

CARROLL SAYS 'CEILING' OK'D BY OPA GROUP

Frozen Rent Law Questioned By Chairman of Project's Rent Protest Body

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ernment projects and to housing accommodations owned by individuals or corporations, etc. "I urge all tenants that have received a rent increase, not to pay it," Mr. Putich continued. "I am not satisfied with Mr. Carroll's statement as given to me by his secretary, that in govern-

ment projects you pay rent according to your income." "Then, why Rent Control?" "I don't like the way I received a notice to vacate my premises a few hours after I went to see what could be done about the rent increases in government projects in this area," Mr. Putich added.

To Harmon E. Hubble, manager of the projects, the Rent Committee chairman addressed this question:

"Where do you want me to move, on the other side of Buffalo?" Mr. Putich works in the Bethlehem Steel Company plant. Agreeing with Mr. Carroll's opinion on rent classification, Mr. Hubble, who several months ago replaced Carl T. Bartholomy as manager at Baker Homes, told the Leader he would "not argue about the notices to vacate."

the local projects when we came in here," Mr. Hubble stated. "We found that some rentals were high and we reduced some from \$49 to a much lower figure. The rent ceilings we now have at the projects have been approved by the OPA."

He made public the following "ceilings" in effect at Baker Homes:

One bedroom apartment—\$30; two—\$33; three—\$35; and four bedroom apartments—\$36.

"This doesn't mean that all the tenants are paying the ceiling scale," he pointed out. "Most of them are paying rents below the ceiling. If a man's earnings rise, we raise his rent in proportion and if they decrease, his rent is lowered."

Albright Court has a different scale of rent ceilings. So will Ridgewood Village when that opens this December.

Mr. Carroll was more explicit: "We canvassed the area and found that the apartments with one bedroom—they call them one and one-half room apartments—were renting in places owned by individuals or corporations for from \$41 to \$42 per month.

"While the legal maximum rent we could charge for such an apartment would be \$60 per month, we reduced it to \$41 per month regardless of what the tenant was earning," Mr. Carroll said, mentioning that he was not referring to rents in Lackawanna projects but of one in Buffalo.

"The PHA mapped this schedule, based on comparable rents, and it was approved in New York City and perhaps in Washington, however far they went.

"Now," said Mr. Carroll, "here's where the 'bugaboo' comes in: "Many last year were earning no more than \$1,000 per year and accordingly got a government subsidy that meant they would pay a rental of, let's say, \$20 per month for an apartment where a \$35 ceiling had been fixed.

"Now, if we find by the most recent survey that the tenant's earnings have gone up to \$2,000 annually, the rent automatically goes up according to the comparable rent in the area. If his earnings decreased, his rent would be lowered.

"At no time," he concluded, "can a tenant be asked to pay more than the ceiling rent fixed for his type apartment. We could see merit in the complaints filed months ago by housing tenants and we have done just about all we can to make the rents comparable to those in the area."

No complaints other than that by Mr. Putich were reported to the Leader yesterday.

Mr. Carroll explained the adjustments in rentals like this:

"If a man is earning below that amount which controls the ceiling rent of the apartment he occupies, the government considers him a subsidy. However, if a tenant's earning power increases enough so that his rent is equal to that of the ceiling fixed under the act, he no longer is classified as a subsidy."

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Franklin	643	471.55	.73	547.25
Bethlehem Park		No Report		135.55
Wilson	440	235.30	.53	235.00

(No reports received from other elementary or parochial schools. Principals are urged to follow same procedure used in this department during past school year. Include in figures only those War Savings Bonds or Stamps purchased by or for school children through your school. Submit weekly report no later than Tuesday noon.)

STEEL WORKERS, OTHERS SHARING AUTOS WILL GET STICKERS

Those Cooperating in Gas and Rubber-Saving Program in Lackawanna Will Be Recognized

Lackawanna motorists who have joined car-sharing clubs in their businesses, plants, factories, and neighborhoods will be asked to display, "Double Up To Save Gas and Rubber! I Don't Drive to Work Alone!" car stickers on their automobiles. Celestine E. Shea, Administrator for the War Transportation Committee of Local War Council, announced today.

Each gift parcel, Mr. Needham said, should be marked: "Christmas Parcel." The superintendent released the following instructions: SIZE AND WEIGHT—In view of the urgent need for shipping space to transport materials directly essential to the war effort, Christmas parcels shall not exceed the present limits of 11 pounds in weight or 18 inches in length or 42 inches in length and girth combined. Nevertheless the public is urged by the War and Navy Departments to co-operate by voluntarily restricting the size of Christmas parcels to that of an ordinary shoe box and the weight to six pounds. Not more than one Christmas parcel or package shall be accepted for mailing in any one week when sent by or on behalf of the same person or concern to or for the same addressee.

Legion Auxiliary Unit 63 And Junior Organization Elect Officers for 1943

Annual election of officers was held Monday evening by members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63, Lackawanna, at Legion headquarters in Memorial hall, Ridge road. Officers are: President, Mrs. Lucy Stulick; vice president, Mrs. Frank W. Owens; 2d vice president, Mrs. Margaret Black; secretary, Mrs. Lillian Bodge; treasurer, Mrs. May Butler; finance officer, Mrs. Lola Nowak; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Rita Brady.

Executive Committee, Mrs. Helen Reed, Mrs. Helen Ryska and Mrs. Lorraine Avery; Delegates, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Mary Gilman and Mrs. John Davis. Jr. Auxiliaries Elect: Elected members of the Auxiliary Unit 63 elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Helen Shea, 1st vice president, Mrs. Helen Ehrig, 2d vice president, Mrs. Estelle Shea, treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Cramer, sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Rita Brady.

Hundreds Attend Soldier's Rites

Hundreds of friends and neighbors attended Friday's rites for Private Czerw, Jr., Steel City serviceman killed in an accident at Walterboro, S. C. Army Air Base less than two weeks ago. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Czerw, of 26 Fremont street. Officiating at the solemn Requiem Mass sung in St. Michael's Church before burial of the soldier's body in Holy Cross Cemetery were the Rev. Michael F. Burskiewicz, pastor of St. Michael's

Church, the Rev. Casimir Sorokin, the Rev. Aram Borowak and the Rev. Walter Maranski.

Six pallbearers, members of the 502d Battalion of Military Police stationed at Buffalo, stood at attention while a seventh member sounded taps at the grave. An American Legion Post 63 squad fired a salute.

CHRISTMAS MAIL TO SERVICEMEN MUST GO OUT NOW

Post Office Officials Warn Relatives and Friends to Mail Packages Early

If Johnny Doughboy, counterpart of Lackawanna young men in the service, is to get his Christmas gifts and cards on time, the packages and greetings must be mailed out now and no later than November 1st, Vincent P. Needham, superintendent of the Lackawanna Post Office, warned residents of the city this morning.

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PREPARATION—Owing to the great distance this mail must be transported and the handling and any storage it must undergo, it is absolutely necessary that all articles be packed in substantial strength not only to resist pressure of other mail in the same sack, but to withstand the weight of other sacks of mail, which in the long transit may be piled thereon. Furthermore, as each parcel is subject to censorship, delay in handling may be minimized by securing the covering of the parcel so as to permit ready inspection of the contents.

Many combination packages will

probably made up, including miscellaneous toilet articles, hard candies, soaps, etc. The contents of such packages should be tightly packed, in order that the several articles may not be loosened in of the parcel itself or causing damage to the covering of the parcel. Christmas boxes should be enclosed in substantial containers. Candles in thin pasteboard boxes should be inclosed in wood, metal or corrugated pasteboard. Sealed packages of candy, cigars, tobacco and toilet articles in simplest mercantile form may be inclosed within parcels without affecting the parcel-post classification of such packages.

PERISHABLE MATTER—No perishable matter should be included in any parcels.

PROHIBITED ARTICLES—Inflammable, toxic, inflammable materials (including matches of all kinds and lighter fluids) and poisons, or compositions which may kill or injure another or damage the mails, are unmailable.

FWA Discloses OLV Expansion

Bids were authorized this week by the Federal Works Agency for equipment and alterations at Our Lady of Victory Hospital, which has been allocated \$25,550 for expansion of facilities to accommodate a training school for nurses. Regional Director John M. Gallagher of the FWA disclosed today. Of the amount \$10,000 is earmarked for alterations of an existing wing of the hospital while the remaining \$15,550 has been made available for equipment. Mr. Gallagher stated.

Variety Shower Held For Bride-to-Be

Miss Mary Cavanaugh, whose marriage to John D. Hasey will be solemnized Saturday morning, October 10th, at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, was the guest of honor recently when a variety shower was held at the home of Mrs. Ann Hasey, of 116 Milnor avenue. Gifts were presented by the 75 guests who attended the affair.

MAYOR APPOINTS ZAJAS AS ACTING CITY JUDGE

Appointment yesterday by Mayor Michael J. Hughes of John M. Zajas, Steel City attorney, as acting judge to occupy the City Court bench during this month's vacation of Judge Joseph R. McCann was disclosed last night.

Acting Judge Zajas was sworn in yesterday. He is a graduate of Our Lady of Victory Academy and was graduated from the Law School of the University of Buffalo in 1938. Admitted to the bar the following year, Acting Judge Zajas has been a junior partner in the legal firm of Balazewski & Adamski.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael P. Zajas, with whom he resides at 1289 Electric avenue.

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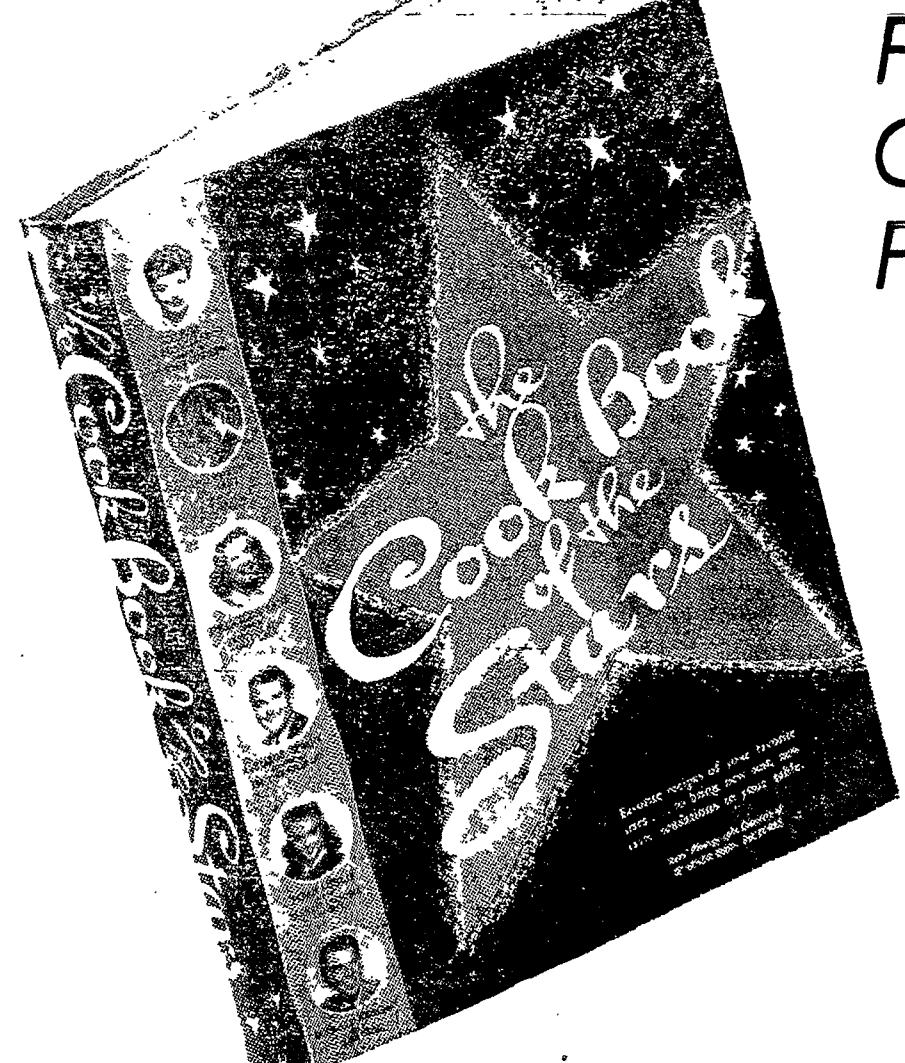
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