

Former AC&C workers hold pay rally

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Former employees of the American Color and Chemical Corp. in Lock Haven are today protesting both poor severance pay offerings from AC&C and the fact that none of their immediate families will be screened for possible exposure to toxic chemicals.

In a rally scheduled for 10 a.m. at the AC&C site, the former employees hope to show "exactly what they are dealing with in AC&C."

AC&C, which lies adjacent to the Drake toxic waste site, closed last year but maintains a skeleton crew of about eight to perform routine maintenance at the plant. At one time the company, which made mostly dyes and herbicides, employed as many as 400 people.

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son, a former AC&C employee. "We also want to let the public know the poor severance pay (AC&C has) offered us."

The Environmental Protection Agency recently announced that AC&C will be investigated, for possible dioxin contamination as part of a program designed to determine the extent of dioxin contamination in the Eastern United States. All the sites being investigated manufactured herbicides that may have produced dioxins as by-products.

Although AC&C has indicated through a prepared statement that it would perform health screenings of its former employees, it said nothing in the statement about screening the families of the former employees or nearby residents, Robinson said.

"There's a good chance chemicals could have been taken home on the employees' personal clothing," Robinson said.

Frank Furl, president of Citizens and Laborers for Environmental Action Now (CLEAN)—the group of former Lock Haven chemical company employees and citizens attempting to secure health screenings for all Lock Haven residents who may have been exposed to toxic chemicals—says his group supports the former-AC&C employees' actions.

"It's time that they let the community know exactly what they're dealing with in AC&C," Furl said.

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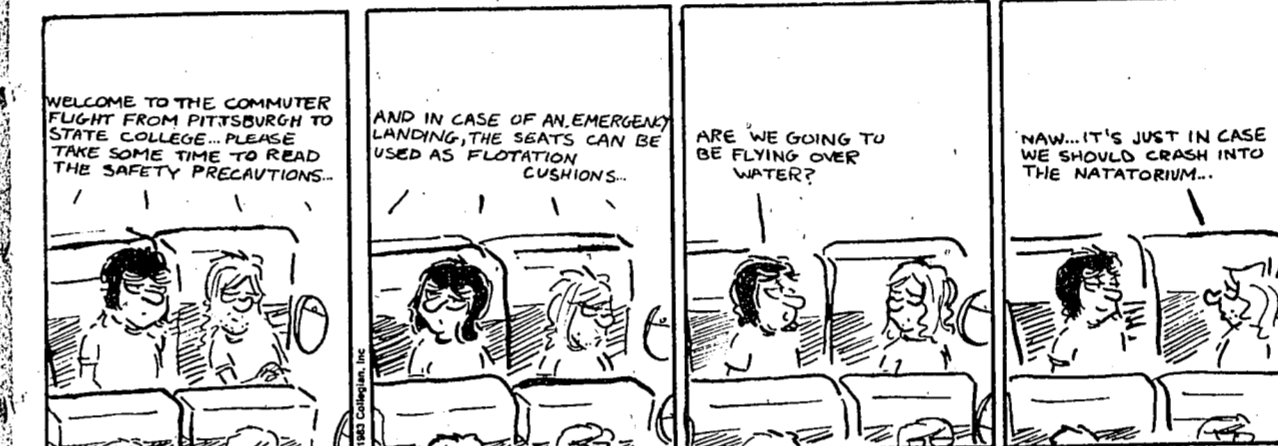
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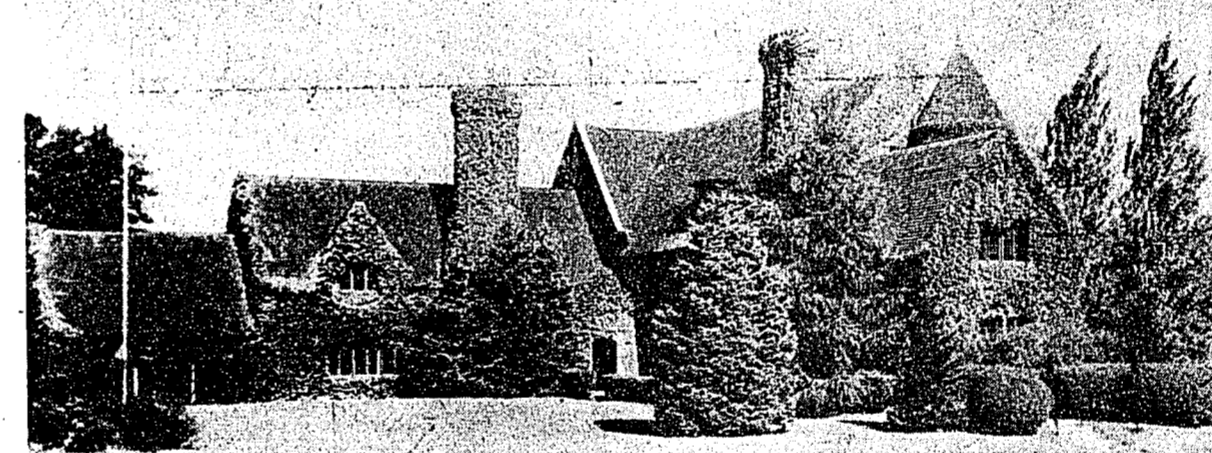
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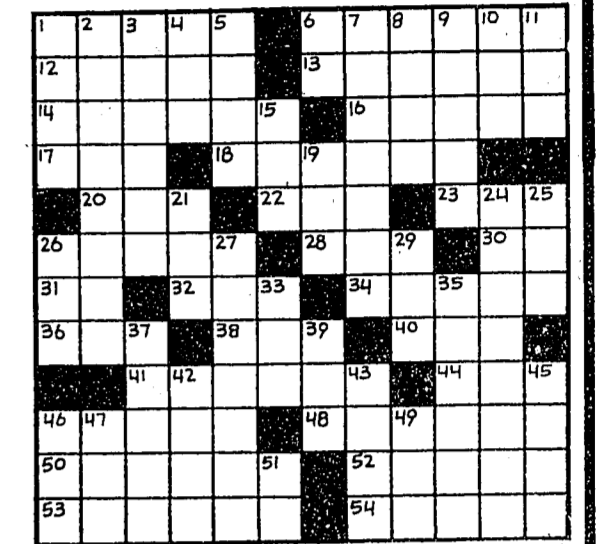
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