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The endeavor of the Union Press-Courier is to sincerely and honestly represent Trade Union Workers in efforts to obtain economic freedom through organizations as advocated by the CIO and AFL, and we solicit the support of trade unions. Material for publication must be authorized by the organization it represents and signed by the President and secretary, and bear the seal.

The Union Press-Courier gives its advertisers the advantage of the two largest circulated weeklies in Cambria County and has a reader coverage that blankets Patton and the major mining towns.

The United Mine Workers of America and the coal operators of the Central Pennsylvania Fields, through sound organizations by both employer and employee, have, for the past several years been able to conduct their affairs on a harmonious basis, to the good of their own respective interests and to the good of the general public. This has been recognized. Hence, any movement made by any parties whatsoever, whether it be AFL truckers, or others, to disrupt this understanding between capital and labor, should be frowned upon in no uncertain terms, not only by members of the operators' association and members of the mine workers, but also by the public in general. The recent so-called recognition of a handful of Progressive Miners in the south of the county can bring only trouble and the incentive that promoted a few men to become Progressive Miners and the small operators that are hiring them, has only one thought in mind—TROUBLE!

To the extent that harmonious and understanding relations have yet been attainable in this topsy-turvy world of ours, in the past several years the Operators' Associations and the United Mine Workers of America, have demonstrated their ability. That a small, and rather unsavory band of miners should be permitted to even enter our territory is not to be considered as a menace, but should be considered as an ambition of others that a few men who are the dupes, to endeavor to make inroads into the UMWA for the sole purpose of trouble making. That any good union men, or leaders, should be responsible for this, should cause the rank and file of all organized labor to query. The rank and file of labor, in our section, is not interested in fights within labor, but want harmony. And the general public, too, should frown upon any movement that tends to create trouble. Even the uninformed and uninterested, know that the handful of Progressive Miners in the Johnstown area, are dupes that are working for others for ulterior motive. They cannot possibly do any good to the organized labor movement. But they are the instruments of a group that likely want to abolish organized labor altogether. And that any union organization should promote them in this area of labor understanding between operators and miners, has the smell of selfishness and jealousies on the part of a few so-called craft labor leaders.

Out in Toledo, Ohio, about 100 WPA workers have been dismissed because they did not perform a reasonable day's work, and several of the dismissed workers refused to do assigned tasks. Which is all right in our thought. This type of worker don't want to help himself. He wants something for nothing.

The Administration at Washington is making arrangements to train thousands of aviation mechanics in high schools, while pilots are being turned out in colleges to meet national defense needs. It all spells trouble in the long run, caused by a couple of men overseas who ruthlessly transgress the rights of nations and of humanity.

The Philadelphia Inquirer is finding fault with the administration at Harrisburg. Strange! The fault lies with an indifferent legislature, unmindful of the mortal sacrifices exacted every fourth of July by the unrestrained use of fireworks, and wants House Bill 305, prohibiting fireworks in Pennsylvania, brought out of committee. We'll agree with the Inquirer. We can get along without a lot of dangerous fireworks.

After an absence of eight years, the custom of handing out "loot packages" to the members of the state legislature is back again. Each Senator this year got a Bible, bill-fold, pocketbook, key case, engagement book, dictionary and fountain pen; and each assemblyman got an address book, pocket book, bill fold, memo book, fountain pen and paper weight — and the taxpayers got a bill for \$3,981.00 to pay for the "loot." Until the depression struck, the "loot" packages were considered

a regular part of the legislature's spoils of office. The "gifts" were purchased with funds from a special appropriation. Some years ago the taxpayers were called upon to pay for such objects as combs and brushes and shoe shining kits. This year the packages are not quite up to the splendor of old, but they still cost \$13.68 for each Senator and \$12.49 for each Representative.

Judge Henry Ellenbogen of Allegheny County terms the state administration's plan to withhold relief from needy persons unless they sign a \$5,000 bond as "vicious, reprehensible, and a club capable of being used to intimidate and coerce the poor. Such a bond will discourage relief recipients from seeking private employment for fear of having their wages attached; will force them into debt so large they will have no hope of ever being able to repay it, and will remove the incentive to become self-supporting and acquire savings. It will take from them all hope of future employment and with that gone, hundreds of thousands of these people will become an easy prey to those who would want to change our economic and political system."

Down in Harrisburg, this session of the Legislature is not unlike most of its predecessors, in that hundreds of bills are presented by members, perhaps not so much because of any hope of passage, as for the effect it may have on some of the assemblyman's, or senator's constituents back home. Now we find our friend, Al O'Connor of Loretto, advocating "State Tobacco Stores." Whether he takes the matter seriously or not, we can't say. However, we would hate to think how the host of tobacco users would take to a proposition where tobacco could only be purchased at state stores. And, to supply the demand, there would have to be state stores in practically every little hamlet and cross roads, and at every store there would have to be at least one man on the state payroll, and — well, honestly, we just can't believe Assemblyman O'Connor is serious.

A couple of months ago it was our privilege to attend a banquet in a North Cambria Hotel, the affair being somewhat of a patriotic nature. You can imagine what was somewhat amused feelings when on the staff of the small American Flags, which decorated each guest's table place, was the caption, "Made in Japan." Nothing was said, but we'll bet most people in the room had the same thought. Now we note in the newspapers that Senator Elmer Thomas, (D.-Okla.) has introduced a bill by which German and Japanese American flags would be barred from importation into this country. Thomas says: "Americans should make American flags to be flown in our own country." And surely this grand old country of ours is big enough to commercialize on its own patriotism, without leaving poorly paid, penny-a-day children and other labor in the Orient to do it.

According to news stories, George E. Prindible, of Patton, says he has "no intention of resigning" as a member of the Unemployment Compensation Division Board of Review. Prindible and Chairman Robert L. Myers, Harrisburg, announced they would not quit after James L. McDevitt, Philadelphia, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, tendered his resignation as a third member of the board.

Contractor Matt McCloskey used to get particular h—l from the Republicans in the campaign days because he built so many state buildings during the Earle administration. Now, we notice Matt has been awarded the contract under the new order to build the new State Liquor Control Board Building at Harrisburg for \$665,000. Which would seem that Mr. McCloskey, being a responsible bidder, is also a low bidder.

Bennie Dickson, two gun Kansas desperado, was shot and killed by G-Men in St. Louis the other day. Bennie was a big time crook, and for some months has been able to successfully evade arrest. But he has gone the way of most "big shot" desperadoes of the past few years. The people of this country can well be proud of the efficiency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

We've been giving Governor James so much publicity in these columns recently, that we're getting sick of it ourselves, but we just can't avoid one more mention this week. That is that the good governor is getting weak, wobbly and undecided on his FIRM stand against completing the Butler State Tuberculosis Sanatorium. That's all for the Governor this week.

Hope for an early peace between the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federation of Labor apparently flickered and went out last Thursday. Unity negotiations between the two labor groups were postponed indefinitely, and some persons close to the conferees doubted that the two peace committees, set up at President Roosevelt's personal request ever would meet again. A bitter and long standing fight between the two groups over proposed amendments to the Wagner Labor Relations Act was the cause of the conference's postponement. CIO President John L. Lewis announced the postponement. He had telephoned AFL Vice President Matthew Woll, and they had "easily agreed" to defer further meeting until a "mutually sa-

tisfactory date." He stressed the word "easily."

The rank and file of labor naturally want peace. The CIO so far has been on the defensive with the AFL, and simply wants to hold its organization intact. When the peace parleys were still in progress, the AFL released literature giving the CIO the devil. One is inclined to believe that the AFL wants peace only if the CIO dissolves itself, and becomes subordinate to all the AFL leaders want. Which, of course, would be a death blow to industrial unionism. To the rank and file of labor there is likely the belief that personal ambitions outshine to common good with many of the AFL leaders. If the peace picture is actually as black as it now appears there is the hint that Mr. Roosevelt may take additional steps to force a settlement. The Wagner Act issue, coming up in Congress on Tuesday of this week, is now one of the most important between the two groups. The AFL is backing several changes. The CIO opposes all changes in the act. President Lewis, it is said, feels he cannot cooperate in seeking peace while engaged in fighting the AFL sponsored Wagner Act Amendments.

**PATTON YOUTHS INJURED**

John Balock of Patton suffered a fracture of the collarbone, Bernard Choby of Patton sustained lacerations of the scalp and Francis Masinko of Media suffered severe brush burns of the body when an automobile in which they were riding skidded on the Patton-St. Lawrence Road, on the Swope curve, when a tire blew out. The car overturned. Masinko, who was spending Easter with his parents in Patton, was driver of the car. He and Balock are patients in the Miners Hospital, Spangler. All were given first-aid treatment by Dr. John Allen Murray of Patton.

**COUNTY LEGION AUXILIARY TO ORGANIZE GROUP**

Plans for the organization of a past president's parley were formulated at the quarterly-meeting of the Cambria County Council, American Legion Auxiliary, last Thursday in the Portage American Legion Home.

Mrs. T. Leroy Beidelman, western vice president of the department auxiliary and a past president of both the county council and the Johnstown unit, was appointed temporary chairman of the parley. She was authorized to complete plans for the definite organization of the group.

All past presidents of any of the 12 auxiliary units will be eligible for membership in the parley, it was announced. Purpose of the group will be to assist widows of ex-servicemen. The parley will select the widow of an ex-serviceman in Cambria County who is confined to a hospital, and will assume the responsibility of providing for her on Christmas and other holidays. Many widows of ex-servicemen are without close relatives and are many times forgotten on holidays, it was pointed out by officials of the council.

Mrs. Laura Campbell, Patton, council president, was in charge of the business session. Mrs. Harry Piper, Altoona, western director, submitted reports on the national defense conference held recently in Washington, D. C., and on other auxiliary activities in the department.

Miss Kathryn Temple, Johnstown department subchairman of membership, reported that present membership of the department is 35,710, which is 2,000 above the corresponding date of last year.

Reports also were submitted by Mrs. Bernerd Shortencarrier, sub-chairman of coupons; Mrs. Anna Jacobs, news letter, and Mrs. Ella Edwards, Rochester, news letter. Mrs. Beidelman announced that the

national auxiliary president and the department president would be honor guests at a reception to be held May 1 in Schenley Hotel, Pittsburgh. A large delegation from Cambria County will attend the affair, she said.

Mrs. Mary Haney, Aliquippa, department rehabilitation chairman, reported that the auxiliary during the last three months spent more than \$5,000 to aid ex-servicemen confined to hospitals.

Address of welcome was given by Commander Edwin Green of the Portage American Legion Post. Entertainment was furnished by Bernard Lezack, Nellie Mickey, Betty Ann Sheriff, Jean Irwin and Carol Gibson.

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS MAKES PERSONNEL CHANGES**

I. Lamont Hughes, secretary of highways, announced 105 appointments and 77 dismissals last Thursday at Harrisburg.

Appointments included: District 9, Hollidaysburg—David E. Lewis, rodman, \$1,020. St. Michael; Walter C. Kurtz, chairman, \$1,020. Summerhill; John Grazonick, chairman, \$1,020. Chest Township, Cambria; Olive I. Hyde, steno-clerk, \$1,020. Manns Choice, Bedford; Dorothy E. Summers, junior steno-clerk, \$1,020. Altoona; Milton Y. Pender, assistant maintenance superintendent, junior grade, \$1,860. Johnstown, for Ebensburg office; Goldie E. Maurer, clerk-typist at Ebensburg, \$1,020. Ebensburg.

**'FOREST GUIDE' AWARD FOR 2,640 BOY SCOUTS**

Harrisburg — The Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters today announced that during 1939 it has conferred the title of "Forest Guide" on 2,640 Boy Scouts located throughout the State. To date, approximately

100,000 Boy Scouts and Scout Masters have received this award.

The honor is awarded to boys and Scout Masters taking the pledge that they will protect and conserve the forests, birds and harmless animals.

**200 HISTORIC SPOTS**

Harrisburg — The Pennsylvania Historical Commission has marked nearly two hundred historical sites in various sections of the State.

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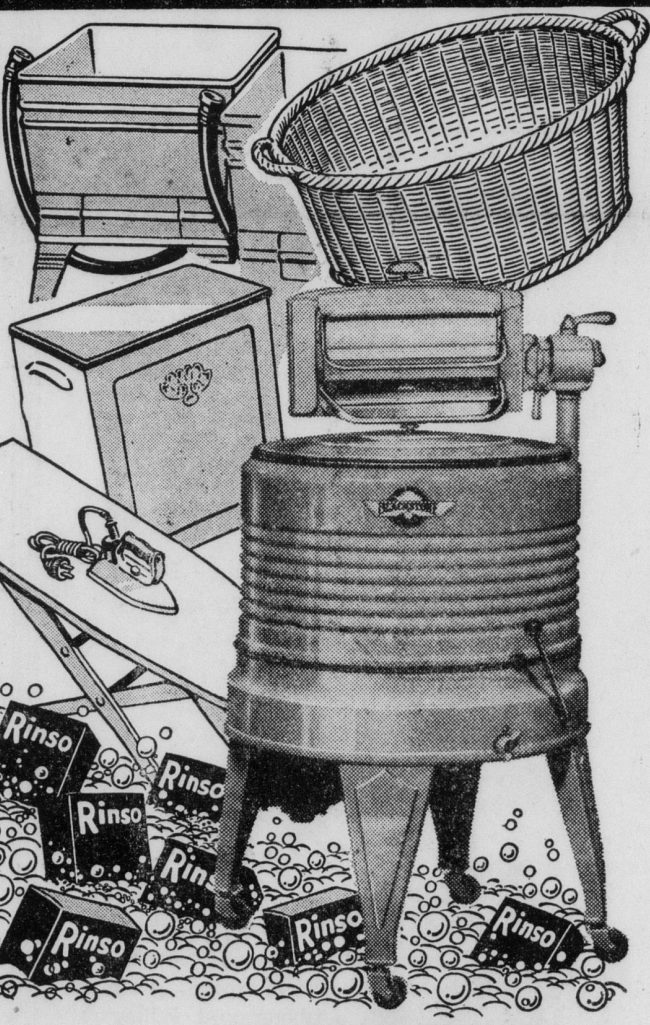
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