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COMMENCEMENT MARKS ANOTHER SCHOOL ENDING

Senior Class of Patton High Gave Formal Program in Local Theatre on Tuesday.

With the theme, "Careers Ahead" as its topic, and a pleasant and interesting program as an achievement, the pupils of the senior class of the Patton High School on Tuesday evening of this week, rounded out the fortieth annual commencement of the institution, at the Grand theatre. County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Arthur M. Stull, gave the commencement address and presented the medals and diplomas, and another large and successful graduating class of Patton high school now is history.

Tuesday evening's commencement program was in two parts, the first being the theme, "Careers Ahead", in six scenes, as follows:

I.—Radio announcer, Wendell Rowland.

II.—Scene: A public library. Librarian, Barbara Westrick; Student, Bernadette Conrad; Reporter, Helen Evans; Aviator, Paul Barank; Forester, John Prebillo; Air Conditioning Engineer, Paul Shottis.

III.—Scene: A dress shop. Proprietress, Anna Mary Bortman; Designer, Dorothy Turner; Models, Kathryn Biller, Eleanor Biller, Rose Thomas and Lorraine Sunseri; Customers, Emma Gresko, Florence Leary, Anna Pristas, and Anna Adams.

IV.—A Street in Hollywood. Doctor, Michael Sottile; Nurse, Hazel Link, Properties Man for a Moving Picture Studio, William Chirdon.

V.—Scene: A beauty shop. Beauty Shop, Beauty curators, Dorothy Thomas, Isabelle Linglet, Rita Viscovi.

VI.—A One Act Play: "Yes Means No." Scene: The Office of Mr. Lawson: Mr. Lawson, an executive, Frank Cossitor; Miss Collins, a secretary, Anna Shatrosky; Teddy, Lawson's son, Herman Gill; Mr. Morgan, a business man, Melvin Gardner; Miss Merrill, Teddy's fiancée, Rita Hazenstaub.

Song, "Can I Forget You," by the Senior Chorus.

Part Two. I.—Milkmaids. Helen Grozanic, Alice George, Mildred Kartheim; Farmers, Luke Davis, Michael O'Donahue, Serenus Nagle.

II.—Cowboys. Howard Healy, narrator; Singer, Thomas Reed; Donald Blick, Joseph Melko, Eugene Skurky, Raymond Schenk.

III.—Singers. Muse of Music—Martha Jane Dunbar. "Songs—Subian Folk Song," "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," "Lo, How A Song Enchanting," "First Rate Opportunity."

IV.—Homemakers. Bride, Mae Wentz Groom, John Sever; Best Man, Clair Bender; Maid of Honor, Lauretta Boyle; Minister, Frank Kinkead.

V.—Narrator of the Measure of Time, Rita O'Leary; Clock Repairman, Louis Carretti; Clock Dancers, Jane Chirdon, Elsie Jones, Mary Resko, Eleanor Cihan, Marjorie Morrow, Kathleen Crowell, Ida Mae Merrill, Nellie Wilkinson.

VI.—Coach of High School Athletics, George Tinnik; Members of the team, Louis Carretti, James Crowell, Raymond Kelly, Edward Link, Raymond Ryan, William Simpson, Glen Wert and Walter Squires.

VII.—Spanish Dancers. Diana Camarata, Lillian Finnet, Eleanor Jones, Marjorie Steir, Stanley Moreschky, James Toseki, Frank Rounsey, Louis Stoltz.

VIII.—Radio Announcer, Wendell Rowland; Song, "God Bless America." Address and Presentation of Diplomas and Medals, Dr. Stull, and "Parting Song," Senior Chorus.

The class roll of the 1939 graduating class is as follows: Anna Mildred Adams, Lauretta Rose Boyle, Clair Milton Bender, Kathryn Elizabeth Biller, Paul Barank.

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SIX ARE ORDAINED PRIESTS AT ALTOONA

Six seminarians of St. Francis college, Loretto, were ordained to the priesthood at a pontifical mass celebrated by Most Rev. Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona Thursday last.

Ordained for the Altoona diocese were Revs. Joseph M. O'Toole, Altoona, and Thomas J. Shea, Portchester, N. Y. The other four, Revs. Eugene J. Estill, Springfield, Ill.; Daniel Eagan, Boston, Francis P. King, Ireland, and Mark L. Santucci, Palmer, Mass., will be assigned to various dioceses.

In a ceremony preparatory to the priesthood three seminarians received the tonsure order. They were Francis Gerney, Altoona, and Bernard McDonnell and Joseph Manik, for the Portland, Ore., diocese.

SENATOR JOHN HALUSKA AGAIN LOCAL BURGESS

Matter of WPA Help for Patton Mine Fire Will Be Taken Up By Senator This Week.

State Senator John J. Haluska again is Burgess of Patton Borough. Members of Council at a special meeting on Saturday morning appointed Senator Haluska to fill the unexpired term of Andrew Jacobs, who resigned early last week to accept a position in Philadelphia.

Appointment of Senator Haluska as Burgess came after a meeting of the council with Works Progress Administration Engineers and state mine officials regarding the fire burning in an abandoned mine in the borough.

Council hopes to be able to sponsor a WPA project whereby labor will be provided for extinguishing the fire, which already has caused a cave-in on the Patton and Flannigan road.

During the session it was found that it would be necessary to have the signature of the borough Burgess on certain legal documents before the proposed project could be presented to WPA officials. Council unanimously selected Senator Haluska for the post he originally held for a four year term. He was sworn in at 2 p. m. Saturday.

Senator Haluska said that an emergency project will be drawn up by the local WPA officials that will ask for sufficient funds to drill 20 test holes, 30 feet deep in the vicinity of the abandoned mine. In this manner it is believed by officials that it can be determined how long the fire has been burning and to what extent the flames have spread.

It is also thought that after the test holes have been drilled officials will be able to tell whether or not the homes and other buildings in that section of the borough are in danger.

The state senator said the plans would be brought to his office in Harrisburg on Tuesday evening of this week and that he would submit the proposition to WPA officials on Wednesday morning. He said he will make every effort possible to have the project "cleared" at Harrisburg, and in Washington, D. C., by the end of the week.

He also said that if the test holes disclose a dangerous condition, a larger project will be submitted to the WPA asking for assistance in a program to bring the fire under control.

MRS. MAE M. MOORE LEAVING SPANGLER AS HOSPITAL HEAD

Mrs. Mae M. Moore, superintendent of the Miners' hospital at Spangler for the past two years, has tendered her resignation effective June 1, and will leave at that time to become superintendent of the Franklin hospital at Franklin, Pa.

Members of the Spangler hospital Auxiliary tendered Mrs. Moore a farewell dinner at the Brandon hotel last week. The departing superintendent was presented a handsome white traveling bag and a pair of gloves.

Mrs. Moore was lauded by spokesmen for the auxiliary for her services to the Spangler institution. A number of major improvements have been recorded at the hospital during her tenure of office. In responding to the tribute, Mrs. Moore paid homage to the co-operation she was given by the auxiliary during the time she served as superintendent of the institution.

In going to Franklin Mrs. Moore will enter into a larger field. Prior to coming to Spangler she served in a supervisory capacity at Latrobe hospital. Previously she had served in the Braddock General Hospital.

At Franklin Mrs. Moore will succeed a Miss Ames who is retiring after serving 22 years as superintendent of the Franklin hospital.

No successor to Mrs. Moore has yet been named at the Miners' hospital. Miss Ruth Cartwright, of Patton, who has been connected with the Spangler hospital for several years, will serve as temporary superintendent. The board of trustees of the hospital will meet June 8th at which time a successor may be named.

BANDITS LOOT STORE AT CRESSON RECENTLY

Two masked bandits held up Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Warner at their store in Cresson last Thursday night and stole \$30 from the cash drawer.

When the bandits entered the store, both wearing blue handkerchiefs on their faces, Mrs. Warner was alone. They held her at bay with revolvers. A short time later Mr. Warner also entered the store and he was forced to stand with his hands in the air as thugs looted the cash drawer. The bandits were described as young men and state and local police are investigating.

Memorial Day Programs

Memorial Day and the period preceding it, will be fittingly observed in Patton by both the members of Walter McCoy Post, No. 614, American Legion, and John White Post, No. 779, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the auxiliaries of the service organizations, and the general public.

Religious memorial services will be held this year in the SS. Peter and Paul Greek Catholic church, and will be in charge of the Rev. Father Stephen Loya. The services will start at 7 o'clock on Sunday evening, May 28, and both the members of the Legion and the Foreign War Veterans will attend in a body. The general public, too, is invited to come.

On Tuesday morning, May 30th, veterans of both organizations, will meet at their club rooms at 7:30 a. m., and will be joined by the school children in a memorial parade, which will

terminate on Magee avenue, and will be addressed at 8:15 by the Rev. Thora-hauer. Following this the usual visit to the cemeteries will be made by the ex-servicemen.

County Service at Sunset.

The annual American Legion County Council Memorial Service will be held next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Sunset Park, and indications are that a large crowd of ex-servicemen and friends will be present from all parts of Cambria. Eighteen posts will participate, and the arrangements are in the hands of the Carrolltown and Spangler Legion Posts. Principal speakers will be President Judge John H. McCann and District Attorney W. Stephens Mayer. The championship Gallitzin Drum and Bugle Corps will be present, as will also the Spangler high school and Coalport Boys' band.

CIO FORTIFIED BY RECENT GAINS IN VARIOUS FIELDS

Coal Settlement, Textile Union's Progress, Wagner Act Hearing Delays, Are Cited.

Washington.—John L. Lewis's "union shop" victory in the bituminous coal fields, supplemented by other recent events, have measurably increased the prestige of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The United Mine Workers of America, by holding fast, warded off attacks from the operators, administered a set-back to the American Federation of Labor and kept its strength intact for possible attacks from other directions.

The miners' union has always had to guard its rear by preventing non-union steel companies from encroaching on the mine organization by way of the "captive" mines maintained by the steel employers. To offset being enfiladed in this way, the miners' union long believed it necessary to organize steel, and the plan has been successful in part. Had the miners lost the coal negotiations, some of the captive mines might have been torn away from the union and the strategic position in the steel industry would have been affected.

But now the CIO is reporting big progress in organizing the textile workers at a convention in Philadelphia, and even the southern workers had their representatives there.

On the Washington front, the CIO has had what it also regards as a good "break," for it now appears likely that Congressional hearings on proposed amendments to the Wagner Labor Relations Act may string out for such a long time that it will be impossible to get committee reports ready with recommendations to congress before adjournment.

MINE OWNERS OF THIS DISTRICT AND UMWA IN SIGNED AGREEMENT

Harrisburg.—Unanimous agreement among two central and southwestern Pennsylvania Producers' Associations and United Mine Workers' leaders on terms of bituminous miners' contracts was announced last Thursday night.

Charles O'Neill, president of the Central Pennsylvania Coal Producers' Association, said his group and the Somerset County Coal Association under the leadership of William Miller, reached an agreement retaining terms of the present contract with addition of a clause calling for the "union shop" in their mines.

The negotiators, working out detailed contracts based upon general terms of the agreement reached in New York for mines in the Appalachian district, comprised the scale conditions of the two producers' groups and of District No. 2 United Mine Workers of America, headed by President James Mark. Commercial producers in the territory, exclusive of steel company owned mines—claim to employ about 50,000 workers and produce between 40 and fifty million tons of soft coal annually.

The territory involved includes Clearfield, Jefferson, Armstrong, Indiana, Centre, Lycoming, Tioga, Cambria, Elk, Huntington, Bedford and Somerset counties.

Announcement Engagement.

Announcement of the betrothal of the coming marriage of Miss Mary McCombie, Spangler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCombie, to Dr. Joseph W. Raymond of Johnstown, has been made. The wedding will take place on June 1st in Holy Cross Church, Spangler.

EMPLOYMENT ON A COMPULSORY BASIS IN RELIEF

State Senate Bill Likely Faces A Certain Enactment by House Before Week Ends.

Harrisburg.—The State Senate on Monday night approved a bill requiring persons on relief to work for their grants if municipal projects are provided.

The vote was 26 to 21. One Democrat, Joseph P. Dando, voted with the Republicans.

The measure, drafted by the majority, threw the senate into wide open debate.

John H. Dent (Democrat of Westmoreland) described the measure as "work Democrat or starve Democrat" bill.

"They'll pick out who is going to work. They can say 'vote right and we won't send you to work. This is slave labor legislation,'" Dent cried. His Democratic colleagues echoed his words.

Republican Floor Leader G. Mason Owlett retorted that the Legislature should "be thinking of the poor homeowners who are working long days to keep themselves from the dole."

Owlett predicted the work relief bill would be enacted before the legislature adjourned this week. The measure must go through the house.

"The work relief bill is going thru," Owlett asserted, as Republican chiefs called for prompt action on the remaining issues for adjournment sine die by Saturday. Governor James expressed the belief that the legislature could quit by then, saying he would be glad to get "down to other business."

The remaining problems are piling up in the senate. The house is virtually finished. The Pierson bills calls upon municipal authorities to employ relief recipients on local projects. Anyone refusing to work would be thrown off relief. They would be returned to the state rolls once a project was completed.

LLOYD IS ELECTED DPA BOARD HEAD AT INITIAL MEETING

Evan B. Lloyd of Westmont, executive secretary of Greater Johnstown Community Chest, was elected chairman of the newly appointed Department of Public Assistance Board in Cambria county.

The seven members held their first meeting in the DPA offices in Johnstown last week. A. L. Hunt of Cresson was named board vice chairman and Mrs. Mary M. Hayes of Westmont was elected secretary. Dr. Charles E. Overberger of Barnesboro is the only member of the present board that served formerly.

Board members said they foresaw no change in the county relief set-up, pointing out that the procedure of the Department of Public Assistance is well defined by law. Dr. John Allen Murray of Patton, is a member of the new board.

TRAIN KILLS MAN NEAR NANTYGLLO P. R. DEPOT

Said by officers to have been trespassing on the railroad right-of-way, James Oliver McCoy, 52, of Cardiff, was killed instantly when he was struck and run over by a ten car coal train near the Pennsylvania railroad station in Nanty-Glo early on Sunday morning.

The deceased was a miner and had lived alone in Cardiff for a number of years.

PATTON FOLKS CAN EASILY MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

Local Chamber of Commerce in Urgent Appeal That WPA Funds Be Utilized.

The Patton Chamber of Commerce, during the week, through the distribution of handbills, called attention to the property owners to the fact that Federal funds, through the Works Progress Administration, can materially assist them in the improvement of their properties, if they take the necessary steps to accomplish it. The notices distributed by the Chamber of Commerce read as follows:

"Property Owners of Patton, Please Notice!—Now is the time to look forward to improving our community and the value of our properties!

Through the efforts of our Borough Council, WPA funds are now available for the improvement of our streets and sidewalks. This means that these improvements can now be realized at the lowest possible cost to property owners.

"As regards your sidewalk — The WPA will furnish all labor free and you pay only the cost for the material used—either for a brand new sidewalk or for the repairing and relaying of your old sidewalk. The cost of an entirely new sidewalk, for example, would be—For a 50-foot length, 4 feet wide, made of brick, \$22.00; or made of concrete, \$24.00.

"As regards our streets—Unimproved streets can now be put into first class condition with a surface of amosite—if property owners will cooperate by helping to pay for the materials used for improving streets fronting on their lots. Remember, all labor costs are borne by the Federal Government. This means, that in order to have our unimproved streets put in good condition, it can be done now for only a fraction of the costs the property owners had to bear at the time our paved streets were laid. Then the cost for a 50-foot frontage was approximately \$250.00 or more—now the cost would amount to only approximately \$35.00 or \$40.00.

"So, let's get together and act now, while WPA funds are available. After awhile it may be too late. WPA funds may not be available. Then we would all be sorry.

"Notify the borough office that you are ready to do your part. And do it at once, so that this work may be done this summer.

"Yours for better streets and sidewalks. PATTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE"

GOVERNOR SIGNS BEFORE-MARRIAGE BLOOD TEST LAW

Harrisburg.—Governor James signed into law last week a measure designed to prevent the marriage of persons infected with syphilis. A companion bill was recalled by the Senate for minor amendments.

Under the law, new applicants for marriage licenses will be compelled to show a physician's certificate that both parties are free of syphilitic infection or have the disease in a non communicable stage before the license can be issued. The law becomes effective on May 17, 1940.

The companion bill, which probably will be sent back to the governor for signature after it has been amended, would direct physicians to make serological tests to disclose presence of absence of syphilis infection in prospective mothers under their care and report findings to the state health department. Originally mandatory, the bill was recalled for amendments to make the test optional to expectant mothers.

Both bills, introduced by Representative C. Gilbert Wolfenden, of Indiana, were redrafted of similar measures which were vetoed by the Governor last month because they failed to contain penalty clauses. The amended bills provided for summary proceedings against violators with penalties of \$20 to \$100 fine or 10 to 30 days' imprisonment.

The bills were supported by the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the State Federation of Women's Clubs and several other organizations.

TROOPS ASSIGNED PARTS FOR PEARY PAGEANT JUNE 18TH

Twenty-two troops in Admiral Robert E. Peary Council, Boy Scouts of America, will assist in staging a pageant on the life of Peary during the annual Scout pilgrimage to the monument of the famous Arctic Explorer at Cresson on Sunday, June 18.

Assignment of parts to the troops was made last week. Eleven scenes are included in the pageant, at which all scouts present will participate. All county troops are included.

STATE REASONS COMPENSATION ACT CONTINUE

Representatives of Districts Nos. 2 and 5 Plead to Committee and the Legislature.

Energetically combating any of the proposed changes in the Workmen's Compensation Act, as contemplated by the state legislature, Compensation Adjustor John W. Stephenson, of District No. 2, UMW, and John Wusel, Adjustor of District No. 5, UMW, on Monday filed the following brief with the members of the state committee on labor and industry, and with all the members of both branches of the legislature at Harrisburg:

It has been publicly stated by Representative Harry I. Wilson, who admits that he is the sole author and sponsor of House Bill 1030 and 1401, that the net effects would be to increase compensation benefits twenty per cent over the level of the benefits paid in 1934. We wish to state with all the emphasis at our disposal, that this is absolutely and demonstrably untrue.

The actual benefit of these bills if they were enacted into law, would be to slash compensation benefits 20 per cent below the levels which existed in 1934, and which were then condemned by both major political parties as inadequate. This is the effect for the workmen of Pennsylvania as a whole. The effect for miners in Districts Nos. 2 and 5 is far more drastic.

In 1933, the then Governor, appointed a committee, headed by Dr. C. A. Kulp, professor of Insurance of the University of Pennsylvania, to make a study of compensation costs in Pennsylvania as compared with other states. The unanimous report of this distinguished committee showed that Pennsylvania was then 33rd in liberality of state compensation laws; 37th in weekly payments for total disability; 46th in the maximum amounts paid to widows in fatal cases, and absolutely last in medical benefits.

In 1934, in the gubernatorial campaign, both the Republican and Democratic parties unequivocally pledged themselves in their platforms to liberalize those compensation benefits. Both great parties united in condemning these benefits as inadequate.

In 1937 the coal operators stated that they were able and willing to pay compensation benefits 25 per cent greater than those of 1934.

The effect of the Wilson Bills, as we shall demonstrate, is to slash compensation benefits 20 per cent. What possible justification can there be for cutting compensation costs 20 per cent below those that were condemned as inadequate in 1934, and 45 per cent below what the coal operators themselves state they could pay and offered to pay in 1937?

To pass such bills would be to arrogantly flaunt in the face of every workman of Pennsylvania an utter indifference to his welfare during the time that he is most in need of protection, when his own earning power and ability to care for himself and his family is impaired or destroyed by an industrial accident.

Let us look at the facts. The bituminous coal miner of Districts Nos. 2 and 5, earns an average of \$4.90 a day and works an average of 180 days a year. Under the law as it stood in 1934 he received \$15.00 in compensation for (Continued on the last page)

FORMER EMPLOYEES OF LOGAN CONCERN CONTINUING FIGHT

Another step in the fight of 606 miners, former employees of the Logan Coal Company of Beaverdale, to recover wage claims of \$57,779.79 was taken last week when Attorney Randolph Myers, of Ebensburg, counsel for the miners, filed 606 notices of acceptance of service in the office of Prothonotary John L. Hite.

The acceptances were signed by Attorney Charles S. Evans, of Evans & Evans, on behalf of the coal company. A separate notice was necessary in each of the cases. The company recently declared bankrupt. It is likely the entire matter will have to be settled in the county courts.

LABOR PARTY IS AIM OF STEEL WORKERS IN CONVENTION AT ERIE

Erie.—Delegates from 50 lodges of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) at a regional convention on Sunday adopted resolutions proposing a labor party for the nation, endorsing President Roosevelt for a third term, and advocating the six hour day and thirty hour week with a minimum base pay of \$1 hourly for steel workers. Other resolutions criticized Governor Arthur H. James and urged closer harmony between labor's warring factions.