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## Coast Guard Exam Announced

The annual competitive examination for appointments for the U. S. Coast Guard Academy will be held during May of this year. It is open to all persons who are citizens of the United States, are at least 17 years of age, and who are unmarried and who are not under any legal disability to marry. The examination will be held at the Academy, which is located at Annapolis, Md. The examination will be held in three parts: a written examination, a physical examination, and a character reference examination. The Academy is a branch of the Navy and is one of the most prestigious institutions in the United States. It is the only institution of its kind in the world. The Academy is a branch of the Navy and is one of the most prestigious institutions in the United States. It is the only institution of its kind in the world.

## OPA And Price Control

The claim by OPA that it is keeping prices down has been refuted by the House (Hearings) committee. This committee reported that OPA is in violation of the law in its handling of the manufacture of goods by manufacturers who are making more money than they are paying for their raw materials. The committee also reported that OPA is in violation of the law in its handling of the manufacture of goods by manufacturers who are making more money than they are paying for their raw materials. The committee also reported that OPA is in violation of the law in its handling of the manufacture of goods by manufacturers who are making more money than they are paying for their raw materials.

Another example was that of shirts. One shirt, made by a long-established firm, for which the manufacturer was paying \$1.00 in 1942 and asked for a refund of \$1.12, was not made because OPA refused to grant it. At the same time the OPA permitted a new manufacturer to make a shirt of inferior quality to sell for twice the price of the better shirt. Shirts which had sold for \$9.00 a dozen, on which the manufacturer had demanded an increase of 50¢ a dozen, was displayed next to another shirt of similar quality and OPA permitted another manufacturer a price of \$18.00 a dozen. Does this look like holding the line on prices?

When you attempt to buy play things for your children you will realize what has happened. A scooter was sold for \$1.00 and had been made by an old manufacturer for \$1.92 to the wholesaler, on which he requested a 5¢ increase before starting production. The increase was denied. Alongside was a much smaller scooter of inferior grade which OPA had granted a ceiling of \$3.75 to a new manufacturer. The same story was told by displays of other goods.

You may wonder how OPA arrives at its arbitrary figures. It is done by two different methods of figuring. For the establishment of the Robert Otters of Grand River had a fire at their home on New Year's Day, with a loss estimated at \$500. The fire department and neighbors helped all they could to save the house and contents.

living since 1942. For the new manufacturer they permit a profit above the actual cost of manufacture. Since cost of materials and labor have had the biggest increase he gets a much better price. If you want to satisfy yourself about these things just go into your local store and ask the dealer to tell you about his experience in trying to get merchandise to sell you. The present OPA policy is definitely retarding conversion. This and the strikes in progress or threatened are keeping you from getting the goods you want to buy. It is incumbent upon the Administration to take definite steps to meet these problems.

## Dondero Seeks Petrillo Curb

Rep. George A. Dondero has introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives H. R. 1721 to make it a felony to use coercion to prevent the participation of uncompensated persons in radio broadcasts. This is commonly referred to as the Petrillo bill. The same provision is also incorporated in H. R. 1737, House Section 501 of the bill. This curb would be effected by the enactment of the following:

"That any person who, wilfully, requires, coerces, compels, coerces or threatens to require, coerce, compel or constrain the operator, owner or person having control of a broadcasting station, against his will, from broadcasting or permitting the broadcasting over such station of a non-compensated educational or cultural program, for which the operator, owner or person having control of such station receives no money or other article or thing of value for such service other than their actual necessary expenses, and where the owner, operator, or person having control of such station neither pays, gives nor receives any money, article or other thing of value on account of such broadcast, shall be guilty of a felony and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both."

## NOVI NEWS

By Mrs. George Walte

Mr. and Mrs. George Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Hadley (Hackett) and Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Stannard spent New Year's Eve and day in Grand Rapids.

The Rebekah Club was entertained on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Min Martin, with Mrs. Mabel Rose as assistant hostess. Eighteen were present at a pot luck dinner. After a business meeting games were played and a good time enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Jack Stannard on Tuesday, February 5.

The Mothers' Club meetings have been changed from the third Wednesday to the third Monday of the month. Mrs. Zetta Truck and Mrs. Signa Mitchell are hostesses for the next meeting. Miss Genevieve Thurston returned to her school duties in Pontiac on Sunday after the holiday vacation. Dr. Martha Cottrell is ill at St. Joseph's Hospital in Northville. Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Munro are accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Mary White and two children left on Monday to spend the next three months in Florida.

On Monday evening the Degree Team of the Rebekah Lodge chartered a bus for Detroit where they had dinner and attended a show. All report a good time and the team says, "Let's do it again."

The W.S.C.S. will hold a pot luck dinner on Wednesday, January 16, at the home of Mrs. Clara Clark. Everyone invited.

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WEST FARMINGTON.  
Mrs. Sarah Knapp

The West Farmington Extension Group will meet at West Bloomfield Town Hall January 23 at 10 o'clock, each member bringing material to make a lamp shade. The lesson on making lamp shades will be brought before the group by the leaders, Mrs. Wendell Green and Mrs. Harold See. Each member is also requested to bring her own lunch for noon.

Mrs. Elmer See entertained the W.C.T.U. Wednesday afternoon, at the regular meeting day fell on New Year's Day. The group was honored to have Mrs. Patton of Pontiac, who talked on conscription. Mrs. Grace Holker, Mrs. John Hess and Mrs. Richard Nyberg gave an account of the county meeting held at Royal Oak. Miss Elizabeth Kyle, Miss Mary Green and Mrs. Richard Holker each gave a short talk on home training and family recreation.

Billy Cox spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox, when he was home on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bush entertained Mr. and Mrs. Peters and daughter, Cathy, of Wall Lake at a New Year's Eve dinner party.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bush and son, David, spent Sunday, December 22, with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hobbler at Imbay City.

The Jolly 12 Pedro Club met at the home of Mrs. Clayton Scholter on Haled Road Thursday afternoon.

John Graham has been very sick the past week. Edward Grimmer is critically ill and his sister, Mrs. Marie Walters, has been caring for him. Word has been received that Charles Graham is very sick; and in Pontiac General Hospital.

Mrs. Edith Graham spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Laurence Giegler, and family, at Hartland.

Lloyd Graham, S 1/2 and wife of Potomac Heights, Maryland, spent their day leave with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham entertained all their children and grandchildren on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holker and Mrs. Irvin Knapp were entertained at a New Year's dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Giegler at Hartland.

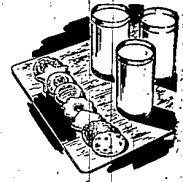
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