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WPA SLASH IS BLOW TO LABOR LEWIS ASSERTS

Says Effect of Bill Upon Economic Situation Cannot Help But Be Depressive.

Washington.—The following statement on the WPA cut has been released by President John L. Lewis of the Congress of Industrial Organizations: "The helpless men and women who are unemployed have suffered a terrible blow in the passage of the 1940 WPA appropriation. This blow will be profoundly resented by all of labor. "Labor does not forget that in 1936 the Democratic platform promised work for the unemployed. That platform stated: 'We believe that unemployment is a national problem, and that it is an inescapable obligation of our Government to meet it in a national way. . . . When business fails to supply . . . employment, we believe that work at prevailing wages should be provided in cooperation with state and local governments on useful public projects, to the end that the national wealth may be increased, the skill and energy of the worker may be utilized, his morale maintained, and the unemployed assured the opportunity to earn the necessities of life.' "The relief bill which was passed is a clear repudiation of that platform pledge. The measure will throw out of WPA employment a million WPA workers in the fiscal year. Five hundred thousand of these will be out by the end of July. This happens at a time when there are at least eleven to 12 million employable unemployed. "The bill seriously discriminates against a number of groups of our citizens, especially the artists, musicians, and theatrical workers. "The bill introduces a starvation period for those who have been on the WPA for more than 18 months. This is one of the most vicious provisions that has ever been imposed by a democratic government. We believe that the citizens of this country will deeply resent this provision when they realize its effect. "The measure openly slaps labor by wiping out the prevailing hourly rate on WPA. It further carries a device by which the present meager and inadequate monthly security wage will be severely cut all through the industrial areas. "The total effect of this bill cannot help but be depressive upon the economic situation. There are grounds for the fear that such a terrible cut in WPA jobs and in wage rates will touch off a definite downward movement."

JULY MEETING OF THE PATTON GARDEN CLUB TO BE HELD MONDAY

The July meeting of the newly organized Patton Garden Club, will feature a program termed "The Glory of A Garden" to be presented in the Presbyterian Church, Patton, Monday, July 17th, at 8:15 p. m. by George O. Simon, and Daniel Wagner, club members of the Wayside Garden Club, of Johnstown. The program includes slides of flowers, gardens, in natural colors, several views of the Bok Tower; the Oriental Gardens, in Florida. With each slide an appropriate verse is given. The program will also include cultural directions concerning various flowers.

A well known soloist will also appear on the program. This will be an open meeting of the club, and all persons who care to attend, will be welcome.

CELEBRATE 64TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Simon P. Kirsch, former residents of the Nicktown district, last week observed their 64th wedding anniversary at their home in Latrobe. Mr. Kirsch, who is 87 years old, on April 11th, thinks his longevity is due to the fact that he never quarrels and he avoids arguments, especially in religion and politics. He admits, however that heridity may have something to do with a long life. His father was 88 when he died and his grandfather was 92. Mrs. Kirsch thinks that keeping busy has more to do with longevity than anything else. Although she was 82 years old last February 15th, she still likes to walk and walks at least a mile most every day.

Falls from Scaffold.

In a fall from a scaffold while working on a Barnesboro Building last Thursday morning, Omar Livergood, 29, of Clearfield, suffered injuries to the back. He was taken to the Spangler hospital.

The superstition concerning the number "13" is said to have originated from the fact that there thirteen present at the Lord's last supper.

SPORTSMEN AND FARMERS BUILD TWO FISH DAMS

Work of Constructing Ponds on Mudlick Creek Sponsored by Patton Association.

Patton Sportsmen and farmers in the district have completed the work of rebuilding of two dams on Mudlick creek. More than fifty sportsmen spent nearly a month rebuilding the two dams which were badly damaged by the St. Patrick's Day flood of 1936. Sections of the breasts of both dams were washed away by the high waters of three years ago. A farmer donated the use of a tractor for nearly three weeks and others donated trucks, scoops and other construction tools. The Patton Clay Manufacturing Company donated more than fifty feet of terra cotta pipe which was used for drainage in the dams. Both dams which are located on an excellent fishing stream, were rebuilt without costing a cent, sportsmen pointed out. The larger of the two dams is known as the Craver dam.

The dams are now filling with water and within the next few months sportsmen hope to have both areas stocked with fresh water fish, including rainbow and brown trout and several types of bass, pike and perch. Sportsmen will contact the Pennsylvania fish commission in the hope of having the dams stocked this fall. Robert Miller, president of the Patton Sportsmen's association, has been authorized to contact Charles A. French, state fish commissioner, in regard to the stocking program. Sportsmen reported that 600 brown trout were stocked recently in both Slate Run and Chest Creek. In the event fish are stocked in the dams they will offer excellent fishing areas for Cambria County Sportsmen.

ST. BENEDICT JULY 4TH OBSERVANCE PROVES VERY SUCCESSFUL

A very successful Fourth of July celebration was held in St. Benedict. A parade of 300 children from the grade schools and some of the older people joined in along with the Barnesboro High School Band. The procession travelled along the township road and Main street, on to the baseball field, where preparations had been made for the picnic. The children under eighteen years were given tickets valued at 20 cents to be spent on the field. The ladies' aid societies from the churches were in attendance at the refreshment stall, and were kept at a merry pace to cater sandwiches, pop corn, soft drinks and ice cream. The ground committee had in service boys to carry water for drinking purposes. The band rendered some fine music and the crowd which numbered around 1200 enjoyed themselves tremendously. Judge Arthur A. Nelson gave a very interesting talk and was enthusiastically applauded. Mr. Dennis Keenan, mine inspector of the district, gave a talk on safety and its methods, which was listened to with attention. Dr. Bowers of St. Benedict spoke on his cooperation with the people of the Community. Mr. David Davidson was greatly interested in the proceedings and welcomed all speakers. Rev. Owen Brubaker offered a prayer. There was a baseball game between Midway Garage and Carroltown, as well as another among young ladies. A basket picnic was held at 11:30 a. m. Races and sports, in the charge of Joseph Symons and John Muir followed. A pop drinking contest created great fun and the tug of war between the men from No. 9 and the men from No. 10 was quite amusing because of the even strength of the two teams.

Judge Ivan J. McKenrick gave a very nice talk to the younger generation and was well received by the crowd. A baseball game had been on the schedule, but because of rain it was called off, the men retiring to the union hall where sandwiches and refreshments were the order of the day. For St. Benedict, everyone seemed to have the picnic spirit and was enjoyed by everyone. Although 1200 persons were present at the wedding, you could have heard a pin drop. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Owen Brubaker of this place and the bride couple was Richard Lindsay of No. 9 Mine and Ida Mae Merrill of Patton. The band played a very suitable piece before and after the ceremony. The Secretary thanks all who helped make the children's day possible at St. Benedict.

JOE JONES, Secretary.

Reemployment Gain.

Harrisburg.—Placements in private industry increased ten per cent last week over the week previous the department of labor and industry reported.

U. S. Board Bans Job Service When Labor Disputes Occur

Washington.—The United States Employment Service has forbidden affiliated state employment services to provide workers to employers in strikes or lockouts, unless specifically required to do so by state law. The action last week followed vigorous criticism by labor unions which have charged the employment service was acting as a strike-breaking agency, especially in connection with the Pacific coast agricultural strikes. The new rule provides: "Unless otherwise provided by state law, the state service shall require that each employment service under its supervision refrain from referring any person to any position at any place of employment where there exists a labor dispute. "The term 'labor dispute' shall include any controversy concerning terms or conditions of employment or concerning the association for representation of persons in negotiating, in

fixing, maintaining, or seeking to arrange terms or conditions of employment regardless of whether the disputants stand in proximate relation of employer and employee. "States which do not comply with the new regulation will be deprived of Federal aid for maintaining employment service. The order was promulgated by William H. Stead, acting director, and approved by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins as one of her last acts before the employment service is transferred to the Social Security Board on July 1st under terms of President Roosevelt's reorganization program. Labor Department Solicitor Gerard Reilly said the exception—"unless otherwise provided by state law,"—was not important, since he knew of no state law which required employment services to supply job seekers to employers seeking replacement for persons striking or locked out.

PATTON WILL ASK HELP OF COUNTY TO CONTROL FIRE

Financial Aid to Make WPA Project Possible Will Be Sought from Commissioners.

Patton Borough Council will appeal to the Cambria County Commissioners for financial assistance in an effort to check the spread of a fire which is burning in an abandoned coal mine in this section and which threatens to undermine many properties in Patton borough and Elder township. Members of the Patton Borough Council are scheduled to meet Friday evening of this week at which time formal action will be taken to draft an appeal to the county for financial assistance. State Senator John J. Haluska who also is Burgess of Patton, has drafted a WPA project calling for the drilling of test holes in the vicinity of the fire. Senator Haluska has been granted assurances of WPA officials that the project will be speedily approved if the sponsor, which in this case is Patton borough, can furnish approximately \$3,000 for materials and equipment. Patton borough, however, is cramped financially and does not have sufficient money to put up as the sponsoring share. On the other hand it is pointed out that the fire in the coal vein is burning in Elder township and is spreading into the borough. Patton borough council would be liable to a surcharge in the event the solons appropriated funds for drilling of test holes in Elder township. John Ira Thomas, state secretary of mines, visited Patton recently and conferred with local officials regarding the underground fire. Mr. Thomas expressed the belief the underground fire WPA project should be put through as quickly as possible. While here Mr. Thomas inspected the site of the fire and concurred in the recommendations of employees of the state department of mines that the boring of test holes to determine the extent of the fire would be proper procedure. Mr. Thomas, however, notified Patton officials that the State Department of Mines had no funds available to assist in the project here. In view of the fact that the fire originated in Elder township the local authorities have decided to ask for the county's assistance. While the fire was known to have been burning in the underground coal vein for several years, action on the part of the local officials was not taken until some weeks ago when a section of the road leading from Patton to Flannagan collapsed and flames from the fire shot high into the air. The road has since been closed to traffic and a detour has been established.

BLAZE DAMAGES A HOME IN SPANGLER

Fire, believed to have started from an explosion in a small gas stove, early Friday resulted in damage of several hundred dollars to the Louis Tronzo combination confectionery and home directly across the street from the Brandon hotel in Spangler. The blaze originated in a small kitchen in the rear of the three story building and an alarm was sounded at 12:15 a. m. to the Spangler Volunteer fire company. Fearing the flames might spread to adjoining business establishments, the Spangler volunteers called the Barnesboro and Carrolltown fire companies. The kitchen, dining room and a bedroom on the second floor of the structure were gutted. Stock in the confectionery was damaged by smoke and water.

FEDERAL MINE BILL BELIEVED TO BE DOOMED

Bill Sponsored by Mine Workers May Be Abandoned Because of Crowded Calendars.

Washington.—Prospects for congressional consideration this session of the Neely-Keller bill to provide federal inspection of mines dimmed last week when legislators who should know considered its chances against crowded calendars, the eagerness to adjourn and the possibility of a stubborn fight on the measure. The bill, sponsored by the United Mine Workers of America and introduced by Senators Neely of West Virginia, and Representative Keller of Illinois, has been the subject of hearings before a senate sub-committee of the mines and mining committee headed by Senator Joseph F. Guffey of Pennsylvania. Among opponents of the measure are coal operators and some states, including Pennsylvania, which contend that state inspection would be duplicated by the federal men. Pressing for nationwide supervision the United Mine Workers contend that fatalities among workers have increased rather than decreased, as the U. S. Bureau of Mines contends. The government's figures, the union's spokesmen declare, are based on tonnage produced and because of mechanical mining reduces the number of men employed and therefore the number of accidents per thousand tons of coal. The accident rate, they argue, should be based only on man hours worked. Operators, the union contends, have influenced Bureau of Mines policy so greatly that the government agency would not support such legislation as the Neely-Keller bill.

COUNTY ADOPTS THE DEFERRED TAX PLAN

Taking advantage of the new abatement law which went into effect last month, the Cambria county commissioners Monday passed a resolution accepting the provisions of the new act and directed the county treasurer to accept delinquent taxes under the plan. The act permits abatement of penalties on delinquent county taxes for 1938 and all previous years and abates interest on delinquent taxes for 1934 and previous years; also permitting payment in full or by installment. Taxables have until November 1st to take advantage of the new plan.

HASTINGS STREET PAVED BY COUNTY HIGHWAY MEN

Hastings residents, especially motorists, and property owners, were given occasion to celebrate last week with the resurfacing of Spangler street in that borough. Townspeople had carried a campaign to the state department of highways to have the street improved after numerous accidents were reported as a result of the bad condition of the street. Last week a force of employees of the Ebensburg subdivision of the State Highway Maintenance Department applied shale and a coating of heavy tar on the thoroughfare. A binder also was placed and the street was rolled.

WELL KNOWN NUN DIES AT CRESSON

Sister Mary Elizabeth, aged 73, a well known member of the Sisters of Mercy Order, died last week at the Convent of Mt. Aloysius Academy after an extended illness. She was a daughter of Richard and Charlotte Denny, pioneer residents of Gallitzin and entered the Sisters of Mercy Order in 1888. She made her solemn profession 48 years ago. Surviving are four brothers, George Denny, Wilkinsburg; Harry Denny, Cresson; and Oscar and Victor Denny, both of Loretto. Funeral services took place at the Academy chapel, with interment in the Academy cemetery.

FARMERS TO DINE AT COUNTY SEAT

Plans for the annual dinner of the Cambria County Agricultural Extension Association were formulated at a meeting of the executive committee, held last Friday evening at the office of county farm agent, H. C. McWilliams in Ebensburg. A Norman Griffith, of Cambria Township, association president, announced the dinner had been scheduled for Wednesday evening, July 19th, in the dining room of the Ebensburg Congregational Church. Approximately 200 Cambria county agriculturalists are expected to attend.

The giraffe, on account of its prominent eyes, can see in all four directions at the same time.

STATE'S LIQUOR BOARD FRAMES 7 REGULATIONS

Distillers and Vendors Are Warned to Use 'Front Door' When Doing Business in Penna.

Harrisburg.—Governor James told liquor men last week to use the "front door" when trying to sell their products in Pennsylvania. The Liquor Control Board, which operates the state's \$80,000,000 liquor sales monopoly, handed seven regulations to a gathering of several hundred distillers and vendors. Some regulations were new, but others, like the one to outlaw purchase of drinks, "for the house", by liquor agents, "to induce the sale of merchandise," already stand in the basic liquor laws, but have been difficult to enforce. The Distilled Spirits Institute, representing 70 per cent of the volume of business, promptly threw its support behind the regulations. The Governor remarked: "As far as the present administration is concerned I wish to make it emphatic that first, last and always, liquor is out of politics. We expect the dealer to come through the front door and to deal in the open. "You are in a legitimate business and a business which provides a great amount of revenue for the state and is maintaining a large part of the men and women on relief. "He told dealers the only salesmanship they needed is on quality and price, "and we're not going to ask your politics. "One step forward, James said, in handling the liquor problem, was taken by the 1939 legislature in limiting the number of licenses which James described as benefitting the industry as well as the public. Asserting that prohibition of liquor was an ambition that could not be realized, James said it is up to the industry to open the door when prohibition may be returned.

Dean Walter H. Hitchler, chairman of the board, submitted new regulations outlawing these activities by agents, employees, or representatives of the distillers and vendors: 1—Give anything of value or rebate to any licensee or his employee for the privilege of advertising display or to induce the sale of merchandise, including "drinks for the house." 2—Visit stores or warehouses or contact employees for promoting the sale of merchandise. 3—Solicit store or office personnel to promote sale of particular brands other than as authorized by the board. 4—Induce licensees to acquire excessive amounts of merchandise inventory. 5—Apply for information on merchandise inventories other than in a manner prescribed by the board. 6—Entertain or offer gratuities to store or office personnel, or otherwise contact such persons except in matters arising in the regular course of business. 7—Represent expressly or by implication, that he is connected with any department of the state government or has any influence therewith.

DOUBLE FEATURE AT GRAND ON SATURDAY

Night air laden with the chill of death; a girl, wanted for murder, sits nervously in her roadster on the front end of a San Francisco ferry; a police car is driven onto the boat, and two officers appear, looking into every car. Without a moment's hesitation the girl drives crazily into the water. And this is just one of the highlights of "Trade Winds" with Frederic March and Joan Bennett, coming on a double feature program bill at the Grand, in Patton on Saturday evening. The other picture is "Tell No Tales" starring Melvyn Douglas as a newspaper reporter who features in a picture vehicle involving mystery and interest. A program that should not be missed. See it.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE COMES TO GRAND IN NEW TYPE SUNDAY AND MONDAY

A thousand savage redmen sweep down on the Mounties' lonely post! A gallant garrison fights against overwhelming odds! A lone woman finds love amid peril on a primitive frontier! Believe it or not—that is what happens in Shirley Temple's latest picture "Susannah of the Mounties!" The famous story of the old Northwest is a thrilling vehicle for the No. 1 star who is garbed in calico and buckskin in a real dramatic role different from anything she has done previously. Randolph Scott and Margaret Lockwood support Shirley in this enjoyable picture which will be the attraction at the Grand Theatre, Patton, on Sunday and Monday next.