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JAMES CAUSES LOCAL DEPOT TO AGAIN FLOURISH

Even If It Was At the Midnight Hour and the Crows Came From All Around Us.

(By the Editor.) Time marches on. Time in its march makes many changes. Once upon a time Time gave Patton a booming railroad passenger station, from whence travelers scurried to and fro daily—but that was before old Father Time gave us the automobile and the good highways.

But although there are a lot of old-timers in the Patton section who may have been unaware of it, Father Time again caused our local Patton passenger station to buzz with activity and crowds of travelers—and the time was midnight on Monday.

But we won't blame Father Time for the activity. Rather the blame must be placed on Governor Arthur H. James, the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Republican party.

It all means that a special train to Gov. James' inauguration was made up at Punksutawney, came through Patton at midnight Monday, thence to Harrisburg via Cresson. It returned on early Wednesday morning via the same route.

And it brought throngs of North Cambria Republicans, from Barnesboro and other points, to board it. (Lots of them, no doubt, job-seekers.)

They all helped swell the big crowd at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, and from the looks of Patton's streets and its absence of many prominent Republicans Tuesday, our own town helped materially to fill up that excursion train.

Of course there were lots of others remained home. Some didn't have the funds—others were Democrats—and there still are some Democrats, we presume.

But Governor James' inaugural address was broadcast over Pennsylvania radio stations and those who remained at home heard his voice, perhaps even better than the chaps who were at Harrisburg.

Thus the "ins" are "out" and the "outs" are "in."

Governor James, in his inaugural address reiterated many of the things he promised in his campaign speeches. He wants to make Pennsylvania a good state in which to live. If he does that, he'll make friends, and so will his party. But the voter is a fickle. Sometimes the chap who does him the most good, gets a knife. We wonder what the outcome of it all will be in the next four years? We wonder what the feelings of a lot of the thousands who were in Harrisburg last Tuesday will be in only one year from now—when the most of them "won't have jobs" on the public payroll for the simple reason there won't be sufficient jobs to reach?

We wonder where Arthur H. James and His Administration will stand in regard to Labor? We wonder lots of things? We hope for the best.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE ZONE ELECTS HEADS FOR PRESENT YEAR

Zone No. 1 of the Cambria County Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity met on Thursday evening last in Clymer, at which time Edwin Farabaugh of Spangler was reelected president and H. J. Mulligan of Patton was reelected secretary-treasurer. Presidents of each of the fire companies in the zone are vice presidents. The zone includes the companies of Hastings, Barnesboro, Carrolltown, Spangler, Cherry Tree, Clymer and Patton.

Fire loss in the district during the past year was exceptionally low, according to the report submitted on Thursday night. Only two major fires occurred in the district—a Barnesboro store building with a loss of \$22,000, and the old McKeage grist mill, and a Cherry Tree landmark, with a loss of \$12,000.

The firemen discussed the fire school to be held in Barnesboro starting next month. Final plans for the school will be made at the meeting of the county association at Hastings on January 26th, at which all three zones will be represented. The Hastings company will be hosts at the gathering.

Zone 1 will hold its next meeting in Barnesboro in April.

LADDIE TIMKO AND HIS ORCHESTRA AT COLVER

Placards are out announcing the music of Laddie Timko and His Orchestra for a dance to be held in the Labor Temple at Colver on Saturday evening of this week, January 21st. Dancing will begin at nine o'clock, and last till 12, and the admission will be 40 cents per person. A special attraction will be a "Rise and Shine" program. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

CLAIMS APPROVAL FOR WAGE-HOUR ACT IN REPORT

Andrews Tells Congress Government Regulation is Winning Widespread Approval.

Washington.—Elmer F. Andrews, wage-hour administrator, told Congress on Saturday that government regulation of minimum wages and maximum hours had won public approval and caused no widespread lay-offs.

In a report covering the few months of the wage-hour act since it has been in effect, Andrews said, "employers, employees and the public approve the purpose of the act and wish to see it become within the shortest possible time an integral part of the economic structure of this country."

Referring to reports of industrial lay-offs which greeted the act when it became operative last October 24th, Andrews said:

"Such spot surveys as it has been feasible to conduct in December 1938 have failed to produce evidence of widespread lay-offs. Estimated total employment of employees covered by the act, showed slightly more than the seasonal increase from September to November."

In discussing the economic effects of the law which required the payment of a basic 25 cents an hour minimum wage for a maximum 44 hour work week for the first year of its operation, the administrator said:

"The long time technological effect of the minimum wage may be expected to include some shifts from hand labor on simple tasks to better paid machine tending jobs and some increased investment in machine installations. The more important consideration is the increased pay for employed wage earners in the low income group."

"For the present," his report said, "the most noticeable immediate consequences of the act have been adjustments in connection with the 25 cent minimum and a tendency toward increased employment resulting from the overtime provision."

MEET AT EBENSBURG HELD BY MINE GROUP

Motion pictures and a talk on "Accident Prevention" by District Mine Inspector W. H. Filer of Ebensburg featured a regular meeting of the Joseph Holmes Safety Council, Bituminous District 10, in the Ebensburg Courthouse last Friday night. President Ira Bradley of Cresson was in charge.

The motion picture furnished by the United States Bureau of Mines, demonstrated the proper and safe manner of cutting and loading coal. Filer, in his talk urged cooperation of all interested parties in reducing the number of mine accidents.

It was announced that a special meeting of the council will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday, February 11, in the Ebensburg Courthouse for the showing of a number of films taken at safety meets last summer. Included will be views of first aid competition at the Ebensburg Fair, Spangler, Uniontown, New Kensington, and South Park, Allegheny County.

TRANSFER FILER, MINE INSPECTOR, TO DISTRICT NO. 5

William H. Filer of Ebensburg, who has been a mine inspector in District 10, which includes Cambria County, for more than four years, has been transferred to District 5. The transfer became effective on Monday of this week, when Mr. Filer was replaced at Ebensburg by Leslie Steele of Windbor, who was recently appointed mine inspector.

Mr. Filer's new district includes parts of Jefferson, Armstrong and of Clarion counties. He will reside with his family in Brookville.

Mr. Filer was appointed mine inspector on Oct. 1, 1934, and has been stationed at Ebensburg since that time. During his term as inspector in this county he has been very active in the work of the Joseph Holmes Safety Council of the district and also in the affairs of the Tenth Bituminous Coal Mining Institute.

Recently he formed an executive committee of mine operators, superintendents and general managers in an effort to further reduce the accident rate in mines in the county. Since Mr. Filer has been an inspector in the district the number of accidents in the mines has been reduced in the district on the basis of increased tonnage.

Prior to becoming a state mine inspector, Mr. Filer was a private inspector with the L. W. Hicks Mining Company of Leechburg.

Mr. Steele, the new inspector, has been a foreman of the Berwind White Coal Mining Company for the past 20 years. He has enjoyed a wide experience in the mining field over a period of many years.

Mooney Cheers Billings in Folsom Visit



Tom Mooney, recently released from San Quentin, Calif., prison by Gov. Culbert Olson after serving 23 years, is fighting to free Warren Billings, right, from Folsom prison. Billings was also jailed for the San Francisco Preparedness day bombing.

ROOSEVELT BALL AGAIN SLATED IN EAGLES HOME

Local Organization and Kiwanis Club Again Join in Raising Funds for Crippled Tots.

That the crippled children of Northern Cambria County will not again be forgotten is evidenced by the fact that the Patton Aerie No. 1244, Fraternal Order of Eagles, in cooperation with the Northern Cambria Kiwanis Club, are again sponsoring the annual Roosevelt Ball, which will be held in the Eagles' Home, Patton, on the evening of Friday, February 3, 1939.

This year Jerry Mann and His Sixteen Piece Swing Band, of Indiana, have been engaged to furnish the music. Dancing will start at nine o'clock and the admission tickets will be fifty cents per person. Tickets will be offered for sale by members of the Kiwanis Club in various north Cambria towns, and even if one don't dance, it is but doing your duty to buy one or more tickets.

There is no more worthy cause than this annual Birthday Ball for the President, sponsored in this section by the Eagles and Kiwanians. Help the cause along. Do your part.

JAMESTOWN MINERS PLAN SAFETY RALLY FOR CENTRAL REGION

United Mine Workers of the Tenth Bituminous District, comprising the central area of Cambria county, are urged to send representatives to a safety meeting at 2 p. m. on Saturday at the Jamestown hall under the auspices of Local 1318, U. M. W. of A.

Mine, Home and Highway Safety is to be discussed, the safety committee of Local 1318 announces. Invited to attend the meeting are Wilbur C. Mulhollen, Johnstown Motor Company safety director; Edward Sweeney, Lilly, Vice President of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America; Rev. Father A. M. Habrowski, Portage; Cyrus W. Davis, sheriff, and former corner; Attorney C. Randolph Myers of Ebensburg; William H. Filer, mine inspector, and Leslie Steele, mine inspector.

Representatives have been urged to attend from union locals at Revloc, Nanty-Glo, Lilly, South Fork, Ehrenfeld, Cresson, Cassandra, Puritan, Portage, and Galitzin.

Efforts are being made by Sonman officials to have John Lindley, safety director of the Koppers interests, Pittsburgh, attend the meeting.

The sponsoring committee consists of Ellsworth Pauley, chairman; John Nowobleski, secretary; William Strasser, Frank Stancovitch, Walter Burkett, Michael Vasselany, Stephen Novotny, James Williams and John Mrozela.

KIWANIS TO HOLD BIRTHDAY PROGRAM

Members of the Northern Cambria Kiwanis Club will observe the 24th anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International at a special program in the Brandon hotel on Monday, January 23rd. The first Kiwanis Club was organized in Detroit, Mich., in 1915.

The committee on education of the Northern Cambria Group will be in charge of the coming program. Members of the committee are M. J. Miller, chairman; George A. Clark and Hillis Conn.

COUNTY DPA LOAD INCREASES BY A PACE WITH PENNA.

Number of Persons Who Live on Relief Hits High Point for Three Year Period.

The first week of the New Year found Cambria County's Relief load keeping pace with the state's by passing the 4,000 mark for the first time since early in 1936. Four thousand cases receiving grants from the Department of Public Assistance means that some 14,000 persons in the county are dependent upon the state for sustenance.

Continued increases in the relief load do not reflect a mere local condition, for announcements from Harrisburg show that during the first week in January the number of persons dependent on state financed general assistance rose above the 700,000 mark for the first time in three years.

More than a quarter of a million cases are on active relief now, and the total is still climbing, statistics show.

The same reasons are applicable to both state and this county, according to the DPAS' own analysis of conditions. Curtailment of WPA, the logical let-down following holiday business up-swings and general post election slackening are believed responsible.

A total of 292 new cases were opened in Cambria County during the week ending January 7th and 114 were closed, leaving a net gain of 178. Of all cases opened 192 were added because of loss of WPA jobs.

GIRL LEAPS TO SAFETY AS FIRE DESTROYS HOME IN ELDER ON SATURDAY

Leaping from a second story window of her home Saturday morning, Dorothy Ashcraft, 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ashcroft of Elder township, escaped with her life when fire destroyed the farm house. The girl suffered a severe injury to one of her ankles and is a patient at the Miners hospital, Spangler. She was forced to leap from the burning home in her night clothing.

The fire is believed to have started from an overheated stove in a room adjoining the kitchen, where Mrs. Ashcraft was busy preparing breakfast. When she opened the door of the room next the kitchen she found it in flames. Mrs. Ashcraft ran to the barn where her husband was feeding the stock, and then went to the home of her son on the same farm to summon help. She collapsed when she reached her son's home. She had been in ill health. Her condition is improved.

The seven room frame house was burned to the ground in short order, the fire consuming all of the family possessions and destroying a large quantity of canned goods and potatoes stored in the cellar.

Flames enveloped the dwelling before an alarm could be sent to the nearest fire company. The girl, sleeping in a second floor bed room, was awakened by the shouts of her parents but found her exit by stairway cut off. She rushed to a window and leaped to safety.

Wind fanned the flames away from the barn and other buildings which were saved. Loss on the house was estimated at between four and five thousand dollars. Ashcraft did not carry insurance on the property, it is said. The fire broke out between 8:30 and 9:00 o'clock, Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashcraft are being cared for at the home of their son, which is located on the same farm.

NEW SECRETARY OF MINES IS A FORMER CAMBRIAN

John Ira Thomas, named by Governor James as state secretary of mines, is a former Johnstownner widely known in mining circles of the bituminous fields.

Product of Pennsylvania mines, Mr. Thomas became a state mine inspector and served in this capacity for a number of years in Cambria county. During the Fisher administration Mr. Thomas was deputy to Secretary of Mines Walter Glasgow. He served as a deputy in the bituminous division for a time under Governor Pinchot. In recent years Mr. Thomas has resided at Philipsburg.

TRUCKERS PRAISED BY PUC CHAIRMAN

Harrisburg.—Public Utility Commissioner Chairman D. J. Driscoll said the other day uncovering of 340 illegal truck operators, all "first offenders", during a four month highway check, indicated that the "Pennsylvania trucking industry, generally, is keeping within the law and cooperating with the commission in enforcement of trucking regulations."

Offenders caught were warned by the Commission to discontinue illegal operations and were advised to make proper application for continued operation. The PUC drive is aimed chiefly at truckers operating without commission authorization and certified truckers moving outside of certificated territory.

The check-ups will be made periodically for protection of law abiding truckers against "chiselers" in the industry, Mr. Driscoll said.

Found—Pocketbook with sum of money. Inquire this office.

ORGANIZED LABOR WILL SEEK STATE WAGE-HOUR LAW

Legislature Will Also Be Asked To Retain Legislation Secured Under Little New Deal.

Harrisburg.—Pennsylvania organized labor will ask the 1939 legislature for a state wage-hour law as well as for retention of the legislation it obtained under the retiring "Little New Deal."

Labor programs, sponsored by the state executive boards of the A. F. of L., State Federation of Labor, and the C. I. O., Pennsylvania Industrial Union Council, will vary on some issues, but will probably dovetail in calling for a wage-hour act and the continuance of increased workmen's compensation and other labor enactments of the Democratic controlled 1937 legislature.

Both of the rival labor organizations disclosed they would seek early conferences with Governor Arthur H. James and Republican legislative leaders to obtain indorsement or rejection of their proposals.

The Industrial Council Executive Board will meet this month to finally approve the state C. I. O. legislative program, while the state federation's measures are already in bill form.

President James L. McDewitt of the state federation revealed his organization will head its proposals with 3 issues:

1—Wage-hour legislation similar to the Federal statute.

2—Amendment of the state Labor Relations Act, to "clarify" certification procedure.

3—Opposition to anticipated amendments to the Unemployment Compensation Act which might tend to reduce benefit payments.

President John A. Phillips of the State Industrial Union Council, said one of the major topics for discussion will be the wage-hour legislation. He said the foundation of the C. I. O. labor program will be "strengthening of laws now on the books."

FIRE DAMAGES HOME ON LORETTO CAMPUS

Fire, which is believed to have started from an overheated furnace, in the basement, on Monday night damaged one of the residence buildings of St. Francis College, Loretto. The fire broke out about nine o'clock and a call was sent to the Dauntless Fire Company at Ebensburg, and the Cresson Volunteer Company. Within half an hour the flames were under control.

Damage to the interior of the building and to furnishings was estimated at more than \$1,000. The house was occupied by Dr. Leighton B. Brown, head of the history department of St. Francis college, who was at the school at the time of the fire. Mrs. Brown and their three children escaped injury.

TWO PLEAD GUILTY TO HIT-RUN COUNT

William Frombach, 17, of Moxham, and William van de Water, 20, of Island Park, N. Y., appeared before Justice of the Peace Charles P. Rowland at Ebensburg on Saturday and pleaded guilty to hit-and-run charges. Both were held for the March term of court in \$1,000 bail. Frombach furnished the bond and van de Water was committed to the county jail.

Both youths face charges of failure to render assistance following an accident in which a car driven by Frombach and owned by van de Water struck and killed Richard Briggs, 66, of Johnstown, and Mrs. Mary (Taylor) Jones, 66, of Jackson township, south of Mundy's Corner last week.

NORTH CAMBRIA CLUB ADMITS NEW MEMBERS

More than one hundred new members have been reported admitted to Northern Cambria Republican Club, at a recent meeting in the Carrolltown American Legion Rooms. J. J. Sheehan, president of the organization, presided. The drive for new members will continue until the goal of 2,500 is reached.

The February meeting will be held at the Moose hall in Hastings on Monday, February 6th. A social hour will follow the business session.

FAGAN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT DISTRICT 5

P. T. Fagan was re-elected president of District No. 5 of the United Mine Workers of America, tabulation of returns at Pittsburgh showed on Monday. The vote was 12,631 for Mr. Fagan and 7,743 for William Bulger of the West Penn Power Co. mines.

All other incumbents were reelected, they are William J. Patton, vice president; William Hargest, secretary and treasurer; and John O'Leary, International executive board member.