

REMEMBER HOW INFLATION STRUCK AFTER LAST WAR?

Government Will Have to Act to Keep That From Happening Again.

Prices rose sharply during the first world war, and then they started to skyrocket. My mid-1920...

These things are being pointed out in Washington by persons who seek to determine what should be done about price control after the war with Japan ends.

They recall that the price of coal more than trebled during a short period in 1920, that sugar became a luxury and that shirts and potatoes brought fancy prices.

The cost of living in the U. S. remained almost unchanged during the first year of World War I, but had increased about 25 per cent by the time this country entered the conflict in April, 1917...

Another 37 per cent was added to living costs during the period the U. S. was at war. There was a slight decrease following the Armistice—then the skyrocketing began in earnest.

Bureau of Labor Statistics figures give this picture of what happened:

A housewife had to pay \$1.43 in 1917 for the same amount of food \$1 bought in 1914. By Armistice Day she had to add 21 cents to the 1917 purchase price. By mid-1920 she was paying \$2.08 for the food \$1 bought in 1914.

Clothing prices increased 35 per cent between 1914 and 1917, jumped 48 per cent during the next year. By mid-1920 they had risen \$2.88 to purchase clothing \$1 had bought before the war.

Rents, house furnishings, fuel, electricity, all jumped—and took high jumps.

What are the prospects for the future? "After the end of hostilities with Japan, the course of prices and rents will turn almost wholly on whether some or all of the present controls are continued and the length of time for which they are maintained," says Arnyess Joy Wickens, chief of the Price and Cost of Living Branch of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"It will depend further upon the funds and personnel available for enforcement and the general attitude of the country with regard to controls.

"It is not wholly a question of the potential demand and the supply of goods. It is also a political question. It is not one on which anyone can now risk a forecast."

But, says Mrs. Wickens, one thing is clear: "Accumulated purchasing power in the hands of individuals is great. If price control, rent regulation and rationing, together with some controls over scarce materials available to manufacturers, are not maintained until such time as U. S. production lines are turning out adequate supplies to meet the bulk of the current demand, there will be a sharp rise in prices for certain scarce articles."

NEW POINT SCORE NOT YET DECIDED

Washington—The War Department on Tuesday postponed announcement of a new point score for discharging troops under the redeployment plan.

"It is probable," the army said in June, "that there will be some reduction in the present minimum discharge score of 85, but the reduction is not expected to be very great."

Officials said today the new criteria score was not ready yet. Indications are it will be announced in the next few days, entailing a somewhat reduced point score as well as a later date for calculating point credits.

ELMORA VET TAKES NAVIGATION COURSE

Ellington Field, Tex.—First Lt. Paul J. Compton, combat navigator, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Compton, of Elmora, Pa., has recently been assigned to this installation of the A. A. F. Training Command.

Flying as a navigator with a heavy bombardment group over Europe, he was awarded the air medal with four oak leaf clusters. Lt. Compton is assigned to this command for specialized training in the A. A. F. Central School for Navigation where he will study the latest developments in navigational techniques. Before his entrance into the service in February, 1943, he was a coal miner in Elmora.

SPECIAL POMONA GRANGE MEETING

Edward J. Weise of Ashville, R. D., Pomona, Master, announces a special meeting of Cambria County Pomona Grange to be held with Concord Grange, mid-way between Patton and Carrolltown on Friday evening of this week, August 3rd.

Hon. Ivan J. McKenrick, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, will give an address on Juvenile Delinquency. Lecturer Edward Jones of Wilmore, has arranged for the lecturers of subordinate granges to furnish entertainment.

A forum discussion on the Charter of the United Nations will be a feature at the meeting. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

ELDERBERRIES TAKE THEIR PLACE AGAIN IN THE FRUIT WORLD

The time is soon approaching when the elderberry will be ready to harvest. Due to the shortage of small berries the elderberry will rightfully take its place as one of the leading fruits to be used in pies, jelly and jam.

Everyone should now make their plans to help give the government this fruit, which is growing all around us. Sky Brothers, one of Altoona's leading processors, will again receive all the berries that can be picked. The fresh fruit this year will all go to government agencies. Additional facilities have been added to better facilitate the handling of this large crop.

Five million pounds are needed. This will require the efforts of everyone who might have some spare time to harvest this large crop. Berries can be picked in quantities with approximately one-quarter inch stem and taken to the receiving station in each area. Cash prices will be paid so that every boy, girl, man or woman can make this additional money, and at the same time, help harvest a much needed fruit. Collection days will be announced next week. Watch this paper for further information.

CRESSION BOARD CALLS SELECTEES

Cambria Board No. 1, located in Cresson, has called the following 21 selectees for induction into the armed forces as its August quota:

- Donald Ellwood Hartman, Amsterville; Ray Frederick Patterson, Cresson; Paul Francis Ahles, Ashville; Joseph Simon Cunningham, Detroit, Mich.; James Samuel Lee, Lilly R. D. 1; Walter Earl Walker, Loretto R. D. 1; William Sczech, Cresson; Clarence Rayfield Ender, Hastings; Roy Alfred French, Buffalo, N. Y.; Norman F. Byrnes, Cresson; George Andrew Hunter, Blandburg; Joseph Henry Stoltz, Patton R. D. 1; William Arthur Peters, Hastings; Bernard Richard Hricko, Hastings; Paul Joseph Hnatkovic, Hastings; William Rae Steberger, Loretto R. D. 1; Samuel Felix Albarano, Lilly; Edward Sclarczyk, Lilly; Jerry Dawson Ager, Cresson; Paul Benedict Hershel, Cresson.

YOUTH HURT IN ACCIDENT IN CAR

Thrown from an automobile, Albert Serbo, 17, of Clymer, was seriously injured on Sunday evening on route 553 near Alverda. The victim was admitted to the Indiana hospital for treatment of a fracture of the left leg and brush burns of the entire body.

Ross Falsetti, 25, Mantle, driver of the car, was treated in the hospital for bruises of the head. Two passengers in the car escaped injury.

State police were informed that the Falsetti car was traveling down a grade when the accelerator stuck. Falsetti said he reached down to loosen the accelerator and the car ran off the left side of the highway, and when he attempted to turn the machine back onto the highway he swerved to the other side of the road and struck a guard rail. The machine then careened back across the road, and Serbo, who was sitting in the rear seat was thrown to the road.

FALLEN TIMBER SOLDIER ADVANCED IN GERMANY

With the 106th Infantry Division in East Elms, Germany—Thomas W. Gates, of Fallen Timber, R. D. 1, Pa., has been promoted from the rank of sergeant to that of Staff Sergeant in the 81st Engineer Combat Battalion of Maj. Gen. Donald A. Strick's now famous 106th (Lion) Division.

The Fallen Timber service man wears battle stars for the campaign for Northern France, Ardennes and Germany. His battalion is on occupational duty.

SPANGLER HOSPITAL STARTS DRIVE FOR NEW BUILDING FUND

Goal of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars Set As Required Amount.

With some good substantial contributions already coming in, the drive for funds for the erection of an addition to the Miners Hospital of Northern Cambria, at Spangler, formally started this week. The goal set is \$150,000.

The Miners' Hospital operates voluntarily without financial profit for anyone. More bed space must be provided for—NOW—for a long time past more bed space, as well as other hospital facilities in the matter of space have been desperately needed.

Some weeks ago this newspaper published an illustration of how the proposed new hospital building will look when completed. Truly it will not only be a credit to the northern Cambria community, but will also serve the needs of the community for years into the future.

One of the best reasons why you should contribute generously to this fund is the fact that many of our war-maimed, sick and wounded, who will need hospitalization indefinitely, may find the new Miners' Hospital, a convenient haven for themselves, and a place where relatives and loved ones will be in a position to frequently visit them.

As the weeks roll on, the hospital drive will be given much publicity. Decide to lay aside what you can afford in helping this exceptionally cause.

UNITED NATIONS CHARTER RATIFIED

The United States Senate Saturday ratified the United Nations Charter, thus pledging this country's participation for the first time in an international organization to enforce peace.

The vote for approval, far greater than the necessary two-thirds majority, was 89 to 2. The Senate's action made the United States—which 25 years ago refused to join the League of Nations—to ratify the new and stronger league.

The United States, leader in the long campaign to bring this peace organization into existence, is now pledged to lend her influence and her armed might to the elimination of aggression throughout the world from now on.

President Truman, in a message from Potsdam expressed his pleasure over the vote. "It is deeply gratifying," he declared, "that the Senate has ratified the United Nations Charter by a virtually unanimous vote. The action of the Senate substantially advances the cause of world peace ahead."

EBENSBURG SOLDIER LISTED AS KILLED

Pfc. John R. Kimball, 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo C. Kimball of Ebensburg, was killed April 11 at Aachen, Germany, according to word received by his parents.

The soldier previously had been reported missing since the same date. He was a junior at St. Francis College, Loretto, when he entered the armed forces in December of 1943. He trained in various camps in the States and went overseas in Feb., 1945, as a member of the 56th Black Hawk Infantry Division.

Two brothers are in the armed forces—Lt. (j.g.) William, with the Navy in the South Pacific, and Capt. Leo R., with the Army Air Forces in England. Besides his parents and the two brothers mentioned, he leaves a sister, Jo Ann, at home.

NICKTOWN G. I. CITED FOR RESCUE SORTIE

For heroic achievement in Germany on March 27, 1945, the bronze star medal was recently presented Staff Sgt. Warren V. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Nelson, Nicktown. The Sergeant is a member of the famous 12th armored division, the "mystery division" which aided Gen. George S. Patton's drive to the Rhine. The "Hellcats" averaged from 20 to 25 miles a day in its swift forward movement.

The citation which accompanied Sgt. Nelson's medal reads as follows: "On March 27, 1945, at Hirschhorn, Germany, while evacuating 11 men trapped by enemy fire, his tank became disabled. Staff Sgt. Nelson made three trips in a one-ton truck in the face of intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire to the area of the crippled vehicle. He led 3 light tanks on his second trip and finally led three medium tanks and a platoon of infantry to provide cover for the evacuation of the men. It was through his efforts that these soldiers were saved from death or capture."

Ninety-Five Years Old

Mrs. Sarah Jane Davis observed her 95th birthday anniversary at her home in Ebensburg. She is a lifelong resident of the Ebensburg section.

BUZZARD'S ROOST



REDEPLOYMENT AND DISCHARGES OF THE NORTH CAMBRIANS

Among the Pennsylvania soldiers who have arrived at Indiantown Gap and Fort Dix during the past week for redeployment and discharge from the north of Cambria County, are the following:

- For Redevelopment: Master Sgt. Eugene H. Murphy, Staff Sgt. Francis G. Baker, Patton R. D. 1; Tech. Sgt. Charles Gresko, Patton; Tech. Sgt. Edward J. McLaughlin, Patton; Tech. Sgt. Henry C. Morgan, Patton; Pfc. Adrian T. Cronauer, Patton; Pfc. Platon Levkovich, Colver; Pfc. Ernest T. Canteloup, Spangler; Pfc. Joseph Brannigan, Ashville; Pfc. Edward I. Brown, Patton; Pfc. Lloyd W. Marshall, Patton; Pfc. John M. Noel, Fallentimber; Pfc. George W. Wyse, Patton; First Lt. James P. Miller, R. D. 1, Ashville; First Lt. Clifford M. Brown, Colver; Pfc. Lawrence E. Malloy, Spangler; Cpl. Robert J. Vinglish, Dysart; Cpl. Albert P. Schrenkel, Spangler; Cpl. Blair Lepkosky, Barnesboro; Pfc. William L. Finall, Patton; Master Sgt. Jerome Buck, Carrolltown; Pfc. John J. Dorke, Barnesboro; Pfc. Robert L. Harkleroad, Barnesboro; R. D. 2; Sgt. Russell J. Driskell, Loretto; Staff Sgt. Geo. F. Finett, Hastings; Pfc. Philip Faraough, Loretto; Pfc. Charles E. Mancuso, Hastings; Pfc. Ronald F. Mastrine, Colver; Pfc. Herbert S. Gentles, Barnesboro; Cpl. Mike J. Vanche, Barnesboro; T-4 John Tirpak, Patton; Pfc. Michael G. Kopera, Patton; Pvt. Mike Sturak, Colver; T-5 Thomas R. Kerionta, Spangler; Pfc. Frank J. Cimo, Hastings; Pfc. Henry D. Larsen, Barnesboro; Pfc. Ralph L. Yeckley, Patton R. D. 1; Sgt. George R. Fagan, Spangler; Pfc. Dale L. Hemptsky, Fallentimber; First Lt. Verner W. Hanson, Barnesboro; Sgt. Robert L. Davis, Barnesboro; T-5 John W. Bednar, Hastings; T-5 Dominic J. Fredo, Hastings; Pfc. James K. Plueo, Spangler.

DISCHARGED

- First Lt. Lloyd Evans, Patton; T-4 Arthur V. Aloise, Patton; First Lt. Joseph L. Buydos, Barnesboro; Cpl. Francis W. Conn, Emeigh; Staff Sgt. Michael G. Paula, Patton; T-5 Morris G. Lansberry, Flintown; Pfc. Mike J. Alessi, Barnesboro; Pfc. Raymond R. Byrnes, Barnesboro; Tech. Sgt. Robert F. Campbell, Carrolltown; Pfc. Mike Butchkosky, Colver; Pfc. Michael H. Petrusky, Patton; Cpl. John Temeyer, Spangler.

BOSTROMS MARRIED FIFTY-SIX YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bostrom of St. Benedict are quietly observing their 56th wedding anniversary today (Thursday) in their home. Mr. Bostrom celebrates his 82nd birthday Dec. 9th, and Mrs. Bostrom was 81 last March 2.

Natives of Sweden, Mr. Bostrom and the former Carolyn Johnson were united in marriage shortly after coming to America. They resided for a time in Ridgeway and came to St. Benedict 42 years ago. They formerly operated a small general store for a period of 36 years.

Four children were born to the union, two of whom are living—Mrs. O. P. Flick, Revloc, and L. E. Bostrom, Barnesboro. There are three grandchildren.

GIRL FATALLY HURT WHEN SHE JUMPS FROM MOVING CAR

Anger over her "boy friend" exchanging her for another date may have motivated Miss Verne Medreski, 19, of Strongtown R. D. 1 to leap to her death from a moving automobile last Wednesday night near Ebensburg.

This has been learned by Coroner Patrick McDermott, who has scheduled an inquest for this evening (Thursday) in the courtroom.

Miss Medreski was reported to have had a date Wednesday with Pete Tanda of Colver, owner of the car from which she jumped. She was to have brought along a girl friend for Tanda's companion Bruno Marconi, 19, of Colver, but did not.

The three, according to Marconi's story to the coroner, stopped at a house near Twin Rocks, and asked a girl whom Tanda knew, to go along.

When Tanda and the girl came out of the house Miss Medreski was said to have had her arms around Marconi. Tanda was quoted as remarking that she seemed to be doing okay and got into the car with the girl he had just invited to accompany them.

At Ebensburg, Coroner McDermott was told, they all got out of the car but Miss Medreski decided she wanted to ride. Tanda was said to have told Marconi to take her for a ride.

Near the Ebensburg Fair grounds, on the Carrolltown road, the Medreski girl remarked that she was going to jump out. "He told the coroner that he thought she was kidding and said, 'Go ahead!'"

Miss Medreski, who was removed to the Memorial Hospital, in Johnstown, by Marconi, died at the institution early on Friday.

She is survived by her step-father, her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kidra, and four brothers—William, with the army in Germany; Jack, reported missing in action in Europe; Joseph, with the Navy in the South Pacific, and George, with the Navy in the Philippines. She also leaves three step-brothers.

EAGLE'S TO PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, August 5th is the annual picnic day of the Patton Aerie No. 1244, Fraternal Order of Eagles, at the Patton Recreation Park, detailed notice of which appeared in these columns recently. In case of rain, the picnic will be postponed until the following Sunday.

It will be impossible for the Aerie to have a concession stand this year because of the food rationing program. The entertainment committee has secured the services of a nationally known radio band, and in the evening there will be a dance in the Eagles' home, with a floor show for members and their friends.

On the 19th of August a class of candidates will be initiated into the order.

Six department stores in the nation have filed applications with the Civil Aeronautics Board for permission to operate airplane delivery service.

STATE POLICE SAY: Timely Reminders for Motorists and Pedestrians.

Car stealing is one of the most prevalent crimes of the day, usually involves juveniles and frequently the stolen cars are also wrecked and abandoned. This will be especially true during these summer months when young boys, hitchhikers, floaters etc., are moving about. Never leave ignition keys in parked cars. The motorist who fails to lock his car is thoughtlessly encouraging this type of crime by inviting some one to steal his car.

VOTERS CAN'T DO PARTY CHANGING BEFORE ELECTION

But That Won't Affect Your Voting for Whom You Please in November

If you're a Democrat or a Republican now, you'll stay that way until after the November election.

A new amendment to the State Election Code, enacted at the last session of the legislature, prohibits voters from changing parties between primaries and general elections.

Until now a voter could change his party affiliation whenever he felt like it.

Every year there are some Cambria county voters who decide to change party affiliation between the primary and election, but—no more!

It didn't mean anything, anyway. In the November election, a voter may vote for the candidates of any political party regardless of how he is registered.

But in a primary, he must be a registered Democrat to vote in the Democratic primary, or a registered Republican to vote in the Republican primary. If he is enrolled in some other party, or as a non-partisan, he can't vote in a primary at all.

The legislature didn't change the law on shifting parties before primaries. It still can be done—but only once. If you are a Democrat and want to vote in the Republican primary, you may switch your party affiliation. But if, later, you change your mind and decide to stay in the Democratic party, you can't do anything about it.

The changes in the law will cut down a lot of paper work for registration authorities.

The Legislature also advanced the deadline for registering. If you have not enrolled as a voter, you have until Sept. 17 to get on the lists. That's fifty days before the November election. Formerly it was thirty days.

The date was advanced to give registration offices more time to prepare the lists of eligible voters for the election.

STRIKE ENDED AT BEAVERDALE

Miners at Johnstown Coal and Coke's Logan No. 4 mine at Beaverdale were scheduled to return to their jobs on Wednesday of this week to end a walkout that stretched over the past seven weeks.

Workers voted to enter the strike-bound pit at a special meeting of Beaverdale Local 223, United Mine Workers of America, on Tuesday afternoon following a lengthy conference of union and company officials.

Approximately 240 miners at the Beaverdale operation left their tools June 18 when workers on several job loaders were transferred to other mines and placed on tonnage rates. They previously had been earning \$12.42 a day as job loaders.

Miners agreed to return to their jobs under company assurance of a substantial wage. D. T. Michaels, president of the Beaverdale Local, and James Richardson and Richard Wilson of the local conferred on Tuesday with William D. Hughes, general manager of the company.

Following the conference a special meeting of the union was called and the return to work voted. Ernest Yanssens of Cresson, district board member of the United Mine Workers, urged the miners to return to their jobs at the meeting.

DISCHARGED VETS WILL GET THIRTY GALS. GAS

Washington—After Aug. 3, enlisted men will be allowed 30 gallons of gasoline at the time of their discharge, Sen. Mitchell, (D-Wash.) said on Tuesday.

He told a reporter that he had learned OPA would issue such an order Friday.

Mitchell in a letter to OPA on July 16, had urged that gasoline rations be equalized. He wrote that officers were allowed one gallon a day up to 30 gallons during terminal leave, but no similar provision had been made for enlisted men.

Mitchell contended that the enlisted men were entitled to gasoline for recreation and to aid them in locating jobs.

MAIZE ASSIGNED TO DENVER POST

Earl R. Maize, who assumed the charge as directing engineer when a sub-district office of the U. S. Bureau of Mines was established in Johnstown last September, will leave about August 15th to begin a new assignment as engineer in charge of the Denver, Colo., office of the Bureau.

Mr. Maize will be succeeded in Johnstown by M. C. McCall, now attached to the Bureau's Pittsburgh office, it is revealed. Additions to the present staff of nine inspectors working out of the office in Johnstown are contemplated.

The Johnstown office conducts routine mine inspections in six counties and sponsors mine rescue and first aid training. It was the first sub-district office created in Pennsylvania. Mr. Maize was assigned from the Pittsburgh office. He is a nephew of Richard Maize, state secretary of mines.

ST. LAWRENCE TO HAVE PICNIC SOON

Around about the middle of August of each year Northern Cambria folks usually look forward to the annual St. Lawrence Day Picnic, and they are not going to be disappointed this year.

Picnic Day will be Sunday, August 12th, and out on the hill-top village the parishioners of St. Lawrence's church have been preparing for the event for some time now.

Excellent meals of chicken, noodles and beef will feature. Dinner will be served starting at 11:00 in the morning, and service for supper will start at 4:30. Meal prices are \$1.00 for adults, 50 cents for children.

There will also be amusements, refreshments and dancing. Come and bring your friends.

ARCADIA WOMAN'S PRAYERS FOR SON'S SAFETY REWARDED

A mother's prayers for her soldier-son and her unshaken faith were rewarded recently when Sgt. Carl Zarick, reported to have been killed in Luxembourg on December 17, walked into the home of his mother, Mrs. Janet Zarick, Arcadia Indiana County.

Early last January, Mrs. Zarick was informed by the War Department that her son, Carl, was killed during the German offensive through into Luxembourg. She refused to believe, telling relatives and friends who came to offer condolences that she knew Carl was alive and some day would return. Even after she had received word from an army chaplain who said he had conducted funeral services for her son in a Luxembourg cemetery, Mrs. Zarick continued to pray that somewhere her son was alive.

Carl was alive and safe, but a German prisoner of war. His return home has explained that during the fierce German Counter attack near Herrborn in Luxembourg, many members of his outfit were killed and scores captured. He also stated that at the time he was captured so heavy that there was time for only superficial investigations.

Following his capture, Sgt. Zarick was constantly moved from one Nazi camp to another until he was finally liberated by his army outfit.

Upon arriving in Miami, Fla., from the European Theater, Sgt. Zarick went to the Tampa Terrace Hotel, where he had been employed as a head waiter at the time he entered service. The manager expressed great surprise at seeing him and took him to the honor roll where his name was inscribed among those who had paid the supreme sacrifice. Realizing his mother's anxiety and suspense the sergeant immediately contacted her and left for his home.

SCHOOL MERGER STUDIED FURTHER

Approximately 35 representatives from eight school districts in Northern Cambria county met at Spangler last Friday night to hear plans for a proposed merger of high schools. Represented were Barnesboro, Spangler, Carrolltown, Hastings, and Cherry Tree, representatives of whom had instituted a previous meeting, and Patton, Susquehanna, Barr and East Carroll Townships.

Dr. A. M. Stull, county superintendent of schools, and Raymond W. Robinson, chief of the bureau of consolidation and transportation of the State Department of Public Instruction, addressed the gathering. Both reviewed the details involved in such a merger of the scope discussed. It was decided to appoint a representative from each district to a planning committee to further study the proposal.

MARIAN KUTRUFF WEDS SGT. LONG

Miss Marian Kutruff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Kutruff of Flintown, R. D., and S. Sgt. Joseph A. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Long of Patton, R. D., were united in marriage at a Nuptial High Mass in the St. Lawrence Catholic Church Saturday, July 28 at 9 a. m. The Rev. Father Flavian officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Miss Marnetta Kutruff, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and the best man was Jack Kutruff, brother of the bride.

The bride wore a white marquisette gown with matching halo and carried deep pink astors.

A wedding dinner was served at the bride's home and a reception was held in the afternoon.

After a short wedding trip, Mrs. Long will return to Akron, Ohio, where she is employed. Sgt. Long, who has served overseas with Gen. Patton's Third Army, will report to Missouri at the completion of his thirty-day furlough.

The bride is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Albright, former state senator and president of the Pennsylvania Motor Federation, said the amendment would "insure that the state's road system will keep pace with the increasing traffic of future years."

"Through the adoption of the good roads amendment," he said, "Pennsylvania will provide permanent assurance of lower transportation costs for workmen, farmers' businessmen and consumers generally, and will furnish protection for post-war tourist trade and road building employment."

MAYBE JAPS ARE NOT SO TOUGH IN CALLING FOR END

Present Government Has Face-Saving Job in Face of Full Devastation Ahead.

The first reaction that we are having from Japan does not mean our surrender terms will not be accepted.

The Allied proclamation is one step in a series of moves to demand surrender. There will be more. Meanwhile indications are Japan is being torn by the same internal conflicts that wracked Germany just before the end.

The British election may have an effect. The Japs have been hoping, just as the Germans did, for Allied dissension to appear. The certainty that the British Labor Party will work more smoothly with Russia should weaken this last hope. The end of the Churchill government may also impact relations between Britain and China.

Another factor: The Allied statement apparently gives Emperor Hirohito a chance to do what the King of Italy did—desert the war party and save his own skin by working with groups who want to surrender.

Impenetrable problems are: How strong is the Japanese harikiri tradition where the fate of the nation is concerned? Will the surrendering government feel it must have a face-saving device? How long will it search for one within our terms?

A Japanese surrender probably would send congress scurrying back to Washington. The leaders of the economic readjustment program that their chances of a two-month vacation were slim even though they voted for it.

Among the V-J chores left undone are: Extension of unemployment insurance to cover inevitable economic readjustment from war to peace; reform of surplus property disposal; extension of veterans' legislation; and a post-war tax program.

MAKE PILGRIMAGE TO LORETTO SHRINE

A pilgrimage to the shrine of Rev. Father Demetrius A. Gallitzin, pioneer prince-priest of the Alleghenies, was made Sunday by 374 members and priests of three north county parishes.

Two hundred parishioners, the pastor, Rev. Father Raymond Balco, O. S. B., and the assistant pastor, Rev. Aurelius Labuda, O. S. B., made the pilgrimage from St. Bernard's Catholic church in Hastings. Rev. Father George Brugger, O. S. B., with 90 persons from his parish, St. Boniface Catholic Church, were in attendance. Rev. Father Adelbert Kalsch, O. S. B., pastor of the Holy Cross Church, Spangler, also attended with 80 of his parishioners.

From St. Boniface Church the members of the three congregations went to Loretto where they assembled at the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House for the beginning of the services. The hymn, "Come Holy Ghost," was sung by the girls' choir of St. Bernard's, Hastings, with Father Balco at the organ.

While marching in procession to St. Michael's Church at Loretto the group recited the Rosary. Prayers for peace and for the men in the armed services were offered at the church. Services closed with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the singing of the "Te Deum."

MARSTELLER MINERS ELECT OFFICIALS

Marsteller Local Union, No. 2246, United Mine Workers of America, recently selected officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

President, Frank Tonkin;