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VOTERS OFFERED WIDE CHOICE IN PRIMARY BATTLE

Only One Woman Is Entered in the County Race for Office. Westrick Unopposed.

Although there will be no fight waged for nomination for several important offices, Cambria County voters will be offered a wide range of candidates from which to make their selections at the primaries to be held on Tuesday, September 12th.

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BETHLEHEM SAID TO BE THE CHIEF CIO OBJECTIVE

Steel Workers Organizing Committee and Labor Generally Regard Company As Enemy.

Chicago.—Philip Murray, chairman of the CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee, said Monday night, the Bethlehem Steel Corporation—the Nation's largest independent steel manufacturing firm—would be the chief objective in the union's campaign to organize "little steel."

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FIREMEN TO GIVE \$550 IN PRIZES AT CONVENTION

County Organization to Stage Annual Conclave Next Week in Barnesboro.

Final arrangements have been completed for the eighteenth annual convention of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and vicinity to be held next week in Barnesboro.

Barnesboro already has taken on an air of festivity as streets and business places are being colorfully decorated for week long convention.

Feature of the convention will be the street parade to be held at 2:30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, August 3rd. More than 50 organizations are expected to compete for approximately \$550 in prizes.

Business sessions to be held in the Smith Theatre will open at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, August 2nd. Burgess D. A. Westover of Barnesboro will give the address of welcome.

"The aim will be to organize all construction workers into a powerful industrial union which will abolish the main evils which have beset the industry. Special provisions will be made for elimination of unauthorized strikes, jurisdictional disputes and lock-outs."

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With some modifications the contract was based on the old Appalachian contract which expired last April, and it was regarded as a partial victory for both sides.

The union dropped its demand for the "union shop" under which all employees had to join the union. The operators dropped their demand for the strike penalty clause applying to the unauthorized stoppage of work. This clause was in the old contract.

The contract, in other respects, including wages, hours, etc., was similar to that under which the miners had worked previously. It was formulated principally on a compromise suggestion made by Dr. John R. Steelman, of the U. S. Conciliation Service.

CIO DRIVE NOW AT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Plan to Invade American Federation of Labor's Mightiest Stronghold.

Washington.—Plans for an invasion of the American Federation of Labor's mightiest stronghold—the building trades—were announced on Tuesday by John L. Lewis, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Lewis said the campaign will be directed at enlisting "all workers in and around construction jobs." The establishment of the United Construction Workers' Organizing Committee is set for August 1st.

"There are some three million workers employed in the construction industry of whom less than one-fourth are organized."

"Since the CIO was formed we have received thousands of requests from individuals and groups of construction workers asking for organization and affiliation with the CIO."

"These requests have come to us because the construction workers desire a modern form of organization which will bring the benefits of collective bargaining to all workers, will eliminate jurisdictional disputes and will improve their wages and working hours."

Lewis asserted the CIO has already chartered a "large number of building trades industrial locals." These, he said, will form the nucleus of the new committee, adding:

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BOARD WILL PRINT EXONERATED LIST SCHOOL TAXABLES

Deadline for Payment and Name Off the List Is Set for Monday Evening, July 31st.

At a special meeting of the Patton Borough School Board held on Tuesday, July 18th, action was taken to publish the full list of names in which personal or per-capita taxes have been granted exemptions by the local tax collector.

In order to avoid embarrassment for any who can pay such taxes, the school board has requested the Press-Courier to advise all such, in the event they make payment on or before Monday, July 31st, at the office of the Secretary of the Patton Borough School District, in the High School Building, their names will not appear on this list. (Last week the Press-Courier mistakenly set the final date as July 18th.)

Flash!—The "big show" is again about to be foisted upon a our otherwise respectable community. It's the annual Army-Navy Mash Ball game, and the time is next Saturday afternoon at about 2:30. The annual street parade, with band music and a lot of bogusly bum ball players will march down to the athletic field and put on a game that in past years has "smelled."

This year's contest promises to be even more "scenty." After a lot of consideration the umpires have finally been selected. After all, the umpires have usually been about the only principals worth watching at these games. This year's selection will be two candidates for county commissioner from the north of the county—Geo. C. Hoppel, Democrat, of Patton, and William R. "Bill" Stieh, of Spangler.

Personnel of the teams as drawn up follows: For the Army—J. Pristas, 1st base and vicinity; J. Singel, 2nd base; Northagel, at short stop; George Mislsey, 3rd base; Willis Ross, pitcher until relieved by one of the subs; Pietro Toschi, catcher—maybe; Robert Anderson, left field; Martin Good in center field, and Peter Shimp in right.

Subs named on both teams are men who have through the years so advanced in age as to be no longer in fit physical condition to play, but who rest in the glorious memories of past games, and are: Tom Owens, Frank Schwab, Charlie Swab, W. E. Noonan, N. J. Dietrick and Jerry Sheehan—the latter coming on a wheel chair. The active players for the Navy will be H. Whiteford at first base; Charlie Snyder down at second, when he's not battling with the umpires; Harry Winslow at short stop; Doc Cooper at short stop; Harry Deschamps will try to pitch, Snyder Yerger will muff 'em behind the bat, and somewhere out in the field L. F. Nuss is supposed to be at left, F. Kimble at center and Fred Maurer at right. Old and feeble (most-likely) substitutes for the Navy are Rosian, Winslow, Jones, Kelly and Crossman. If you don't already have troubles enough turn out and see the Army and Navy game.

By numerous requests, the Colver baseball team has again booked Jerry Mann and his Swing orchestra for a dance to be held at the Colver Labor Temple on Saturday, July 29, 1939. Jerry Mann and His Orchestra impressed the dancers very much the last time he played at the Labor Temple.

The committee for the dance is as follows: Chairman, George Mihalik, Tickets, Pete Gherardi, Pete Hazy, Joe Hudak and Frank Cento. Refreshments Michael Hudak and John Senko.

Come and enjoy swinging to Jerry Mann and His Orchestra. Dancing from 9 to 7. Free Parking.

ANNUAL NICKTOWN PICNIC IN AUGUST

The annual Nicktown picnic will be held in the St. Nicholas Grove at that place on August 16th and 17th. The annual outing has grown into one of the largest events of its kind staged in the northern Cambria section. Chickens dinners will be served on both days of the picnic and a number of booths will be set up on the grounds for the occasion.

The Trout family will hold its sixth annual reunion on Saturday, July 29, at the Trout homestead near Nicktown. The event will be in the nature of a basket picnic. A program of instrumental and vocal selections has been arranged.

Over 150 members of the volunteer fire companies of Cambria, Indiana and Somerset Counties will receive their certificates at graduation exercises to be held in the arena at Ebsenburg on the fair grounds on Thursday evening at 8 P. M. A complete program has been arranged including a concert by the Ebsenburg high school band. Talks will be given by Captain William Traeger, fire marshal of the state of Pennsylvania; Chief Phelan of the Pittsburgh fire department and by Chief Justice Kephart of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. A demonstration of various phases of fire fighting also will be given. The program will last approximately two hours and the general public is cordially invited, so that they may learn of the time and effort members of the volunteer fire companies give so that their respective communities may be a safer place to live. Admission is free.

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50 TEAMS ENTER FIRST-AID MEET AT PHILIPSBURG

Cambria County Miners Compete for Central Pennsylvania Honors Next Saturday.

Teams representing 28 coal companies and one local of the United Mine Workers in Central Pennsylvania, will compete for regional honors at the first-aid meet to be held in Philipsburg on Saturday afternoon, July 29.

A total of fifty teams will participate in the meet, one of a number of sectional contests to be staged to select winners to compete in the state bituminous contest finals at the Cambria County Fair in September.

The Tenth Bituminous District, W. H. Filer, of Ebsenburg, inspector, entered 12 teams. The Fifteenth district, Dennis J. Keenan, of Barnesboro, inspector, and the Eighteenth district, of which R. E. George, of Altoona, is inspector, each entered nine teams. Inspector Roy D. Joseph's Sixth District will be represented by eight teams and the Twenty-fourth district, M. W. Thomas, Windber, inspector, entered seven teams. Five teams will represent the Eighth district. W. G. Knapper of Philipsburg, inspector.

John Ira Thomas, state secretary of mines, will be a guest at the Philipsburg meet.

The list of companies entering the meet and the number of teams entered follows: Argyle Coal Company, Gallitzin, one. Adams Fuel Corporation, South Fork, one.

Berwind White Coal Mining Company, Scalp Level, one; Windber, one; St. Michael, one. Bird Coal Company, Kelso, two. Barnes and Tucker Co., Barnesboro, two. Beaver Run Coal Co., Beaverdale, two.

Carrolltown Coal Company, St. Benedict, one. Cherry Tree Coal Company, Ebsenburg, one. Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation, Grassflat, Clearfield county, two. Ebsenburg Coal Company, Colver, one.

C. A. Hughes & Co., Cresson, two. Hickory Hill Mine No. 1, Saxton, Bedford county, one. Heisley Coal Company, Nanty-Glo, two.

Harbison-Walker Refractories Company, Woodland, Clearfield county, two. Imperial Coal Corporation, Coalport, Clearfield county, two. Johnstown Coal and Coke Company, Portage, one. Loyalhanna Coal and Coke Company—Cainbrook, two.

United Mine Workers of America, Local 6409, Mineral Point, one. Monroe Coal Company, Beaverdale, two. Moshannon Smithing Company, Beccaria, Clearfield county, one.

Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corporation, Ehrenfeld Mines 3 and 8, one; Cresson 9, one; Gallitzin 10, one; Marshall, 21 and 22, one. W. H. Piper and Company, Lilly, one. Rockhill Coal Company, Robertsdale, Huntingdon county, three. Reitz Coal Company, Central City, three.

Rich Hill Coal Company, Hastings, one. Sonman Shaft Coal Co., two. Saineman Coal & Coke Co., South Fork, one. Sterling Coal Company, Bakerton, two. Springfield Coal Company, Nanty-Glo, one.

MEMBERS OF FIRE SCHOOL TO BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES