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Easy Matter to Register

By action of the County Commissioners recently it will be an easy matter for folks who are not now eligible to vote at the coming Congressional and Primary election, to get on the books. Registration points have been set up well within easy distance of most everywhere in Cambria Co. and elsewhere in this paper you will find the dates and places that will be most convenient. There will be no other field registration in Cambria Co. this year—at least not a general one.

Perhaps the greatest talking point of registration for so many of the younger eligibles is the fact that this fall the question of whether or not the state of Pennsylvania will pay a bonus to the men and women who served in World War II will come before the voters. Payment of such a bonus was authorized for referendum by the people by two sessions of the state legislature and it will either carry or fail on a vote of the people.

The irony of this vote proposition is that there are so many of the former ex-servicemen and women who are NOT registered, and there are so many of their own immediate families in the same position. Inasmuch as there will be no registrations in the field after the primary election, this will be the only chance for convenient registration in time for these folks to protect their own interests by their eligibility to vote.

In former years it has been the practice of the County Commissioners to afford field registrations after the primary and before the general election. This has been changed this year due to the fact that on primary day a general election also will be held for the office of Congress from this district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert L. Coffey Jr. Field registrations are costly and there will be no other in 1949.

Registrations will be taken at many points in the north of the county on Thursday and Friday of next week, and after Saturday of next week no one can register to be eligible to vote at the September primary and special election. One can register anytime at the Commissioners' office in Ebensburg up until the deadline on July 23.

It is a well-known fact that there are many people, particularly women, who consistently refuse to register to vote because of the fear that by so doing they make themselves liable to taxation. This is not the case at all. The one function has nothing to do with the other. However, these people whether they register or not, are going to find themselves on the tax assessment books in a great many places and in every community before long. Local taxing bodies have set up other means of determining those who are dodging taxation. They'll be paying whether or not they register.

It is rather an unfair thought to contemplate that there are so many who fail to pay taxes who enjoy the same privileges and protection of government that the good taxpayer is afforded. We wonder if these folks really realize just what they are doing. They are making the burden of the good taxpaying citizen heavier by their default. If all paid, burdens would be less.

Veterans organizations have been clamoring for convenient registration facilities in order to get many ex-servicemen and women and their families on the voting registers. The County Commissioners have obliged them. Whether there will be many interested in their own bonus or not remains to be seen. It is important, too, that they have every member of their families over 21 years of age also register.

Catching Violators

Fish wardens and game protectors, engaged in duties for the state in enforcing hunting and fishing laws, have rules to enforce even when they make enemies galore. And at the same time these hunters and anglers make a lot of bad enemies. The practice of halting automobiles is what causes a lot of the hard feeling. Road blocks have been operated rather often, especially on busy days, and all cars are halted as protectors and wardens look for violators among the anglers and hunters.

Route 44, in the Williamsport and Jersey Shore area, was the scene of a road block the other day and 500 cars were stopped. Not all were hunters or anglers and many of those stopped were riled at the delay. Six of the cars halted, however, were violators of the fish regulations, so the stopping program paid off as far as the state was concerned. Autoists don't like to be halted and examined at any time, but as long as sportsmen, so-called, violate the laws, all cars will be halted.

Learning to Swim Projects

One of the really better features so little thought of that the Patton Recreation Park has afforded young people is not only here but all over the north of the county, is the Red Cross summer programs of teaching youngsters to swim, and praise is due not only the Red Cross and Park Commission, but also to the various organizations in our neighboring communities who have afforded transportation to Patton for so many of the children to take part in this instruction. Nearly 1,000 children in Northern Cambria have learned to swim and have been taught water safety in the courses here during the past three years.

Youngsters all like water and enjoy being around pools, streams and dams and water safety can't be taught too early. Learning to take care of themselves in water is essential to all youths. One of the first lessons taught is that no youngster should ever go alone into any pool or stream. This lesson can save many lives.

This month—July—is a peak month for drownings and the boys and young men at the "reckless age" of 15 to 19 are the greatest risks, according to statisticians. Deaths by drowning average about 40 a day throughout the country. The statisticians warn of the dangers of swimming alone, swimming considerable distances without being followed by a boat, entering the water too soon after eating, and undertaking feats beyond the ability of the performer—with the last applying even to good swimmers.

Beauty's Here at Home

The writer, after quite a lengthy trip recently through the Western states, like so many other Pennsylvanians, has come to the conclusion that scenic beauty elsewhere is not surpassed by what we have right here at home. Pennsylvania has fine highways and a lot of mileage in the roads. To a motorist who wishes to see Pennsylvania and travel on each one of the state highways, the speedometer would register a total of 99,964 miles without backtracking. That would really be a tour.

Secretary of Highways Ray F. Smock has just compiled a highway survey and he finds the state highway system maintains 40,930 miles, while local governments, townships, boroughs and cities have 59,025 miles. The state is responsible for 41 percent of Pennsylvania's roads and this is a far greater total than any other state in the Union. The average for the country is only 18 percent of the highways built and maintained by the states.

Fast One Didn't Work

We saw an unusual information made by State Police Thursday of last week. Seems that about 2:30 on the highway between Ebensburg and Carrolltown the road patrol picked up a 1935 Ford coupe bearing only one license tag—and that one belonging to a car dealer. Information against the driver was made at the office of M. J. Farabaugh in Carrolltown. About an hour later, the same State Policeman traveling along the same road spied another 1935 Ford—this one a cabriolet—bearing only one license tag—the mate to the one on the car driven past earlier in the afternoon. And so the wide-awake patrolman made another trip into Justice of the Peace Farabaugh's office. Our hats off to the State Police.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR . . . State Mine Secretary Maize Disagrees With Our Editorial

Department of Mines
 Harrisburg, Pa.
 July 6, 1949

Managing Editor
 Union Press-Courier
 Dear Mr. Owens:

I have read with a great deal of interest your article under the caption, "Maize Bucks Federal Mine Law."

I especially want to call your attention to the Centralia, Ill., explosion. You state in your article, "Investigations into this disaster showed that state mine inspectors had reported time and time again that the pit was a veritable powder keg ready to let go at any moment."

Do you know that the federal government was operating the Centralia mine when the explosion happened, and the federal mine inspectors had the same information that the State Dept. of Mines of Illinois had at that time? Still the federal government nor the federal mine inspectors did nothing to shut down the mine they were operating, and too, the federal government and too, the federal mine inspectors were equally responsible with the State Dept. of Mines of Illinois for the death of the one hundred eleven (111) men who lost their lives in the Centralia explosion.

I am mailing to you, under separate cover, a copy of the brief that I presented before the congressional committee, Washington, D. C., on June 17, 1949.

Very truly yours,
 RICHARD MAIZE
 Secretary of Mines

Labor's Non-Partisan League Upholds Our Editorial Stand

Labor's Non-Partisan League
 Washington 5, D. C.
 July 11, 1949

Thomas A. Owens Jr.
 Managing Editor
 Union Press-Courier

Dear Mr. Owens:

Your letter of July 8 addressed to the editor of the United Mine Workers Journal has been referred to this office for reply. We do not have at this time the information that you require but we are endeavoring to obtain it for you and will forward it to you as soon as received.

I wish to compliment you on your recent editorial, "Maize Bucks Federal Mine Law." It was pertinent and very much to the point. It is deplorable that men like Secretary Maize who bear the responsibility of protecting the lives of coal miners should allow personal vanity and the political picture in the State of Pennsylvania influence their attitude toward the Federal Mine Safety Bill. Mr. Maize's testimony before the House and Senate committees investigating mine safety, especially his verbal testimony, was wild and intemperate, to say the least. Many stated that he made them not based on facts and could not be proven.

While we admit that the State of Pennsylvania has the best mining laws in the United States, there is still room for improvement, especially in the enforcement of these laws.

I would appreciate very much receiving a copy of any further editorials that you may write on this subject. Many states of the United Mine Workers of Pennsylvania appreciate very much your solicitude for their welfare.

Very truly yours,
 JOHN T. JONES
 Director
 Labor's Non-Partisan League

(Editor's Note: We wrote the UMW Journal requesting exact information on states having lax mining laws or laws not rigidly enforced. Mr. Maize will be answered in the near future.)

Gallitzin Legion Picks Delegates

Delegates to the state convention of the American Legion in Pittsburgh next month, were announced by Memorial Post 174, Gallitzin at an election at a meeting last Thursday evening. Com. Charles Parrish and John W. Rose became delegates by virtue of their offices. Others are W. Howard Weston, Dean W. Lewis, Stanley J. Gubala, John R. Gillen and Joseph F. Bernard.

Alternates are Robert Dabbs, Russell Chase, Chester Glass, Harold Luther, Michael Rabish, Frank Longisky and James Waters.

New officers of the post were installed by District Commander Joseph F. Bernard. The post now has 667 members, a gain of 25 since the last meeting. Two post members, John W. Rose and Peter Tosi, have been elected to membership in the 40 & 8, fun and honor order of the Legion.

Service Officer Rose reported two members, Clem Berkeley and Steve Szyal, are patients in veterans' hospitals. Arthur Williamson is to enter Aspinwall this week. Five others are awaiting assignment to hospitals when bed space is available, Rose announced.

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4 Killed, 19 Injured In Cambria Mishaps

June Fatality Record Doesn't Include City

For every five highway accidents in Cambria County last month, five persons were injured and someone was killed.

These figures are based on the monthly accident report released by state police at Ebensburg. The statistics are based on accidents which occurred on county highways and do not include traffic mishaps in the city of Johnstown.

State police were called to investigate 20 crashes last month. In these, four persons were killed and 19 were injured. Damage to cars and other property amounted to \$8,875 to boost the year's total to a record-breaking loss of \$105,535.

To date this year, nine persons have been killed in 176 accidents and 152 people have been injured. The total of four deaths in June is just one short of the record of five fatalities in Apr., 1947.

Of the June crashes, 13 were attributed to excessive speed. Four others were caused by drivers who failed to yield right of way and one was a hit-run accident. The other two cases were classified as miscellaneous.

Barnesboro High Cited In Pamphlet

Barnesboro High School rates notice in a new pamphlet distributed last week by the National Coal Association.

The folder is titled, "The Problem of Properly Trained Technical Personnel for the Bituminous Coal Mining Industry."

Anna Leonard, president of the Spangler Legion Auxiliary, was announced as winner of the first prize in an essay contest sponsored among junior high students of the county. Second prize went to Betty Jean McCombie of Carrolltown, and third prize was won by Janet Steele of Barnesboro.

The Loretto unit was awarded a prize for the group first to reach its coupon quota. Forage and Spangler received prizes for turning in the most coupons. Cresson was cited for turning in the

Nick Ruha Given Nice Promotion

Nicholas (Nick) Ruha, the state game warden taking care of the major portion of Cambria Co. and the man "who seemed to be everywhere at the same time," is moving on to a better job.

Mr. Ruha, who has been working in North Cambria for the past four years, has been transferred to the Ligonier District, where he will be elevated to the position of assistant land utilization supervisor in Southwestern Pennsylvania, with headquarters in Ligonier. In his new position, he will supervise all work on state game lands in 10 counties in the southwestern part of the state, including Cambria, Somerset and Westmoreland Cos.

Granville Miller, a game protector in the Spangler-Barnesboro-Indiana Co. area, will take over the duties of Mr. Ruha here temporarily until a new game protector is named.

In Fatal Attack



ALEXANDER TARAS



FATALLY injured when he fell to a Brooklyn sidewalk after being either struck or pushed over, the death of National Guard Warrant Officer Alexander Taras (top) is being carefully investigated. Held by Brooklyn police is John Patrick Hart (bottom), one of two brothers alleged to have been involved. The Taras, it was said, bekkled a parade in which Taras was marching. Taras stepped out of line and reportedly was hit. (International)

Ashville Lady to Head Cambria Co. American Legion Auxiliary Units

Carrolltown, Barnesboro Girls Cop Essay Prizes

Mrs. Gertrude Shortenearrier of Ashville, member of the Barnesboro American Legion, was elected president of Cambria County Council, American Legion Auxiliary, at a meeting last Thursday afternoon in Spangler. She succeeds Mrs. Oscar Vankokelberg of Carrolltown.

Mrs. VanKokelberg was named delegate to the state convention in Pittsburgh in August and Mrs. Shortenearrier as alternate.

Other officers are Mrs. Ella Chase, Gallitzin, first vice president; Mrs. George Eilers, Johnstown, second vice president; Mrs. Regina Reed, Cresson, secretary; Mrs. Geraldine Leech, South Fork, treasurer; Mrs. Bertha Parrish, Loretto, historian; Mrs. Margaret Long, Patton, chaplain, and Mrs. Mary Kelly, Spangler, sergeant-at-arms.

Mrs. Lagooni Lacey of Carrolltown was named director of that unit. Other units still to name directors are Beaverdale, Portage, Conemaugh, Dunlo, Blandburg and Lilly.

The new council officers and those of the Spangler unit were installed during the session. Mrs. Anna Leonard is president of the Spangler Legion Auxiliary.

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U. S. Mine Inspector To Set Up Office In Barnesboro Area

David K. Kreischer, federal mine inspector attached to the Johnstown subdistrict office of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, has been assigned to work out of new offices to be set up in Barnesboro.

Also under the new setup, Inspector Harry L. Scott will work out of offices in Funksutawney and Inspector P. J. Beatty will go to the Phillipsburg area. Transfers will be effective within the next few weeks.

"Through this move each man will have his own district, he will be able to plan his own work and map his own itinerary," stated Harry E. Sanford, engineer-in-charge of the Johnstown office, in making the announcement.

He explained that the bureau hopes to increase efficiency by having the inspectors maintain headquarters in the immediate vicinity of the region where they work.

Under the plan, the inspectors seldom will be required to drive more than 25 miles to reach any mine within their assigned territory," Mr. Sanford said. This is looked upon as a distinct advantage.

The old system called for all of the force to be stationed in Johnstown. Trips to outlying points sometimes required a drive of 100 miles or more, frequently over icy winter roads.

William Rachunis some time ago was transferred to Ebensburg and set up an office there.

State VFW Backs Bonus Proposal

Pennsylvania's Veterans of Foreign Wars threw up a solid front last Sunday behind a move to get a bonus for the state's 1.3 million World War II veterans.

The annual state VFW convention came to a sizzling windup last Saturday night in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, where nearly 1,000 cheering delegates gathered to whip it up for a bonus.

The bonus bill will be voted on at a special election on Nov. 8.

G. Lynn Brotherson of Erie was elected commander at the concluding business session, advancing from senior vice commander in the VFW's traditional moving up plan for officers.

—Look girls! A store in a Georgia town advertises "Pure Men's Handkerchiefs."

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