OPA SOFTENS HEART FOR SERVICE MEN ON LEAVE

From now on members of the armed forces home on furlough will be able to obtain rationing coupons good for a gallon of gasoline for each day of the leave. up to 30 gallons. the old ruling five gallons, and no more, were made available for those home on furlough regardless of the length of the stay. Those on short week-end passes are not entitled to any gas according to the New OPArule.

In an area as widespread as Scotch Plains, where a car offers about the only means of transportation, the new ration makes it possible for men home from overseas service, or those who have been training in this country and are about to go over, to get round and see their friends. Surely they and see their friends. are deserving of this consideration. The regional OPA director announced that servicemen and women recently on leave who want gasoline must apply rationing boards not alone to local with their leave papers, but inspection record of the car which they want fuel. Heretofore only leave papers have been required.

PARK BOMBERS BEAT SCOTCH PLAINS COPS

To satisfy an insistent demand by servicemen for sports news, we ventured on our initial sports-reporter mission the other evening - a softball game between Chief Harry Erholms Police team and the Park Bombers - a contingent of ball tossers from Jerseyland.

We've been at many a game some enraged fan has yelled THE UMPIRE" - but this was the - but this was the first game where we've seen it tried. an attempt to nail a cop at second. the Bombers' catcher heaved a rifle-bullet toss through the pitcher's The pitcher ducked hox. - but the umpire - tall Harold Van Fleet, the new dog warden, - forgot to duck and the ball caught him squarely on the bridge of the nose and forehead. He dropped like a log and had to be revived. Another ump took his place.

The first few innings were exciting and well played with neither side scoring. Then somewhere along about the third or fourth innings, the Bombers switched to bunting and that started trouble. The cops' catcher picked up the bunted ball and snapped a lightning toss to Chief Harry at first base. The ball arrived before the runner but, lo and behold!, the Chief muffed it and the Bomber now safe on first eventually was worked around for the first run.

When the inning was over, Harry came up to your sports report-er and Ralph Kehs, and referring to the muffed ball, said "wodda ya know about that guy dishing me a curve at first?"

The final score was 5 to 1 in favor of the PARK BOMBERS and let us tell you those guys can play ball.

Besides Chief Erholm, the only cops we recognised were Johnny Andrusky and Frank Barone, with Sgt. Jimmy Osnato puffing valiantly on the side-lines as the cop's cheering section. We don't know the names of any of the Bomber Players and we don't know how many hits or errors were made, or any of the other incompoints of information which a good sports reporter would learn. the first to say that as a sport's reporter, we're lousey.

Chief Harry and his constables took the Mountainside cops into camp on the previous Sunday to the tune of 5 to 2.

In a twilight game at the LeGrande Street Oval, Fanwood, on August 9th, the CRESTWOOD ACRES soft-ball team

defeated by the FANWOOD MEN'S CLUB by a score of 9 to 6. According to Manager Jake Wertz, The Crestwood boys promise to turn the tables in a return metch.



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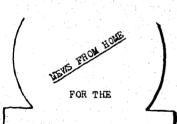
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