

State Outlines Procedure for Filing Of Appeals On Bonus Payments

Harrisburg—(PNS)—The application forms for the state veterans bonus have been flowing into the Harrisburg Post Office in a steady stream since they were distributed last week. Estimates are that about 70% of the state's veterans now have filled out their applications.

Payment of the bonus money will begin in early spring. Meanwhile, two major veterans organizations—the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars—have offered letters of commendation to the State Dept. of Military Affairs for the speed and efficiency with which the bonus forms were distributed.

The department has announced procedures for appeals by bonus applicants dissatisfied with total allowance or the amount allowed in full settlement may request a review of his claim by the director of the Veterans Compensation Bureau after receiving notice of total disallowance or after receiving check for the amount computed by the bureau.

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The director is required upon receipt of the request to re-examine and review the claim. He may schedule an informal hearing by himself or his designated representative in an effort to resolve the issues involved.

He pointed out that in addition to the slaughter, 49,600 persons were injured, many of them so seriously that they will be crippled for life.

And finally, he said, "the economic loss from these accidents in Pennsylvania alone reached the staggering total of nearly \$77 million."

He said that "it is entirely probable" that when the highway accident statistics for the entire nation have been tabulated, they will reveal that Pennsylvania's mileage death rate, which was the lowest in the history of the state, will be far below the average for the nation.

"It is not too much to ask that we better our 1949 record," he said. "We must reduce automobile fatalities to the very lowest figure possible. The minimum result we will expect in 1950 is a reduction of at least 25 percent in the number of deaths and injuries on our streets and highways."

Th Governor had special praise for the many local organizations which last year cooperated in the statewide program to reduce the traffic bill.

Lack of Weighbills Costs Altoona \$100 Clarence C. Smith of Altoona paid a fine of \$100 and costs on Monday following a hearing before Justice of the Peace Elmer Keith Rowland of Ebensburg on charges of violating State Act 86.

Textile Learners To Get 75c An Hour Under New Law

Washington—The Labor Dept. has refused to grant the textile industry authority to hire learners at pay rates below the federal 75 cents an hour minimum. Wage-Hour Administrator William R. McComb has expressed the following view on the subject.

On the basis of all information before me I find that there is at the present time, no necessity, in order to prevent curtailment of opportunities for employment, to provide by special industry-wide regulations for learners in the textile industry at sub-minimum wage rates.

The order became effective on Wednesday of this week, as did the new federal Wage-Hour Law. Despite the refusal to grant an industry-wide exemption, individual employers may apply to the department for learners' certificates.

Mr. McComb's hearing followed a hearing at Washington Dec. 19 at which only AFL and CIO representatives appeared. Mr. McComb took note of employers' absence in issuing his order. His decision was in line with the recommendation made at the hearing by Solomon Barkin, research director for the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO), who had asked for withdrawal of learners' provisions from the regulations.

The regulations, which the order revokes, were set up in 1943 and called for a 35 cent hourly minimum for learners.

No applications for learners' certificates have been requested nor any issued in the past several years, it was said. The United Textile Workers of America (AFL), had, however, indicated a willingness to agree to a 60 cent minimum for learners in cases of severe hardship.

Spangler Garages Broken Into Sunday Joseph Mihalich, Spangler chief of police, is investigating two burglaries at service stations in that community Sunday.

The Carmela Furnari Garage was broken after 9 p.m. and closed at 8 p.m. The owner discovered the entry about 9:30 p.m. when he went to make a check of the place. The sum of \$220 in cash and a number of items were taken. The thieves broke a back window and a door window to enter.

Martozia's Service Station also was entered Sunday night, although the loss of \$16, 44 quarts of motor oil, 19 packs of cigarettes and a number of other articles was not discovered until 8 o'clock Monday morning. The burglars broke a restroom door and a partition in the garage.

Blatchford Prize Winners Named St. Benedict Housewife Gets Living Room Suite Judges Anthony Fenello and Peter Brancato of Barnesboro had a hectic time Wednesday this week judging over 2,000 entries in the Blatchford's Furniture Co.'s factory co-operative "What-Is-It" contest sponsored by the firm's Barnesboro store. Fenello is an employee of the Barnesboro Bank and Brancato is a justice of the peace.

As the contest drew to a close, many varieties of answers put up in an equal number of different forms, arrived at the store. Contestants' names were being tried for one of the 7 grand prizes to be awarded.

Wins \$75 FHA Prize Start Campaign To Reduce Mining Fatalities In State

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An Ebensburg young couple was treated in the Miners' Hospital early last Saturday morning following an automobile accident near Ebensburg, on the Ebensburg-Carrolltown road.

June DeLarre, 20, of Ebensburg, R. D., suffered severe cuts of the face and back shock. Her condition is much improved. Gerald Yahner, 21, Ebensburg, received cuts of the hands and face. His condition is very much improved.

Mr. Yahner said he last remembers when his car went into a skid. He believed it was several hours before he and his companion were picked up following the accident.

'50 Dog License Drive Slated Here Will Begin Wednesday Says A. C. Ackerman Folks who do not have 1950 license tags for their dogs had better write the county treasurer at Ebensburg for one today.

The fee for license is \$1.10 for males and spayed females, and \$2.10 for females. Also necessary is the nature of the dog's breed, age and color markings.

3 Injured In Wreck Tuesday Near Dean Truck Driver Traveling Too Fast for Conditions A truck crash on early Tuesday morning about two miles north of Ashville involved three Cresson youths. The accident occurred near the community of Dean on Route 53.

The driver of the truck, James J. Zimmerman, 17, was seriously injured and is a patient in the Altoona Mercy Hospital, suffering from a possible fractured skull and a broken nose. The other victims were Wayne Durbin, 14, and Raymond Howe, 17. Durbin was treated at the Mountain City Hospital for a cut of the scalp and Howe was treated in the same hospital.

The wreck occurred about 12:30 a. m. when the truck apparently went out of control as the right wheels got off the paving onto the soft shoulder of the highway. The driver of the truck was on the right side of the road and then careened across the highway and smashed into another guard post on the left. Damage was estimated to be about \$800.

Pfc. Louis Packler of the state police said Zimmerman apparently was driving too fast for conditions.

District Mid-Winter Plan Construction Large New Fire Cistern In Chest Springs Borough

Residents of Chest Springs have launched a drive to provide increased fire protection for that community.

The project, decided upon at a recent meeting of parishioners of St. Monica's Church, is to construct a large cistern big enough to take care of all water needs in the event of a bad fire. Such a receptacle, which would be located in the vicinity of the church hall, would hold roughly 35,000 gallons of water. Cost of such a cistern probably would run between \$1,200 and \$1,500.

Initial filling of the cistern would be done by the Patton Fire Co., which would utilize its pump in transferring water from a large well in the area. Once filled, water drained from church property and other area roofs during periods of rain probably would keep the cistern filled.

At the present time, the town has two small cisterns, both of which have served the town well and been responsible for the extinguishing of smaller fires. One of these is located at the north end and one at the south end of the community.

The urgent need for a larger water supply has been known for some time, with the fire which destroyed the St. Augustine Hall recently prompting the fire prevention meeting at Chest Springs.

The town could be wiped out in a matter of a few hours with the water supply now available, stated one official.

St. Francis College Plans Special Class Plans have been completed for a special class to begin in February at St. Francis College in Loretto. Rev. Father Francis Flanagan, TOR, registrar at the North Cambria College said. The classes for new and transfer students will begin following the completion of the present term.

Registration for incoming students will take place on Feb. 6 and 7. All freshmen students are required to register on Feb. 6. A limited number of residence facilities are available on the campus, it was said.

The college also is considering the establishment of a night school. Father Flanagan said the move depends entirely on the number of applications received. The registrar also announced plans to increase the number of scholarships prior to the beginning of a new semester.

Plattville Building Levelled In 5-Alarm Fire Thursday Night Four volunteer fire companies from North Cambria and one from Indiana County fought for four hours last Thursday evening in an unsuccessful attempt to save an two-family apartment building in Plattville, a small village three miles north of Barnesboro.

Flames were discovered at the old landmark about 3:41 p. m. and Hops Fire Company of Barnesboro was summoned. The Barnesboro men fought the flames to almost a standstill as they pumped water from three nearby cisterns. Just as the flames were about to subside, the cisterns went dry and the building burst into an inferno again.

North Cambria Personalities—No. 44 Jacob Hollen, 88, Still Reads Fine Print Despite his advanced age of 88, Jacob H. Hollen of Hollentown still is able to read newspapers and other fine print without the aid of glasses.

Strip Miner Hurt As Wall Collapses Wendell Benek, 32, a shovel operator on the strip mining operations of the Powell Coal Co., Ebensburg, is only slightly injured, and the Altoona Hospital still lists his condition as critical.

Water Works Dam Conference Today Harrisburg is receiving an official visit from Patton today. Patton's Burgess, Robert Forsythe, member of council, and George Secretary Albert Habaska left this morning for a conference with R. J. Gillis of the State Dept. of Forests & Waters relative to the construction of a new water works dam here. The dam's breastwork gave away several weeks ago, and initial plans are now being made for its reconstruction across Chest Creek.

Turning Back Trucks On Buckhorn Mountain Coal buckhorn in Cambria County Wednesday of this week was hit by a heavy blow as a series of wildcat strikes hit the area. The wildcat work stoppages, effective in most other Western Pennsylvania districts, began hitting here Tuesday when Revloc operation were curtailed. Thursday morning about 50 men were observed turning back strip coal hauling trucks along Route 36 near the Coupon intersection on the Buckhorn mountain.

James Studio Photo, Patton His wife, the former Anna Mary Dingle of Hollentown, died a number of years ago. He is the father of seven children.

Manager Nehri of the Blatchford Store in Barnesboro wishes to thank all the entrants who made the contest such a huge success and announces that consolation prizes will be mailed to all those who were not in the lucky winner category. Mr. Nehri returned Wednesday from the furniture mart being held in New York City.

Plan Card Series At St. Lawrence The 1950 group of cinch and pinocle parties will start this Sunday at 8 p. m. in the basement of St. Lawrence Church at St. Lawrence.

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