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President Calls for Immediate Coal Agreement

CONGRESSMAN HONOR GUEST OF KIWANIS GROUP

Harve Tibbott Urges Strengthening of National Defense at Spangler Dinner Monday.

Urging that the national defense be strengthened so that America need fear no foreign foe, Congressman Harve Tibbott of Ebensburg was the principal speaker on Monday night at a joint dinner meeting held in his honor of the Northern Cambria and Ebensburg Kiwanis Clubs at the Brandon hotel, Spangler.

"I believe that the United States should remain friends with all nations. I do not believe that a drop of blood on Americans should be shed on foreign soil," Congressman Tibbott declared. "I believe that we should keep in mind the lessons of the last war for which we are continuing to pay not only with dollars but in scattered humanity."

"I have in mind the many veterans disabled in the World War, who should be a living lesson to us of the horror of conflict."

"While I do not believe that we should fight any war abroad, I do believe that we should strengthen our national defenses so that we will have the respect of all nations."

Congressman Tibbott told of the manner in which he is endeavoring to represent the people of the 27th district.

"Even a few months in Congress has shown me that the heads of our government are men of high caliber," he said. "They are attempting through service and loyalty to solve our many complex problems. These problems, however, will only be solved by clear thinking on the part of the majority of our people. We must have a unity of purpose. Our Nation is the greatest in the world and it will continue to be such only so long as we adhere to our system of government."

Louis Luxenberg, Barnesboro, was toastmaster. Judge Ivan J. McKeenrick and Attorney Harry A. Englehart, of Ebensburg and Attorney William F. Dill, of Barnesboro, also spoke.

FIREMEN SAVE BOY TRAPPED IN CHIMNEY

Calvin Hicks, fourteen year old Barnesboro boy, is recovering in the Spangler hospital from a harrowing experience on Monday and has resolved, according to his friends, to take a few tips in the future from old Kris Kringle on the technique of any "chimney scanning."

Young Hicks, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks of Barnesboro, attempted to do a "Kris Kringle" Monday down a chimney of the Steele Clark cabin in the vicinity of Cherry Tree. The boy had descended half way down the fieldstone chimney when he became wedged there.

It was exceedingly hot in the chimney. Despite the fact no fire had been built in the fireplace in the cabin, the air was bad and young Hicks became exhausted in his attempt to free himself from the chimney. Two companions who had been playing with Hicks on the roof of the cabin, went to Cherry Tree and advised Chief of Police J. E. Irwin of the boy's predicament.

Irwan and two other men from the town went to the scene but were unable to free the youth. They worked for fifteen minutes and when they realized the boy was growing weaker, they sent in a hurried call to the Cherry Tree Volunteer fire company. The volunteers arrived and after several attempts to free the youth proved futile, they started to tear away the fieldstone and concrete in the chimney.

Finally, after more than an hour had elapsed the chimney had been torn away and the youth released. When young Hicks was freed he collapsed. He was removed to the Spangler hospital in an unconscious condition. But he is now on the way to recovery.

HONOR IS GIVEN EBENSBURG BOY

Howard Clifton McWilliams, Jr., son of County Farm Agent and Mrs. H. C. McWilliams of Ebensburg has been elected the first president for Pennsylvania State College's newly organized All-College Student body.

The Ebensburg young man also has been elected president of the college basketball team for next year and will serve as president of the Penn State chapter of his fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha.

He was graduated from the Ebensburg-Cambria high school in 1935 and entered State College the following year.

GETS BIG SEND-OFF SUN-TELEGRAPH PLAYS LEAD ON 'BILL SIMPSON'S BAND'

The Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, in one of its editions of last Friday gave the Coraopolis High School Band several columns of pictures and story on its first page, in recognition of a concert in which more than 250 musicians of the school took part. Six major musical organizations of the Junior and Major High Schools took part. Of especial interest to Patton folks is the fact that William D. Simpson, of this place, is the director of these musical organizations, and that their widespread prominence has been due in a great degree to his untiring and ever-energetic leadership.

GRAND THEATRE IMPROVEMENTS SOON COMPLETE

Patton Show House Installing Latest in Modern Projection Equipment.

A general renovating is now in progress at the Grand Theatre, Patton. George C. Hoppel, local Patton contractor, has been busy for the past 10 days building a new projection booth. This booth must be built on solid steel girders so that there will never be the least vibration during the projection of a picture. When completed, it will be one of the most modern projection booths in this section of the county.

Brand new projection and sound equipment, embodying all the latest improvements, and new high powered lamp houses will be installed as soon as this booth is completed. While the pictures projected at the Grand are now quite good, we are assured that these latest improvements, running into thousands of dollars, will give a brilliant new appearance to the screen and a clarity of tone, for the new sound equipment will make the Patton showhouse one for our citizens to be more than proud of. As in the past, the Grand theatre takes the lead in providing the best possible for theatre patrons and we may feel well assured that here is one theatre that will always maintain a leading position in the show business and one that will always offer entertainment at its very best.

HIDDEN TAXES ARE UNDER SCRUTINY OF PATTON WOMEN

A nation wide women's tax study movement spread to Patton this week with the announcement of the formation of a local unit of the National Consumers Tax Commission under the leadership of Mrs. Laura Campbell of Patton.

"It is through such non-political groups as this," said Mrs. Kenneth C. Frazier, NCTC president who announced the appointment, "that the women of America can best study the problem of hidden taxes. Most of us are aware we pay these taxes but they add \$10 to every \$30 of rent, \$1.95 to a \$5 hat, and \$1.56 to a \$4 pair of shoes."

The NCTC vice president is Mrs. Melville Muckelstone, a past national president of the American Legion Auxiliary. The drive in this state is led by Mrs. James B. Scott of Philadelphia, the Commission's Pennsylvania National Committee member, and Mrs. Herman E. Mattman, of Philadelphia, the state director.

"Hidden taxes are a real burden on low-income families," explained Mrs. Muckelstone. "They account for sixty-three per cent of all tax revenues raised by local, state, and national governments. They mean higher prices on all food, clothing, fuel, rent and other living essentials. Too often the result is that low-income families have to forego actual necessities."

NANTY-GLO MINERS VOTE TO REPULSE JOHNSTOWN UNION

United Mine Workers at Nanty-Glo have declared "war" on deliveries made to Nanty-Glo merchants by the truck drivers affiliated with the Johnstown Drivers' Union, No. 110 (A. F. of L.) according to action taken on Saturday.

Nanty-Glo local, 1836, UMWA, with a membership of approximately 1,700, voted "thumbs down" on store products delivered by members of Local Union No. 110. In addition to sending a committee to notify Nanty-Glo merchants not to accept deliveries, the union miners announced they would be on the look-out this week for any trucks manned by Local 110 drivers.

CIO IS TOLD THE LIBERAL LAWS ARE BEING SMASHED

State Industrial Union Told Republicans Throttling Legislation So Hardly Earned.

Harrisburg.—Three Democratic legislators contended at the final session of the CIO state convention last week that the Republicans were "throttling" liberal legislation.

"All the efforts of liberal groups for social and humane legislation are being wiped off the statute books of Pennsylvania by the James administration," Senator John H. Dent of Westmoreland county, declared.

Representatives James E. Lovett of Westmoreland and C. O. Williams, of Washington, said house Republicans had been "inconsiderate and unfair" to the minority. The majority, they protested, has blocked liberal legislation in committees and overridden efforts to protect existing laws from amendments.

Whistling shouting delegates to the convention last Wednesday have made it unofficially but unmistakably clear that they favor a third term for President Roosevelt. A prediction by E. L. Oliver, national vice president of Labor's Non-Partisan League, that Roosevelt "could win if we can persuade him to run again," brought the 1,000 members to their feet.

Delegates wound up their three day session last Thursday and chose Reading for the 1940 convention.

The convention was highlighted by: 1—Official indorsement of President Roosevelt for a third term. 2—Caustic denunciation of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and declarations that the CIO would not make peace with its rival unless the AFL changed its leadership. 3—United opposition to any weakening of the National Labor Relations act or of labor measures enacted during the Earle administration.

RAIDS ON SLOT MACHINES NUMBER RACKETEERS NET A LITTLE CASH FOR COUNTY

Swinging a large sized sledge hammer, with a court order signed by President Judge John H. McCann as his authority, Chief County Detective John F. Carroll Monday afternoon at the courthouse demolished ten slot machines which had been seized by county sleuths in raids. The machines, according to purchasing experts are, or rather were, worth \$125 each. Before Detective Carroll used his strong arm to wreck the machines, he, assisted by County Detectives Arthur Edwards, Charles Cowan and John P. McGowan, counted their cash contents. As a result the county treasury was enriched \$420.90.

In addition, the county detectives Monday afternoon, also under a court order turned \$200 over to the county treasury. The money had been seized by them in raids on numbers racketeers.

COLLEGE TRUSTEES ELECT CYRUS DAVIS SECRETARY OF BOARD

Cyrus W. Davis of Conemaugh, the Cambria county sheriff, was elected secretary of the board of trustees of the Indiana State Teachers College at the annual reorganization meeting last week at Indiana. Wallace Chapman of Indiana was named president of the board, and Harry F. Carson, of Saltsburg, vice president.

GEO. SAMPLE ACTING POSTMASTER BAKERTON

The United States Post Office Department last Friday announced the appointment of George Sample as acting postmaster for Bakerton. He succeeds the late Chester P. McCoy, whose death occurred last month. Mr. McCoy had held the office for nine years. Mr. Sample has been operating a store in Bakerton for a number of years.

NICKTOWN BALL CLUB TO OPEN 1939 SEASON ON SUNDAY

Fred Pfister, manager of the Nicktown Baseball Team announces that the opening game of the 1939 season, Nicktown vs. Hellwood will be played on the Soisson Diamond, Nicktown on Sunday, May 14th beginning at 2:30 P. M.

The Nicktown Club this year is much stronger than in the past years, and issues a challenge to any and all teams who think they "got something." For arrangements call or write Fred R. Pfister, Mgr., Phone 15 Nicktown, in the evening or at noon or see Abe Peters at Dumm's Garage, Spangler.

OPEN HOUSE DAY WILL BE OBSERVED AT MINERS' HOSPITAL FRIDAY, MAY 12.

In conjunction with thousands of hospitals throughout the world, the Miners' Hospital at Spangler will hold its annual open house on Friday afternoon May 12, from 2 to 4 o'clock. The open house is held each year to commemorate the birthday of Florence Nightingale. Visitors to the hospital at that time will be shown through the institution and later served tea and cookies by members of the Miners Hospital Auxiliary.

PROTHONOTARY ASSISTS MINE WORKERS FILING

Logan Coal Company Employees at Beaverdale Send A "Thank You" to Hite for Services.

The Logan Coal Company employees of Beaverdale, payless from December until the mine shut down in February, recently took legal steps to recover unpaid wages amounting to nearly \$30,000. Claims for labor were made by nearly 600 former employees of the Logan Coal Company. In order to eliminate the necessity of the men appearing at the prothonotary's office at Ebensburg, Prothonotary John L. Hite and his first deputy, Roy B. Griffith, established temporary headquarters at Beaverdale Miners' Hall to take affidavits made by the claimants.

Between 20 and 25 Beaverdale men served as volunteer clerks in preparing the claim forms and throughout an entire day Prothonotary Hite and Mr. Griffith attested to the statements of claim of the men who were thrown out of work in February. This action of the United Mine Workers at Beaverdale to recover back-pay marked the largest collective movement on the part of employees in the history of the county. Special forms provided by the UMWA were used by the miners in filing claims for labor. In addition to receiving claims from 592 men at Beaverdale, Prothonotary Hite visited Memorial hospital at Johnstown, to accommodate two former miners of the company. Statements were also taken from a couple of men in the county jail.

Arrangements for "moving the prothonotary's office" were made by a committee of United Mine Workers of Beaverdale, and the service given by Prothonotary Hite has been fully appreciated by the Beaverdale Local Union, when, at the regular meeting on April 20th, officially recognized the service rendered by a resolution, and thanked Prothonotary Hite in the following formal notice:

"John L. Hite, Prothonotary, Ebensburg, Pa. "Local Union No. 2233 of Beaverdale at their regular meeting held April 20th, 1939, passed a resolution expressing their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the services that you rendered them in the filing of their claims for wages against the Logan Coal Co. You saved them the expense and the inconvenience of a trip to the county seat in addition to dispensing with the payment of the customary notarial fees, which in this case would have amounted to a considerable sum. In conclusion, we again thank you, and rest assured that the Beaverdale miners will not forget their friends. In behalf of the Beaverdale Miners, Jacob Rec-Sec'y." (Seal) L. U. 2233, U. M. W. of A."

MCCANN, MAYER, WILL BE SPEAKERS AT SUNSET LEGION SERVICES

President Judge John H. McCann and District Attorney Stephens Mayer, past commander of Johnstown Post No. 294, American Legion, will be the principal speakers at the annual Legion Memorial Day services to be held at Sunset Park at 2 o'clock on Sunday, May 28th.

The service, at which 18 posts in the county will participate, will be held under the auspices of Fox-Peale Post, No. 506, of Carrolltown, and the Lynn Weatherston Post, No. 569, of Spangler.

Edward Green of Portage, chairman of the Cambria County Legion Committee, will head the committee in charge. Mr. Mayer will deliver the Legion eulogy. There will be no parade. The use of the park is being donated by Fred Luther. Music will be furnished by Memorial Post No. 174 Junior Drum and Bugle Corps of Gallitzin, three times winner of the national championship, together with the Spangler high school and Coalport boys' band. Other participants will be announced later.

INSISTS UPON REOPENING OF THE MINES AT WHITE HOUSE MEETING

Operators and United Mine Workers Representatives Again in New York to Work Out Truce, So That in All Likelihood Deadlock Will Be Broken This Week.—Secretary of Labor Perkins Scores Operators, Saying Miners Offered Means of Keeping at Work.

President Roosevelt on Tuesday told deadlocked coal operators and union representatives the public interest demands that the Nation's shutdown mines reopen at once. Bluntly informing the coal conferees their obligations as American citizens came first, the chief executive told a joint committee representing operators and miners to go into continuous session and agree upon a formula ending the shutdown of mines, by Wednesday night of this week. Of course, once again our press time of Wednesday morning precludes us from publishing the outcome of this virtual ultimatum, but both parties agreed to meet as directed by Mr. Roosevelt. In all likelihood something will happen to end the coal mining tie-up before the end of the week. The President handed down his dictum at a noon day White House Conference with operators and miners. Secretary of Labor Perkins sat in on the talks. Mr. Roosevelt said he was not anticipating any failure to comply with his order. Details of the settlement, he said, must be worked out by the miners and operators. In the event a truce is not achieved at once, the chief executive strongly indicated he might take further action, but declined to discuss what this specific action might be. He did clearly indicate he would not countenance any failure of the conferees.

Thus, in all probability mines will again shortly resume working. The president said his conference earlier Tuesday with spokesmen from both factions had demonstrated the parties are in agreement on every point respecting hours and working conditions, and that wages are not an issue in the dispute. On another point in the controversy, the union shop, he said that it was apparent they were in agreement "in principle" but unable to agree on working details. The conferees were agreed on the principle of vertical unionism, recognizing the United Mine Workers as a vertical union for collective bargaining. It was intimated the President did not demand complete settlement on such short dispute discover a basis for truce by Wednesday night.

At the break-up of the conference the entire coal deadlock was shrouded in uncertainty. The only really definite outcome was announcement that negotiations would again resume in New York. There was no indication of progress or hint of the strong Presidential demands from either the White House or the committee members, at that time. The President, faced with the emergency nature of the deadlock broke precedence in summoning the conference. Never before had he made an identical, direct, face-to-face bid for peace in a basic industry dispute.

Meanwhile, a prediction that "some plan" to break the soft coal deadlock is being worked out before the "deadline" fixed by the President, was made by a federal conciliator in New York, as operator representatives laid before their colleagues the gist of the President's request. A meeting of the sixteen-man operators' committee got under way a few minutes after the return from Washington of five operators who went there with the five union spokesmen to confer with Roosevelt. Both the operators and the miners, it was indicated, have mapped out their plans for the joint sessions of today (Wednesday).

On Monday Secretary of Labor Francis Perkins was in New York in an effort to accomplish something. To newspapermen she reviewed at length what she termed her understanding of the situation. She recalled that the union had on three occasions to her knowledge offered to keep the mines operating during a three period of negotiations, and that the operators had refused. "This constitutes a violation of the ethics of collective bargaining," she said. "Among the things that are generally accepted in collective bargaining is that every effort will be made to continue operations during the period of negotiations. This refusal to do so, I think, was a mistake. I wish it could be corrected at this time. If this offer had been accepted, there would have been no stoppage of coal, no hunger in the mine districts."

As President John L. Lewis had done on Monday, she also remarked that the Mine Workers has given up twenty-seven of their recommendations but were insisting on the 28th, involving the union shop. She cited these two factors as being "very important." First: The National Coal Commission is expected to announce minimum prices in the rather near future—two months at least. Second: A recent recommendation by an NLRB trial examiner in the case of a miner who claimed he was discharged by the Kelly Creek Coal Company of West Virginia because he was a member of the P. M. W. A., the AFL, Rival of the UMWA. The examiner was of the opinion that the company could not plead an exclusive agreement with the UMW unless it were written into the contract, that membership in the UMW was a condition of employment. Thus, it can readily be seen that the UMWA must have a closed shop for its own protection. Those who censure Lewis for a tie-up of the mines are not correct in their deduction. It must be remembered the union would have kept the mines working during negotiations. It was the operators who refused. It is a known fact that between 70 and 80 per cent of the Appalachian operators are willing to sign a contract on the union's terms, and the operators of our own Pennsylvania districts are included among those. In simple language the Mine Workers propose an extension for two years of the old wage agreement in all of its terms, schedules and conditions, with the addition of two sentences in its enabling clause reading as follows: "It is agreed that as the exclusive bargaining agency, representing the employees of the parties of the first part, it is agreed that as a condition of employment, all employees shall be members of the United Mine Workers of America, except in those exempted classifications of employment as provided in this contract." Not much wanted that concerns operators in the northern sections. But it means a great deal to the operators of the south, who see in it no way of breaking up unions, and see no way of going back to the low wages of former years. Every citizen, every business man, every miner, of this section should hope that out of the President's ultimatum, the United Mine Workers of America are successful in obtaining this one vital clause. In time it can mean protection for all of us.

SYPHILIS CLINIC AT SPANGLER HOSPITAL TWO DAYS WEEKLY

As a result of arrangements made by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Spangler Hospital (Basement) State syphilis clinic will hold a special one-hour period each Wednesday and Friday during the month of May, from 3 to 5 p. m.

The clinic, which is located in the Spangler hospital basement will have a physician in attendance from 3 to 5 o'clock every Wednesday and Friday to take blood Wassermann specimens from all citizens who are unable to enjoy the services of a private physician. The specimens will be examined at the State laboratory in Philadelphia.

This clinic, which has been in operation in Spangler for 19 years, has furnished an extremely important health service to the community. Conducted unobtrusively yet with scientific efficiency, it has treated scores of indigent persons who otherwise would have gone without this life saving assistance. And, by proper treatment, it

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED BY UNION'S PRINTERS

Edwin C. Bell was re-elected president of Johnstown Typographical Union Saturday night last at the annual business meeting of the printers. Mr. Bell served as head of the organization during the past year.

Other officers re-elected are Lloyd C. Berkey, retained as secretary-treasurer for the third term; and William Espy, re-elected recording secretary. Committees for the new year will be named later.

Soundings are being made to study the depth of Crater Lake, California, the second deepest lake in the world.

has kept many of these patients from becoming public charges.

The State-wide Wassermann survey was arranged by Dr. John J. Shaw, Secretary of Health, to give the general public an opportunity to take an active part in the state campaign. "To treat syphilis, we must first find syphilis," the Secretary said recently. "The Wassermann test is our best way of finding it."