

FIFTY PER CENT OF INCREASE IN GAS TO 'A' CARDS IS COMING

Six Gallons Instead of Four to Be Value of Next Coupons in Ration Book.

Gasoline rations for "A" and "B" motorists will be increased during June, the Office of Price Administration and the Petroleum Administration in a joint announcement jointly the other day.

"A" rations will be increased 50 per cent on June 22 when the No. 16 coupon becomes valid. The value of each coupon thus will be increased from four to six gallons.

"B" rations will be increased 100 per cent on June 11th by increasing the mileage limit from 325 to 650 miles per month.

The increases will be uniform throughout the nation. Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes said that he had "great satisfaction" in providing more gasoline for civilians for the first time since rationing started in July of 1941.

"We in the Petroleum Administration have been looking forward to this day for a long time," he said. "The victory in Europe, together with the amazing performance of the petroleum industry, makes it possible."

He said the additional amount of gasoline available will be "distributed equitably across the country" and that every state will benefit equally.

OPA Administrator Chester Bowles said he shared Ickes' "pleasure" in announcing the boost. He emphasized that many motorists with "B" rations now have all the gasoline they need.

Persons holding both "A" and "B" rations will automatically get the increased allowance but they will still have to prove their need of the increased "B" quota.

"I must make it very clear," Bowles said, "that the increase in the B ceiling will not mean more gasoline for all B users. Both B and C rations are based on the individual needs of the car owners."

Many B ration holders now have all the gasoline they need. Unfortunately there is not enough gasoline to give them more than the increase in their A rations. They will not receive any more gasoline as a result of the increase in the B ration ceiling.

But those who do need more gasoline will be able to get it by applying to their local war price and rationing boards after June 11 and showing the ration board up to a ceiling of 650 miles a month.

MEAT FOR MINERS PROBE PROMISED

Congressman Augustine B. Kelley, Democrat, of Greensburg, said over the week end a special house committee will investigate meat shortages in the industrial sections of Western Pennsylvania.

STATE LEADS NATION IN MEDALS OF HONOR

Pennsylvania servicemen earned more Congressional Medal of Honor during World War II so far than those of any other state, the Historical Commission reported in the past week.

A compilation of awards made up to April 26th revealed that 14 to 140 were given to servicemen born in Pennsylvania, the commission said. New York and Texas are tied for second with 10 each.

GARDEN CLUB WILL HAVE DEMONSTRATOR

The Garden Study Club is very fortunate in having with them for their June 5th meeting, Mrs. Hazel H. Knite, who will give a demonstration on making nutritious and colorful salads.

FIREMEN PLAN COUNTY PARADE

For the first time since the outbreak of the war, the Cambria County firemen will parade at a county convention next August 2 in Nantux.

LIQUOR HOLIDAY SET FOR JULY

War Production Chief J. A. Krug last Friday declared another "liquor holiday" for distillers during July and estimated that 48 million gallons of beverage alcohol would be turned out.

C. D. AGAIN ASKED TO STAND BY FOR NEED

State Defense Council headquarters at Harrisburg last week urged county and local organizations to "stand by" for any service that may be required until the end of the Pacific war.

SPANGLER SERGEANT WOUNDED ON OKINAWA

Mrs. Betty Sposito has received a telegram from the war department, informing her that her husband, Staff Sgt. Albert Spangler, of Spangler, was wounded while battling the Japs on Okinawa on April 15th.

BONUS PAYMENT FOR WORLD WAR I VETS DUE SHORTLY

Ten Million Dollars is Estimated Amount to Be Paid Pennsylvanians.

The date of payment of additional amounts for services rendered by members of the United States armed forces in World War I—20 years after Congress passed special legislation in 1925—is June 15, 1945. Government records describe the payments as "adjusted service compensation."

The Pennsylvania War Finance Committee, calling attention to this fact, observes that veterans in this state will collect a total sum of about ten millions of dollars—and since the date falls within the period of the Seventh War Loan campaign, is advising veterans to cash in the adjusted service bonds they hold and buy war bonds with the cash.

Under the terms of the original bonus legislation, promise of payment in 20 years in amounts determined with relation to the length of the veterans service was made and certificates were issued. Later legislation made it possible for veterans to borrow money on these certificates. In 1936, formal bonds bearing interest at three per cent were issued in lieu of the certificates, making it possible to secure the money at that time by selling the bonds.

DISTRICT MINERS TO RECEIVE BIG TOTALS FOR VACATION PAY

Nearly \$2,100,000 in vacation pay will be distributed June 30th to an army of more than 27,000 coal miners in Cambria, Somerset, Indiana and Bedford counties, it has been announced.

MEMORIAL SERVICE BY COUNTY LEGION

Sunday afternoon the annual memorial service sponsored by the Cambria County Committee of the American Legion was held in the auditorium of the Ebensburg-Cambria High School, which was filled to capacity by Legionnaires and friends from all parts of the county.

Highlighting the event will be a chicken and noodle supper which will be served from 4:30 to 7:00 o'clock. Tickets are: adult's \$1.00, children, 50 cents. There will also be various amusements, and refreshments will be sold. Dancing will be a feature.

CARROLLTOWN MISS, BAKERTON G. I., WED

At a solemn nuptial high mass on Tuesday last week in St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Carrolltown, Miss Norma Stolz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Urban A. Stolz Carrolltown, became the bride of Sgt. Ronald J. Zada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zada, of Bakerton.

NEED FOR NURSES AFTER WAR SEEN

Trained practical nurses and licensed hospital attendants can expect "vigorous post-war demand" for their services, it is predicted. Women, especially, can look forward to a continuing demand for their services in this field, the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor reported in one of its recent surveys on the peacetime outlook for women.



FIRST MASS OF FATHER GERMAIN AT CARROLLTOWN

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lieb to Be Celebrant Sunday in St. Benedict's Church.

Next Sunday morning, June 3rd, the Rev. Father Germain Leo Lieb of the Order of St. Benedict, son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustine A. Lieb, of Carrolltown, will sing his First Solemn High Mass in St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Carrolltown, at 10:00 o'clock.

The newly ordained priest was born and reared in Carrolltown, attended St. Benedict's Parochial School, and pursued his higher education at St. Vincent's College, at Beatty, Pa. For the past year he has been following additional theological studies in Toronto, Canada.

His Ordination was conferred on Saturday last in St. Basil's Church in Toronto, by the Most Rev. Idelfonso Antoninetti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

Marking the 22nd Carrolltown Parish native to enter Holy Orders, St. Benedict's Church leads all other congregations in the Altoona Catholic Diocese in this respect.

The Rev. Father Germain will also have the distinction, if weather permits, to carry the Most Blessed Sacrament in the annual Corpus Christi Procession, following the High Mass, through the church cemetery.

Father Germain's father, A. A. Lieb is a member of the firm of Sharbaugh & Lieb, clothiers, of Barnesboro, and also proprietor of the Lieb Hardware in Carrolltown.

SPRING FESTIVAL AT ST. LAWRENCE

The members of the Parish at St. Lawrence are planning for the annual Spring Festival which will be held in the grove at St. Lawrence on Sunday, June 10th—both afternoon and evening. No stone is being left unturned by the committees in charge to make the affair a successful one.

PRESIDENT OF MINE DISTRICT URGES ALL MINERS BUY BONDS

James Mark Sends Letter to Local Unions of District Supporting War Loan

President James Mark of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, has sent the following letter in support of the Seventh War Loan, to local unions over the district:

As you know the Seventh War Loan Drive is now being put on by the United States Government. There will be only two war loan drives this year instead of the usual three that has been put on by the government in former years, but the government is asking for a larger amount of War Bond purchases in this drive than in former years.

The International Union of the United Mine Workers of America has endorsed the Seventh War Loan Drive and has appointed me as Chairman of the Drive representing the United Mine Workers of America. I am therefore suggesting that they buy all the bonds they possibly can and keep those bonds and do not cash them in except in a great emergency.

On June 30 each United Mine Worker will receive \$75.00 vacation pay and may be permitted to suggest that each miner put as much of this money in buying war bonds as he possibly can. There is no doubt of the security of these bonds as the United States Government cannot fail in their obligations.

The class will reorganize in the fall and proceed with other banking subjects. Fred B. Buck, President of the First National Bank of Bakerton, is chairman of the study group this year.

HOPPEL NAMED AS VETERAN APPRAISER

George C. Hoppe, prominent building contractor of Patton, on Monday this week was designated by the Veterans Administration in Washington, as an Appraiser incident to the administration of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.

It is the purpose of the act to lend assistance in the manner provided therein to war veterans who wish to buy a home, farm or business, or make repairs of any nature to property they now own and intend to occupy as a home.

Mr. Hoppe's job nominally is to assure that the price to be paid represents a fair and reasonable permanent value in the real property to be acquired; to give, so far as the real estate is concerned, the benefit of a fair and not unreasonable risk on the part of the government, and to assure that the appraisal shall be found upon true and reasonably permanent values.

CHERRY TREE SGT. MISSING IN PACIFIC

Sgt. Fred Langham of Cherry Tree, on a B-29 Super-Fortress, was reported missing April 15, somewhere in the Pacific theater of war.

PFC. PETER MOLNAR WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pfc. Peter Molnar, 24, one of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Molnar, of Patton R. D., serving in the armed forces, was wounded May 4th for the second time while serving in the Pacific Theater of War.

His parents were advised that he is making a normal recovery from the wounds. He previously was wounded November 15, 1944, on Leyte Island in the Philippines.

He entered the service in October, 1942, and went overseas about 16 months ago. Prior to entering the service he was employed as a miner for the Monroe Coal Company in Revloc.

A twin brother, Pvt. Paul, is with the Army in the European area, and another brother, Tech. Sgt. George, is an instructor in the Army Air Forces. He returned seven months ago after completing more than 50 bombing missions against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations.

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MINE LAUDED FOR OUT IN ACCIDENTS

Two Barnes & Tucker Coal Co. mines at Barnesboro reduced their lost-time injuries by 60 per cent during 1944, according to a report by the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

Inspector John J. Daugherty commended safety improvements at the Company's Laccidents 10 and 12 mines where accidents were reduced from 15 in 1943 to six in 1944. He advised additional precautions for further betterment of the safety record.

STORM DAMAGE AT TWO COUNTY SEATS

Property damage estimated at thousands of dollars occurred Monday afternoon when a heavy rain and hailstorm lashed Indiana and Ebensburg and rural sections of Indiana and Cambria counties. Indiana was the harder hit, and the damage was quite extensive, mostly from destruction of property by hailstones.

When the storm struck Ebensburg about 4:10 p. m. the chimney was blown from the roof of the Baptist Church. The bricks struck the corner of the roof and caused considerable damage. Trees were uprooted and one fell across an automobile. Windows in several houses were shattered. Electric Service was disrupted.

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM SUCCESS

Miss Camilla Kuhnley was awarded the Girls' American Legion award during the forty-eighth annual commencement exercises of Patton High School Monday night in the Grand Theatre. Miss Kuhnley had highest marks in her class.

Approximately 500 persons attended the exercises and heard an excellent address given by Dr. Imre Kovacs, a native of Hungary, and a noted lecturer. "What It Means to Be An American" was the topic of his address.

SENATOR HALUSKA'S MAGIC PURLOINED

State Senator John J. Haluska, of Patton, who probably could pull a rabbit from his hat before the meat shortage put a premium on the magician's pet prop, now is lucky even to have a hat.

Monday when the Senator's car when it was parked on a Johnstown street they not only took valuable keys but also various paraphernalia used by Haluska in his performances as an amateur magician.

TIBBOTT ANNOUNCES TESTS FOR ANNAPOLIS

Congressman Harve Tibbott announced last week that civil service examinations for eligibility for appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis will be held in Johnstown on July 28th. The examinations will be for young men residing in the 26th Congressional district which consists of Cambria, Indiana and Armstrong counties. Applications to take the examinations should be sent to Congressman Tibbott, c/o House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

COURT UPHOLDS THE RIGHT TO BOO

A quarter session court in Philadelphia last week upheld the right to boo political candidates. The jurors acquitted Morris Anuth, 30 year old registered Republican, of plain assault and battery and inciting riot—charges resulting from his booing last September of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

BARNESBORO HAS COSTLY FIRE ON SUNDAY EVENING

Zanella Department Store, the State Liquor Store, and Apartments Gutted.

Two persons were injured, damage was made homeless and average estimated at \$125,000 resulted on Sunday evening when fire gutted the large Zanella Department Store, the state liquor store and apartments in the heart of the Barnesboro business district.

Fire Chief J. Dean Whitted said the fire broke out about 6:30 p. m. in the basement of the store operated by Eugene Zanella.

Firemen battled the stubborn blaze for four hours before bringing it under control about 10:30 p. m. Only the liquor store and the two-story structure remained early on Monday when the ruins still smoldered.

Mr. Zanella was burned badly about the arms and neck when he rushed into the blazing building in an effort to get the records of his store. He told firemen he succeeded in removing only one ledger from the office.

Ernest Mongellozzo, son of Mrs. Amato Mongellozzo, the owner of the building, suffered a laceration of the foot when the liquor store was struck by a piece of falling glass. Both men were treated by Barnesboro physicians.

DEFERRED MEN UNDER THIRTY HIT

The new selective service regulations liberalizing the deferment of men over 30 means that local boards in Pennsylvania are going to draft "more and more" occupationally deferred men under that age, according to authoritative sources.

The fact is that aside from the 18-year-olds, who will be drafted first, registrants under 30—deferred or otherwise—are the only source of manpower available to local boards.

The new regulations have resulted in virtual abandonment by local boards of the practice of deferring men under 30 who are certified by government agencies. Even prior to the new orders local boards were openly critical of the national deferment policy. In hundreds of instances the boards were forced to draft older men because the government agencies were approving the deferment of registrants under 30. Many of the men certified for deferment were between 18 and 25.

CARROLLTOWN TO GRADUATE TONIGHT

Judge L. Kenneth Harkins of the Allegheny County Court, will speak at the 32nd annual commencement exercises of the Carrolltown high school this Thursday evening in the Parochial School hall there. Thirty-eight seniors are to graduate.

STATE POLICE SAY: Hints on Safety for Motorists and Others.

Paradoxically enough, the straight highway is not the safest highway. Accident records reveal that a far greater percentage of total accidents occur, not on hills and curves but on straight stretches of highway and on clear, dry surfaces. The long straight stretches invite speed, speed and more speed; and with excessive speed comes the inevitable crash. So, if possible, be more alert on straight stretches. ALERT TODAY, ALIVE TOMORROW!