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MINERS' WAGE PARLEY OPENS ON MARCH 14TH

Deadline Draws For Renewal of Agreements With Both Bituminous and Anthracite.

Washington — March will be a busy month in the affairs of the United Mine Workers as the deadline draws near for the renewal of agreements with both bituminous and anthracite operators. Beginning March 14, representatives of the United Mine Workers and the bituminous coal operators will meet in joint conferences to negotiate a contract covering wages, hours and working conditions in the industry to replace the present Appalachian agreement which expires March 31.

Preceding the joint meetings, the international policy committee of the union will open conferences March 9, to draw up the points to be submitted in the negotiations. Pres. John L. Lewis will be chairman of these meetings which will be attended by representatives from all the union's bituminous districts.

On March 21, the Anthracite Tri-District convention will open, also in New York, to formulate wage demands to be presented to the joint conference with representatives of the anthracite operators for inclusion in the new agreement. The present anthracite contract expires April 30.

SPANGLER MAN IS KILLED BY AUTO IN STOP TO PET A DOG

Because John Wargo, aged 50, of Nicktown, R. D., liked dogs and had stopped along the highway on Saturday night to pet one, he met his death. Wargo was hit by an automobile on the Spangler and Nicktown road. The accident occurred on Saturday evening, and the man died at the Miners' Hospital on Sunday afternoon. Driver of the car was Hilarion Kirsch, 31, of Carrolltown, who told officers he was blinded by the headlights of an approaching machine and did not see Wargo until he was upon him. The door handle of the Kirsch coupe caught Wargo at the base of the brain, puncturing the skull.

The deceased is survived by his wife and a number of children, as well as several brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held on Wednesday at St. Nicholas' Church, Nicktown, interment being in the church cemetery.

ASSOCIATION FOR BLIND ASKS YOUR HELP IN THE PURCHASE OF ARTICLES

Foster Wilson of near Johnstown, a representative of the Pennsylvania State Association for the Blind, was in Patton last Friday, and addressed the students of the Patton Public schools on the work and endeavors of the state association. The Blind Association has for sale a number of articles that have been manufactured by members, chiefly brooms, which will be offered the public of the county from time to time. These articles are well worth the prices asked for them, and at the same time you are helping men who are physically handicapped to make a living, by purchasing them. When a representative calls upon you give him a hearing, at least. It will be appreciated.

URGENT ANTHRACITE CONTROL BY STATE

Harrisburg—Governor Arthur H. James is holding the polite suggestion of the United Mine Workers that he read the voluminous report of the Democratic sponsored Lauck commission before adopting a plan for rehabilitating the ailing anthracite industry. The commission spent \$73,500 investigating the hard coal hills, including bootleg mining, and recommended state control of production, prices and marketing. The enabling bills were "pickled" by a house mines sub-committee which recorded hundreds of pages of operators' opposition and of the United Mine Workers endorsement of the plan.

DELEGATES ARE CHOSEN LOCALLY FOR CONFERENCE

District No. 2 Miners Also Seek Law On Wage Claims at Du-Bois Convention.

DuBois, Pa. — Legislation giving wage claims priority in bankruptcy proceedings was advocated by 221 delegates of District 2, United Mine Workers of America, in session last week to elect a district scale committee. The miners, in a resolution, condemned the present practice of subordinating wage claims and unanimously opposed efforts to amend the Wagner Act.

Opposition to the confirmation of Maj. Lynn Adams as commissioner of the state motor police, also was expressed by the convention, in a resolution charging activities of the former police head were against organized labor.

Elected to serve with President, James Mark, Vice President Edward Sweeney and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Gilbert on the national scale committee in impending wage conferences in New York, were: John Sloan of Ehrenfeld and Michael Legretto of Colver will represent Cambria County. Other representatives and alternates elected include Andy Tokarcic of Jamesville and Joe Bananzo, McIntyre, delegates from Clearfield, Centre and Indiana Counties; Harry Sheets, Robertsdaie, and Joseph Boylke, Windber, delegates from Bedford, Huntingdon, Blair and Somerset Counties; Thomas Murphy of Delancey and N. C. Connor, Rimersburg, representing Clarion, Jefferson, Armstrong and Elk counties.

CONVENTION OF FIREMEN TO BE HELD LATE JULY

Barnesboro Hosts This Summer — Association Has Meeting in Patton Fire Hall.

The annual convention of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity will be held in Barnesboro the week of July 31. It was announced at the monthly meeting of the association last Thursday night in the Patton Fire Hall. Edward George, Lilly, president, was in charge of the business meeting. He announced that only seven of the volunteer fire companies in the county are not members of the State Firemen's Association. He urged the seven companies to join the association before the annual state convention in Erie.

Representatives from 18 of the 27 companies in the county attended the session. Reports also were presented on the firemen's training schools being conducted throughout the county by George Cartwright of the Johnstown Fire Department. Delegates reported that the schools are functioning excellently. Only four companies in the area are not sending delegates to the schools. They are Scalp Level, Homer City, Cassandra and Oakland. Firemen passed a resolution endorsing the curfew law and recommended that every municipality in the county adopt a curfew law and to enforce it rigidly.

Plans also were advanced for the annual joint meeting of the Somerset County Firemen's Association and the Cambria County association to be held May 11 in Holsopple. The next meeting of the association will be held March 23 in the Dale Borough Municipal Building, it was announced.

HIGHWAY SUPER, SANATORIUM HEAD IN COUNTY CHANGES

Changes in two important offices under state jurisdiction in Cambria county will be made soon, it is indicated. Dr. L. A. Wesner of Johnstown, medical director of the Cresson Sanatorium, will be succeeded shortly by Dr. Thomas H. A. Stites, of Northampton county, former head of the institution. The position pays a monthly salary of \$354.16. John L. Elder of Ebensburg will succeed Paul Gardner of Montrose as County Superintendent of Highways at Ebensburg. His monthly salary will be \$225.00. The changes will be made within the next week it is said.

PRESIDENT ASKS LABOR'S HOUSES UNITE IN PEACE

Groundwork Well Laid Before President's Plea — Recovery Drive Is a Basic Factor.

Washington — For the first time since organized labor split into two factions three years ago, official and unofficial observers here were sufficiently optimistic to predict that before another year passed there would be a re-united labor movement.

Secretary Perkins who was largely responsible for the preparatory work which led up to President Roosevelt's peace plea to the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, indicated that among the objects animating the Administration in the truce efforts was an urgent desire to have industry and a united labor organization cooperate for greater national productivity.

Some significance was seen in the timing of the announcement, following by one day the speech of Secretary Hopkins in Iowa conciliatory to business, by two days Secretary Morgenthau's reassuring statement on taxes and by eight days the President's own reassurance to business just before embarking on his cruise. The Administration has also concluded that labor peace was urgent if the Democratic party was to have a possibility of winning in the 1940 elections.

In connection with the disclosure of several secret meetings between spokesmen for the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. at which a designated agent of the Labor Department was present, it was also reported that at the proper time President Roosevelt might call both sides to the White House.

The President is represented as feeling confident that the warring labor groups can and should settle their difficulties themselves, but if there appear to be final obstacles which he may be of assistance in removing he will summon the disputants to his office and personally help mediate the remaining differences.

The joint session of the committees from the two factions may not be held before April 1, since the United Mine Workers of America will open its wage contract negotiations with the bituminous coal operators on March 14 and these will keep C. I. O. leaders busy. It is believed possible but not probable that a preliminary meeting of the A. F. of L. - C. I. O. conferees will be held within two or three weeks and that it will adjourn until the coal parleys are out of the way. The contract expires on April 1 and hope has been expressed that a new wage agreement may be signed by that time. Except for those who had been "on the inside," the President's request to the warring labor factions came quite unexpectedly.

JAMES EXPRESSES VIEWS ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN STATE

Governor Arthur H. James, in a letter to the State Liquor Control Board on Friday expressed his appreciation of the board's order "that liquor store windows no longer be used to advertise" alcohol beverages, outlined his general viewpoint on the "liquor business in Pennsylvania" and indicated that he is not a prohibitionist. The board's order resulted from James' recent plea that restraint be used in all types of liquor advertising to forestall an impending "disastrous revulsion" of public opinion on the wet-dry issue. At the present time he said he was interested in changing the Liquor Board's policy of "round-robin" displays of the various brands of whiskey, wine and gin in the show windows of the 580 state liquor stores. "I don't believe it is necessary," he said, "to display the wares constantly to get trade, and I don't believe the show windows of the state stores should be used for such advertising."

PATTON CHILD IS INJURED COASTING

Timothy Thomas, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thomas of Patton was admitted to the Miners Hospital, Spangler, at 6:45 o'clock last Thursday evening suffering of possible fractures of both legs and the left arm and brush burns of the head and body. His condition was reported as fair. The lad was coasting near his home when his sled ran into an auto driven by Michael Sholtis of Patton.

CHAIN STORES IN STATEWIDE PUSH UPON RECESSION

Consumers, Farmers, Businessmen Join in "Pennsylvania Days" Prosperity Drive.

All elements in Pennsylvania life are now marshalled for a concerted attack on unemployment and the recession. Under the banner of "Pennsylvania Days for Pennsylvania Prosperity," they are mobilized for the ten day "Pennsylvania Days" drive initiated by 46 of the state's chain systems to increase consumption of Pennsylvania products and boost the state's purchasing power. Advertisers in this issue, particularly the A & P Tea Company's Super Market, and the American Store Co., are in the movement, and our readers' attention is called to the advertisements.

Fred Johnson, chairman of the Chain Store Committee for Pennsylvania Prosperity reported that "consumers, farmers and businessmen have hailed the drive as keynoting the advance to better times. We welcome their cooperation in pushing the state's industry and agriculture sharply ahead. Johnson said that the enthusiastic public reception accorded the chain store drive followed the announcement that the campaign, running from Mar. 2 to 11, is designed as an attack on unemployment and lack of markets for the state's products—factors retarding greater prosperity for the state's 10,000,000 citizens.

"The campaign, as planned by the chain stores, is an answer to challenges issued to business recently to show Pennsylvania the way out," Johnson said. The chain stores are offering in this period products of Pennsylvania, bought and offered for sale in the greatest quantities they can be bought—all of which brings prosperity to our own state. Newspapers and consumers generally are in accord with this movement.

BENEFITS ASKED FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

Harrisburg — Action to put borough employees among beneficiaries of the State Employees Retirement Fund was voted last week by the 99th annual convention of Pennsylvania borough officials. The association directed its legislative and pension committees to draw up a bill for presentation to the Legislature, to bring about the change. It also approved its pension committee recommendation to permit boroughs to change their codes to start a retirement fund system.

Ellwood J. Turner, speaker of the House, addressing the delegates, made a plea for local cooperation in the administration of relief. He said those receiving relief should be "made to work" for it, whether the work be for the federal, state or municipal governments. George F. Greiner of Ridgway advocated broadening the base of taxation, and suggested requiring a person to pay taxes before becoming eligible to vote. State College, Pa., was picked for the 1940 convention.

FARM SHOW AWARDS GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF BUCKHORN CLUB

Dysart — Awards won at the recent State Farm Show were presented to members of the Buckhorn 4-H Club at a meeting Thursday evening in the Buckhorn Grange Hall. Those who received awards were Ruth Marie Hazlett, June Lane, Emma Ross, Ruth Adams, Mildred Chappel, Shirley Lane, Doris Jones, Mary Margaret Jones, Mrs. M. L. Miller, Mrs. M. A. Rhodes and Mrs. Clarence Lane. The presentations were made by Miss Emma H. Eastman, Cambria County home economics representative. Shirley Lane also received a 4-H Club gold medal in home economics from the farm show as an award of merit. The meeting was in the form of a Washington party, with some of the girls appearing in colonial costumes. Member, their mothers and friends attended. Short talks were given by Ruth Marie Hazlett, president, and Mrs. Clarence Lane, leader of the club.

NAME JOHN FOREMAN

President W. W. Davis of the Johnstown Motor Club last week announced the election of John Foreman of Bakerton as a director of the organization, succeeding the late J. C. Jones. Foreman has been a member of the club for some years and is interested actively in schoolboy patrol work.

MINING INDUSTRY SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES LAST YEAR

Production in 1938 in Eight Districts Was Under 1937 — Fatalities Drop, Also.

The mining industry in this area suffered its heaviest tonnage losses in years in 1938, it was disclosed in a tabulation of production reports for eight bituminous districts embracing principally Cambria, Somerset and Indiana counties. In the eight districts, a total of 6,365,847 fewer tons of coal were mined in 1938 than in the preceding year. The output last year was 23,861,923 tons, as compared to a tonnage of 30,227,770 in 1937.

Production in some of the bituminous districts in this area was regarded as the lowest since the districts were formed. However, it was explained that the decrease in production was not only local but was general throughout Pennsylvania. The 25th bituminous district, embracing a large portion of Indiana county and a small part of Armstrong county, suffered the heaviest tonnage loss of the eight districts. The decrease in that district last year was 1,336,034 tons from the preceding year.

The tenth district which embraces mining fields in central and northern Cambria county, had the smallest tonnage loss—333,366. Mining fatalities in the eight districts in 1938 decreased almost one-third from the preceding year. There were sixty deaths recorded in 1937, as compared to 41 last year, a decrease of 19.

PATTON HI COPS NORTH CAMBRIA SECTION 2 TALLY

Thirteen Point Rally in Last Frame Nets 25 to 21 Win Over Barnesboro.

Loretto—After trailing for three quarters of play, Coach Tom Hughes' Patton High cagers went on a 13-point scoring spree in the final quarter to defeat Barnesboro on the St. Francis College floor last Tuesday night and capture the championship of Section 2 of the Northern Cambria League. The score was 25-21. The game was the payoff of a deadlock which occurred during the regular campaign. The victory gave Patton the right to meet Gallitzin, Section 1 champion, in a playoff for the league title and a place in the District 6 eliminations. This contest will be staged on Friday night at St. Francis. It looked like a Barnesboro night as the losers flashed leads of 7-2, 10-9, and 15-12 at he quarters. During the third quarter Patton pulled up on even terms with the opposition at 12-12 for the first time during the evening but was quickly pushed to the rear when Barnesboro counted three points to regain the lead as the period ended. With the start of the closing period, the Patton dribblers flashed their best form and counted more points in that closing round than they could garner in the first three combined. The winners clicked off four straight points in the early minutes of the fourth chapter and pulled into the lead at 16-12. From then on they were never headed. Ryan was the big gun in the Patton attack. He hit the hoop five times from scrimmage and twice from the foul line to account for 12 points. Bosserman and Steele divided scoring honors for the losers, each with eight points.

COUNTY MAY SECURE FIVE POSTOFFICES

Washington — The House appropriations committee announced last week the Treasury and Postoffice Departments had approved federal building projects to cost \$146,421,000 for consideration in any future building program authorized by Congress. They were not included in the 130-million-dollar public building program authorized last year, the committee said, but would constitute a list of eligible projects if Congress decides to expand the program. Postoffice projects in this area, which cannot be undertaken until Congress passes authorization legislation and appropriates money for them, with the estimated cost follow: Barnesboro, \$75,000; Blairsville, \$96,000; Cresson, \$75,000; Legonier, \$75,000; Nanty Glo, \$75,000; Windber, \$91,000; Patton, \$75,000, and Portage \$75,000.

THERE'S NO TAX CUT AT ALL IN JAMES' BUDGET

In Fact His Message Monday to Legislature Shows Funds to Be Needed Highest Ever.

Harrisburg — Governor Arthur H. James submitted to the Pennsylvania Legislature last Monday night a two-year budget calling for an outlay of \$537,058,912. The estimate was the highest for a biennium in the state's history. Former Governor Earle reckoned his 1937-39 budget at 510 million dollars. James said, however, the state will have spent \$640,454,252 by the time that biennium ends—June 1. The budget allowed 129 million dollars for relief.

The commonwealth is spending 10 million dollars a month on relief now. If the present rate of spending continues, relief funds would be exhausted by July 1940, requiring a special legislative session. And if this rate keeps up for the two-year period from June 1, 1939, to June 1, 1941, the state's expenses would exceed revenues by 111 million dollars on account of relief alone. James presented his budget, the 9th biennial budget in the state's history, to the General Assembly but did not read it—a departure from gubernatorial custom. It was accompanied by a 6,000-word message.

James proposed: 1—No new taxes but retention of the same levies imposed by the Earle Administration including the emergency taxes on liquor, corporate net income, capital stock, cigarettes and gasoline. 2—A 20 per cent slash in government costs, hitting most departments. 3—Postponement of the effective date of six acts for two years to effect further economy. This includes the law which would permit the state to assume control of the county mental hospital. 4—Abolition of the securities commission, its duties to be taken over by the Department of Banking. 5—No new money for flood control, the program to continue under the Earle Administration's appropriation. 6—Appropriation of \$100,000 for the Dauphin County grand jury investigation of 14 high Democratic leaders. James estimated general fund expenses at 272 million dollars. The Earle administration's last general fund called for 354 million dollars. James said the Earle Administration left him with a deficit that will amount to 50 million dollars by May 31. At least 42 million dollars of it will have to be reimbursed from the revenues of the next biennium. Added to the general fund was an additional 165 million dollars for the special funds, such as motor license, game, fish, banking department, farm show and milk control.

Total funds available for the biennium, James said, included \$202,500,000 in "normal" revenues and 163 million dollars in the emergency taxes which have been passed for two-year periods only. James said the Earle Administration left him with a deficit that will amount to 50 million dollars by May 31. At least 42 million dollars of it will have to be reimbursed from the revenues of the next biennium. Added to the general fund was an additional 165 million dollars for the special funds, such as motor license, game, fish, banking department, farm show and milk control.

SPORTSMEN PLAN FOR FIELD MEET AT FAIRGROUNDS

The Cambria County Sportsmen's Association, at the February meeting last Thursday night at Ebensburg, decided to hold a field day the latter part of July at the Ebensburg fair grounds. Committees will be appointed later. It is planned to have a full day of attractions appealing to sportsmen, including skeet and trap shooting, probably rifle target shooting, fly and bait casting for the fishermen, with food and refreshments available. The field day as an annual event has been discussed in previous years but this is the first time action was taken. The affair will be held on a Sunday, that workingmen may attend. Seventeen clubs in the county were represented at last week's meeting. The next meeting of the association is slated for March 30th at the Ebensburg court house.

CCC WORK OUTLINED FOR 35-YEAR PERIOD

Washington — Assistant CCC Director James McEntee told the House labor committee last week that enough conservation work already had been authorized by Congress to keep more than 300,000 enrollees busily employed for the next 35 years. The committee is conducting hearings on the Administration's bill to make the CCC a permanent government agency.