914, and was ordained in 1919.

The elm beetle is appearing in large numbers, reports Penn State entomologists. The control is a spray of nicotine sulphate thoroughly applied.

SPANGLER SOLDIER REPORTED AS DEAD

Pvt. Frank Swerbinsky, son of Mrs. Anna Sufleta, Spangler, who had been reported missing in action in the Mediterranean theater of war since early last January, was killed while fighting in that area, according to a government casualty list made public.

The soldier entered the services about two years ago and prior to that time had been employed by Barnes Coal Co., Spangler. Two brothers were in the army but were granted honorable discharges. They are Nicholas and George, both of Spangler.

CHEST SPRINGS BOY REPORTED KILLED IN ITALY BATTLE ACTION

Pfc. Robert Zerbee, Twenty-five Years Old, Victim While on Anzio Beachhead.

Pfc. Robert Zerbee, aged twenty-five years, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zerbee, of Chest Springs, was killed in action on May 23rd last while fighting on the Anzio beachhead in Italy. The soldier was serving with a tank battalion when he met his death. His parents have been officially notified of his demise by the War Department.

Two brothers of the Chest Springs soldier are serving in the Army—Pvt. Joseph, of Sheppard Field, Texas, and Pfc. Frank, located at a camp in Colorado.

Pfc. Zerbee entered the army on March 7th, 1941, and was assigned to duty overseas about six months ago. He attended St. Monica's School at Chest Springs and was working in New York City when he entered the service.

Besides his parents and the two brothers in the Army, he leaves another brother, Harry, at home, and three sisters: Mrs. Walter Dillon and Mrs. Herman Wharton, both of St. Augustine; Mrs. Viola Lumadue, Altoona, and Victoria, at home.

NORTH CAMBRIANS HURT IN JOHNSTOWN

Four persons were injured, three of them seriously, in an automobile and street car crash in Johnstown on Saturday evening. Three of the victims were taken to the Memorial hospital, following the crash, and the automobile was demolished.

The injured: Joan Endler, 13, St. Boniface, a fracture of the left leg, lacerations of the knee, and abrasions and contusions of the face.

Russell J. Berkeley, 27, St. Boniface, concussion of the brain.

Mrs. Agnes Endler, 28, St. Boniface, concussion of the brain.

Mrs. Katherine Berkeley, 26, St. Boniface, treated for shock and discharged from the hospital. All three of the hospitalized victims are reported as getting along well.

According to the police who investigated the accident, the Berkeley car was inbound on Main Street. At an intersection the automobile hit a street car making a turn from an intersecting street.

COLVER MINE PRAISED FOR SINKING OF TWO NEW SHAFTS RECENTLY

Ebensburg Coal Company, at Colver is commended for providing additional escapeways by sinking two new shafts to the working sections, in a U. S. Bureau of Mines report, announced Saturday.

Employing 979 employees, the Colver mine has a daily production of about 5,375 tons. C. J. Dalzell, Bureau of Mines inspector, commended the company for employing fire bosses, purchasing permissible type electrical equipment, operating the mine on a gassy basis, although rated non-gassy, improving ventilation, in addition to the construction of two new shafts.

Additional commendable features included control of coal dust in the tipples, improved surface haulage conditions, use of permissible trip lights on underground mine car trips and completion of the Bureau's accident-prevention course by 51 workers and officials.

Recommendations included use of safety posts in mobile loading sections, control of coal dust in working areas, additional ventilating facilities, restrictions in the use of underground blower fans, transportation of explosives separately from man-trips, and safer use of explosives.

Help the Canvassers Qualify Your Boy or Girl in Uniform to Vote!

The Civilian Defense Council has charge of registering soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guard, and all the women's branches thereof, to vote at the General Election in November. This registration is absolutely non-political. No political preference will be asked or suggested. Every household will be visited. Walter E. Noonan is chairman of the Patton Community for the registration, which will be canvassed by the Lady Wardens, who are all requested to meet tonight, Thursday, June 15th, at the Catholic Club Hall, for full instructions.

Of course you want your service boy or girl to have the opportunity to vote. Every household having any of its members in the armed services can co-operate with the Lady Wardens by having the necessary information available when they call. That means the rank, serial number, service organization, APO or Camp address, and the age of the person to be registered—in other words the complete address to which you now send mail to your boy or girl.

Do your part. Have this necessary information ready in advance for the canvassers. Their work is all volunteer labor. They are doing it in the spirit of the war effort. See to it that YOUR servicemen and women are qualified to vote. That is the true spirit of Americanism.

COUNTY HOME HEAD GETS JURY PRAISE

Commendation for existing conditions in the Cambria County Home and farm for the aged, juvenile home county jail and the court house, is contained in the report of the June grand jury which last week made an inspection of the institutions.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burns, superintendent and matron, and their staff of assistants, were commended for their efficiency in the conduct of the home.

Recommendations made for bettering conditions at the institution concerned increased ventilation in the men's quarters, additional fire escapes wherever convenient and necessary and additional light and ventilation in several rooms where five beds were found with only one window to provide ventilation.

Mrs. Emma Daugherty, matron at the county juvenile home, was commended for her work. Provisions are asked for additional canteen facilities at the institution.

Members of the jury reported the county jail in "orderly manner, neatly kept, and clean." E. H. Knes, the warden, and his staff were commended for their work.

The jury found that the jail roof leaked in several places and recommended immediate repairs.

Recommendations for the installation of an office directory in the main lobby of the court house by utilizing the large bulletin board on hand was made. The jury members also recommended that the exterior wood work of the court house be painted and that repairs be made to the damaged front step.

COURAGE OF COLVER SAILOR IS CITED BY SECRETARY OF NAVY

Stephen C. Kluznik, 25, boatswain mate, first class, son of Mrs. Nancy Colver, has been commended by the Secretary of the Navy, for the courageous rescue of a seaplane pilot after the pilot's plane crashed into the ocean. Kluznik's action is described in the citation which reads as follows:

"For courageous conduct following the crash of a Pan-American Airways seaplane into the waters of Biscayne Bay, on Sept. 29, 1943. Immediately after bringing his crash boat to the scene of the accident, Kluznik swam to the stricken craft and, despite the imminent threat of fire on the gasoline covered waters assisted in bringing the unconscious pilot from the submerged compartment and, dragging him out on the wing, aided in administering artificial respiration to the helpless man until normal breathing was restored. While the boat returned ashore with the pilot, he and his assistant removed another crew member from the passenger compartment and successfully revived a third airman who was lying on one of the wings. Kluznik's heroic initiative and complete disregard for his own personal safety were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Naval Service."

RATION FREE SHOE SALE DURING JULY APPROVED

Shoe purchasers will have a chance at about seven million pairs ration-free from July 10 to 29 during a national odd lot sale, the Office of Price Administration announces. And the shoes must cost at least 25 per cent less than their price on June 1st, OPA declared.

The "odd lot" sale will include footwear for men and women, boys' sizes 1 to 6 but not children's and misses' and little boys' shoes which were included in the temporarily ration-free shoes for three weeks in May.

Less than 1.1 percent of the estimated total supply of shoes for 1944 will be included in the July ration-free sales, OPA said.

INDUCTION CENTER WILL REMAIN OPEN

Recently this newspaper published a story relative to the closing of the Induction Center at Altoona at the end of this month. Now, a Third Service Command order, issued Saturday, rescinds the directive which would have abolished the Altoona station, as well as one at Erie, on June 20th.

The Altoona station, in operation since November, 1941, will "continue for an indefinite period," according to the order.

COAL PRODUCTION IS AHEAD OF LAST YEAR IN COUNTRY

Now Leading in Output by Twenty-One Million Tons, National Coal Association Says.

Coal production in the United States is running more than 21 million tons ahead of last year's output, according to reports issued by the National Coal Association.

Thus the nation is receiving coal at a rate which, if continued, will permit achievement of the 625-million-ton goal set by the Solid Fuels Administration as a minimum necessity for this year.

No letup in production can be permitted, however, for last year's total of 585 million tons caused a depletion of coal reserves and at present there is hardly a month's supply of coal above ground.

And since most pressure will be placed on directing coal to war-vital industrial uses, the domestic consumers face a situation by which placing of orders now in fields outside the mining areas, is the only way of assuring delivery of winter coal in time.

At present, according to city coal dealers, there is a fair amount of good domestic coal available, but they warn that the manpower and equipment shortage will make deliveries before snowfall impossible unless orders are given now.

The Association reports that production to June 3 this year was more than 272 million tons, compared to approximately 250 million tons for the corresponding period last year.

NORTH COUNTY RECRUITS CALLED

Cambria County draft board No. 2 with headquarters at Ebensburg announced the names of recruits called for duty and sworn into service this week. They follow:

Army. John William Blum, Patton R. D. 1, Jesse Willard Williams, Colver. Joseph Arnold Koss, R. D. 1, Ebensburg.

Eugene Jack Fridman, Barnesboro. John William Phillips, Stoystown. Norman Franklin Berringer, R. D. 1, Barnesboro.

Andrew Kuzma, Elmora. Michael Joseph Hvrella, Barnesboro. Charles Augustus Sehman, Jr., Ebensburg.

Leo Francis Shortencarrier, Barnesboro. Navy. Donald Blick, Spangler. John Chalmers Davidson, St. Benedict.

Miles Jack Davis, R. D. 2, Barnesboro. Vone Roberts Jones, Ebensburg. Clarence Joseph Farabaugh, Carrolltown.

Arment William Poliziana, Colver. Bede Martin Lantzy, Carrolltown. James Donald Mohler, Carrolltown. John Mostella, Colver.

ADVANCE PLANS FOR COAL MINE SAFETY RALLY

A general committee was named on Friday evening last at a meeting of the Ebensburg Council of the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association to complete plans for a safety rally and a first aid meet of mines in the organization. No date has been set for the rally.

The committee is composed of Daniel Sullivan, general chairman, William Berkstreser, Samuil Bolton, James Clifford, Joseph Dukas, Chas. Harrison, Peter Hanchak, John Howell, Matthew Jarvie, George Hudson, Edwin Kline, Jesse Lucas, Thomas Madigan, Clarence May, Herman McCarthy, Russell McGough, Theodore Orr, Adam Patrick, E. H. Pauly, H. T. Rose and Walter Benosky.

Last time accidents in the council this year are below the corresponding period of last year.

—There is no prospect of authorizing the production of new radio receiving sets for civilians this year.

SPANGLER YOUTH LOSES LIFE IN RAID STAGED IN FRANCE

Cpl. Edward McCombie, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCombie, Is Casualty.

Relatives were informed by the War Department on Saturday that Cpl. Edward McCombie, aged 24, of Spangler, a member of one of North Cambria's most prominent families, was killed in action May 26th while on a bombing mission over German-held France.

Cpl. McCombie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCombie, Spangler, was an aerial gunner on a Liberator Bomber. Word of his death was received only a few days after relatives were informed that he had been awarded the Air Medal for gallantry in action against the enemy.

The flier had been located in England since March 29th and was known to have participated in 17 bombing raids over enemy territory. It was not disclosed on what mission he was flying when he met his death.

Two brothers of the well-known flier are in the armed forces and both are overseas. They are John, serving with the Army at an undisclosed base and Joseph, who has been in the southwest theater of war for several months.

Cpl. McCombie was born and spent his entire life in Spangler. He served as secretary of the McCombie Coal Company, which is operated by his father, before entering the service. The flier was graduated from Spangler High School.

Besides his parents and the two brothers in the service he is survived by these other brothers and sisters: Francis, William and Jean Marie, all at home; Helen, who is in New Jersey, and Mary, wife of Dr. Joseph Raymond, Westmont.

When word of the flier's death was received in Spangler, the victim's parents were in the state of Virginia, and they returned immediately.

The flier entered the service in August, 1942, and received his instruction as an aerial gunner at Westover Field, Chicopee, Mass. He was also located at bases in Santa Ana, California; Roswell, N. M.; Salt Lake City, Utah, and Pueblo, Colo., before going to England.

ASKS MINERS TO PASS UP VACATION

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes Monday called on miners and operators to skip the July 1-10 holiday to maintain uninterrupted production of war vital coal.

With the nation facing a \$3,000,000 ton deficit, a general shut down of the pits "could bring grave consequences to the war on all fronts," Ickes said. He added, however, that he is not asking miners to give up the July 4 holiday.

Miners eliminated their summer vacation last year, receiving the \$50 vacation pay in addition to the wages earned during the period.

Several companies in the Central Pennsylvania field have included the \$50 vacation bonus on the statement for the coming pay, it was revealed while others are said ready to make the \$40 back payment in a lump sum instead of by \$5 a week as agreed upon by union and operators.

The miner will get \$71.10 after income tax and social security deductions are made from the \$90 sum.

NEW AIR FIELD SOON TO BE COMPLETED AT THE SUMMIT COUNTRY CLUB

Cambria county soon will get another airport, according to H. J. Boland, Cresson, manager of the Cresson Airport-Air Service, Inc., which is constructing a new landing field near the Summit Country Club, Cresson. Construction work has been in progress at the proposed new airport for the past three weeks and if weather conditions permit, the work will be completed by the end of this month or early in July.

The new airport will consist of two 2,000-foot long runways and will accommodate planes up to 125 horsepower, it was revealed. The field, when completed, also will be used as an emergency landing field.

SPANGLER HOSPITAL IS NOW DEPOT FOR PENICILLIN, WONDER DRUG

The Miners Hospital at Spangler, was among 31 Pennsylvania Hospitals to be designated by the War Production Board as additional depots for distribution of penicillin. With other recent additions, more than two thousand hospitals in the United States are now serving as distribution centers under a plan set up by the WPB.