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35 TEAMS WILL PARTICIPATE IN FIRST-AID MEET

At the Cambria County Fair on Saturday of This Week—Are State's Crack Teams.

Thirty five crack first-aid teams from Pennsylvania will compete in the annual first-aid meet to be held in conjunction with Pennsylvania Bituminous Miners' Day, Saturday, September 9, at the Ebensburg Fairgrounds.

The first aid meet will be held as the feature of the closing day of the Cambria County Fair which opened on Labor Day.

The Miner's Day celebration is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Mines, Joseph A. Holmes Safety Council, United States Bureau of Mines, United Mine Workers of America and the National and Pennsylvania Coal Associations.

Many of the leading mining authorities in the state, including John Ira Thomas, secretary of mines, will attend and participate in the first-aid meet.

The affair will commence at 10 a. m. and continue throughout the day. The meet will be held in the large arena on the fair grounds. It is the fifth consecutive meet to be held at Ebensburg.

Publicity—L. P. Bradley, Cresson, C. A. Hughes and Company; Matthew Blair, California, Pa. Vesta Coal Company; George S. McCa, Pittsburgh, state mine inspector; John W. Williams, Indiana, Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company; John McKenna, Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh Coal Company; C. H. Maize, DuBois, Northwestern Mining and Exchange Company; M. W. Thomas, Windber, state mine inspector; H. R. Johnson, Uniontown, Mine Safety Appliances Company; John Burliss, Irwin, state mine inspector; Cecil Townsend, Ehrenfeld, Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company, and William Merritts, Revloc, Monroe Coal Company.

Grounds—Dennis Keenan, Barnesboro, state mine inspector; C. P. Brinton, Barnesboro, Barnes Coal Company; W. A. Gallagher, Ernest, Roches & Pittsburgh Coal Company; William Chick, Revloc, Monroe Coal Company; T. L. Aitken, Colver, Ebensburg Coal Company; W. C. Fancourt, Portage, Sonman Shaft Coal Company; J. C. Nicholson, Barnesboro, Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company; John Howe, Ehrenfeld, Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company; Samuel Law, Hillwood, Industrial Collieries Corporation, and William Ray, Portage, Sonman Shaft Company.

Teams to participate in the meet have been selected from four district state first-aid meet held during the last month. The meets were held at Philipsburg, New Kensington, Indiana and Uniontown. Approximately 2000 crack teams competed in the four sectional meets, representing 1,400 trained first-aid men from 25 coal mining districts in the state.

A large trophy cup, to be donated by the Cambria County Fair Association, will be presented to the team winning first place.

Richard Maize, Uniontown, state mine inspector, is director and general chairman of the meet; W. H. Flier, Ebensburg, state mine inspector, is assistant director; J. J. Forbes, Pittsburgh, supervising engineer, safety division, Bureau of Mines will be chief judge.

Other meet officials are as follows: Recorders—G. W. Grove, Pittsburgh, mining engineer, Bureau of Mines; F. W. Howarth, Republic, state mine inspector, and W. J. Fene, Pittsburgh, mining engineer, Bureau of Mines.

Examining judges—C. A. McDowell, Pittsburgh, state mine inspector; Richard E. George, Altoona, state mine inspector, and Dr. A. L. Murray, Pittsburgh, surgeon, Department of Mines, Indiana.

Timekeepers—William E. Wardrop, Indiana, state mine inspector, and Thomas Lowther, Indiana, retired state mine inspector.

Score card distribution—H. R. Burdelsky, Pittsburgh, principal safety instructor, Bureau of Mines.

Secretary—C. P. Brinton, Barnesboro, and treasurer, Bart C. Leonard, South Fork.

Committees for the affair have been announced as follows: Finance—Francis Feehan, Pittsburgh, United States Bureau of Mines; Bart C. Leonard, South Fork, Adams Fuel Corporation; P. J. Callaghan, Bridgeville, state mine inspector; W. P. Vance, Wildwood, Butler Consolidated Coal Company; C. E. Wissinger, McClellandtown, Whiteman & Co.; John Foreman, Ekerton, Sterling Coal Company; R. D. Joseph, Johnstown, state mine inspector.

WAR MARS U. S. CELEBRATION OF ITS LABOR DAY

Both Lewis and Green Express Hope Our Nation Can Keep Out of Foreign Conflict.

Apprehension over the European war marred the Labor Day celebration Monday of the nation's toiling millions. In most every city and hamlet from coast to coast, workmen laid down their tools and pointed in picnics and parades, but kept alert for word of the war abroad.

President William Green of the AFL and President John L. Lewis of the CIO, devoted much of their nationally broadcast messages to the conflict.

Both emphasized that the millions who follow their leadership demand that America stay out of the war and concentrate on solving problems at home, especially the finding of jobs for the ten million unemployed.

Lewis' speech, delivered at Ogden, Utah, was a blistering attack upon the Roosevelt administration. He declared that "thoughtless and sadly executed experimentation will not always suffice to beguile a suffering people," and charged that "many of our statesmen are more concerned and agitated over the political quarrels in Europe" than with the problems at home.

"War," he continued, "has always been the device of the politically despairing and intellectually sterile statesmen."

The CIO's members, he said "will support political candidates in 1940 who are prepared to guarantee jobs for all Americans and freedom from foreign wars."

Green challenged Chancellor Adolph Hitler to submit the question of peace or war to a secret vote of the German people and denounced Fascism, Nazism and Communism alike.

"There must be no European entanglement and no involvement in European wars," he added. "We call upon our government scrupulously to avoid the commission of any overt act, to maintain a strictly neutral attitude and thus avoid the tragic and unhappy experiences through which our people passed during the great World War."

FRANKLIN FIREMEN HASTINGS WINNERS

Franklin Borough Volunteer Firemen won two prizes last Thursday night in conjunction with the annual celebration of the Hastings Fire Company.

A total of 62 organizations participated in the parade, which was one of the largest held this summer in Cambria county. Several thousand persons witnessed the procession and participated in a program arranged by the firemen.

Prize winners were as follows: Best appearing fire company, Franklin; largest uniformed company in line of march, Franklin; company traveling largest distance, Kirsey, Elk County; best pumper, Blazing Arrow Company, Tyrone; best apparatus other than pumper, Portage; best appearing ladies auxiliary, Neptune, Tyrone; ladies auxiliary coming longest distance, Sandy Township, Jefferson County; best appearing band, Houtzdale; best ladies drum and bugle corps, Neptune, Tyrone.

THOMAS HARRIS, GALLITZIN TOWNSHIP, EXPIRES

Thomas H. Harris, 81, one of the best known residents of Northern Cambria county, died on Sunday evening at his home in Gallitzin township of a complication of diseases in the house where he was born and had spent his entire life. He was born in 1858. He is survived by a brother, Joseph Harris, of Altoona. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning in St. Thomas' Catholic church, Ashville, with interment in the church cemetery.

nous Coal Corporation; Frank Dunbar, Mather, Mather Collieries; W. C. Fancourt, Portage, Sonman Shaft Coal Company, and G. A. Shoemaker, Renton, Union Collieries Company.

Registration—J. V. Berry, Johnstown, Industrial Collieries Corporation; James Gatehouse, Seward Pennsylvania Electric Company; B. J. Murphy, Scottsdale, H. C. Frick Coke Company; Dan Walker, Wildwood, Butler Consolidated Coal Corporation; Roy Joseph, Johnstown, state mine inspector.

Program—C. E. Wissinger, Indiana, Whiteman & Co.; Paul Gill, Indiana, Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation; H. E. Mason, McClellandtown, H. C. Frick Coal Company; Thomas J. Roach, South Fork, Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company; James Traux, Springdale, Allegheny-Pittsburgh Coal Company, and Ben Auld, Portage, Johnstown Coal and Coke Corporation.

Press-Courier ads bring results.

Polish Troops in Front Line Trenches



Polish infantry awaiting the attack of German troops on the Polish Corridor border. President Moscicki emphasized the fact that Poland's first battles were purely defensive to establish beyond all doubt that Germany is the aggressor nation. Germany's initial land attacks were from East Prussia against Dzialdowo and Mlawa; from Pomerania against Chojnice at the narrowest part of the disputed Corridor, and from Breslaw against Katowice.

GLEN WHITE MINE AGAIN RESUMED WORK TUESDAY

Operation Had Been Closed Since December of 1937 — RFC Loan Granted.

Closed since December 27, 1937, the large coal mine at Glen White near Kittanning Point resumed operations and the shipment of coal last week.

A total of 42 miners entered the pits and a total of 100 tons of coal were produced during the day. Approximately 60 men will be employed mine officials said.

The mine was shut down when Glen White Coal and Lumber Company, owner of the mine, was thrown into receivership. The mine will be operated by the newly-organized Glen White Coal Corporation.

The new company has obtained a large loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the purpose of settling taxes and wage claims against the old company, and financing the operation of the present mine and the development of the two new mines.

The general offices of the coal company will be located in Gallitzin and will be in charge of A. J. McGeary as secretary and general manager. W. A. Silliman, mine engineer of Altoona, will be president of the concern. Philip N. Schettig, attorney at Ebensburg, vice president, and K. A. Cooper, Gallitzin banker, treasurer. W. Carroll Mean and Frank T. Taylor, both of Baltimore, and W. S. Simpson, Altoona, are the other directors.

STATE TO REFUND CHAIN STORE TAX PAYMENTS

Harrisburg—Secretary of Revenue William J. Hamilton, Jr., has issued a warning to those persons who have paid Chain Store and Theatre taxes to the Department of Revenue under the act recently declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court, against entering into any contracts with persons representing themselves as able to obtain funds.

"It has recently been brought to my attention," the secretary said, "that certain persons have recently been soliciting Pennsylvania business men, representing that they will obtain refunds of store and theatre taxes on a fee basis."

"In order to obtain refunds of the moneys paid into the state treasury under the provisions of the act of the 5th of June, 1937, all that is necessary is for the petitioner to file a written application with the Board of Finance and revenue, care of the State Treasury Department, State Capitol, upon request. The petition may be executed by any principal officer of the claimant, if a corporation, or by the owner or partner, if not."

"The Board of Finance and Revenue will act upon such petitions as soon as possible. Refunds in cash will be made whenever the Legislature makes an appropriation for the purpose. The procedure has been made so simple by the Board in these cases that it is wholly unnecessary for any taxpayer to seek outside help."

NATION'S LABOR GAINS PRAISED BY ROOSEVELT

President Combines Holiday Message With An Appeal for Prayers for Peace.

Washington.— President Roosevelt liked his Labor Day message to the American people with an appeal to all to pray for continued peace.

He recounted the steps taken by his administration toward economic recovery, estimated that 7,250,000 persons who were without work in 1933 now have jobs, asserted that the weekly pay roll of manufacturing industries alone has increased by more than 90 million dollars, and declared:

"All this constitutes an economic achievement of which we may well be proud."

"So let us be thankful upon this Labor Day and the days to come for what we have accomplished in the great democracy which is the United States and let us pray that nothing may transpire to interrupt our progress towards the goal of peace, goodwill and national well being, which we as a people always had and, please God, always shall have as our objective in our own interest and that of the world at large."

He said that "success of the comprehensive, economic and social program, which was launched in 1933, is in fact, already assured."

Mr. Roosevelt's Labor Day message made no mention of his desire for peace between the AFL and CIO although it came just 48 hours before the third anniversary of the formal split in the American labor movement.

150,000 QUOTA IS MINIMUM GOAL FOR WPA IN STATE THROUGH OCT.

Washington.— The WPA expects to maintain a Pennsylvania quota of 150,000 relief jobs through October "at least."

Howard O. Hunter, acting WPA commissioner, making the statement at a press conference last week, said, "I can't predict beyond that."

"Asked whether Pennsylvania had sufficient approved projects to absorb a quota of 150,000 in September, Hunter said he was "not sure they had."

Employment on WPA projects in Pennsylvania as of August 23 was 136,061, a reduction of 13,215 in one week, Hunter said.

He added he believed the consolidation of districts in Pennsylvania had been completed and that savings of more than \$700,000 a month in administration expenses, largely because of the consolidations, had been indicated. The administrative expenses for the state in July was \$5,329,010. This was cut to \$5,205,782 in August. The budget for September is \$4,605,959.

Hunter remarked that a ruling by the comptroller general interpreting the reorganization plans under which WPA was made a part of the federal works agency, prevented any increases or decreases in the salary of individual employes until next July 1 regardless of the consolidation of districts and the consequent changes of status among the personell.

POLICE CONTINUE ENFORCEMENT OF AUTO SPEED LAW

New Motor Code Regulations in Effect Since Sept. 1st, Not to Affect Limit of Speed.

Harrisburg.— The Pennsylvania Motor Police will continue rigid enforcement of the 50-mile-an-hour speed limit for motor vehicles on the open highways of the State and extra details of police will be stationed in sections where surveys show violations are most prevalent.

In announcing this policy, Col. Lynn G. Adams, Commissioner of Pennsylvania Motor Police, said police officers in plain clothes and using unidentifiable care will be assigned to make observations on the highway to determine the extent to which motorists are violating the speed law.

These plain clothes officers will make no arrests, their sole function being to obtain information which will be used to determine where extra details of police will be required to provide rigid enforcement of the speeding law.

"A constant study of the enforcement of speed laws by motor police is carried on at their headquarters," Adams said. "Selecting at random a period of four weeks ending August 21, 1939 a Motor Police report of 385 motorists arrested for violation of the fifty mile per hour speed limit reveals 230 as being residents of Pennsylvania and 155 from other States. The average speed traveled by persons arrested was found to be 63.8 miles per hour. The highest speed was 82 miles per hour and the lowest 55 miles per hour. Only 20 of the 385 persons arrested were traveling at a speed less than 60 miles per hour. The average speed of Pennsylvania operators in this group was 63.6 miles per hour and the average speed of out of State residents was 64 miles per hour."

FATHER SLAIN DURING QUARREL AT MARSTELLAR AS CHILD LOOFS ON

Culminating a series of quarrels extending over a period of 7 years and with the victim's wife and eleven year old daughter watching the tragic scene, John Gardner, 65, miner, Saturday night at 9:15 o'clock shot and instantly killed Joseph Good, 61, WPA worker, in a meadow between their homes, one mile north of Marstellar.

Before Gardner fired three shots from a .32-caliber revolver, Josephine, daughter of Good, screamed, "Don't kill my daddy!"

Gardner ignored the pleas of the child, he admitted, after he had been struck by a stone hurled at him by Good. Only one of the tree shots entered Good's body, an autopsy conducted by Drs. C. L. McCoy of Hastings, and John Allen Murray of Patton, revealed, Gardner will face a murder charge.

The three went to his home, Gardner said, and Good continued calling him vile names. According to Gardner's story, he then obtained his revolver from under a mattress, went outdoors with Josephine, while Mrs. Good, who had been on the porch, followed the two.

Gardner admitted that he had quarrelled with Good seven years ago. He asserted that at that time the latter had called him vile names and had bit his hand. He had then knocked Good against a cupboard injuring his collarbone. Again about four years ago, the two men fought. Gardner when questioned at the scene and at the District Attorney's office declared he had been hit by a stone on the right cheek before firing the shot.

Joseph Good was born in Barr township in 1878. Besides his widow and daughter, Josephine, he is survived by three sons, Raymond, William and Ronald, at home.

NOT GUILTY PLEAS ENTERED BY PAIR IN POISONING CASE

Gordon Fultz, 23 year old WPA worker, of Cresson township, and his 22 year old wife, Mrs. Margaret (Bost) Fultz, are being held for trial for the December term of court on a charge of attempting to murder their seven-weeks' old baby, William Charles Fultz. The couple were given a preliminary hearing before Squire John E. Thompson in Ebensburg and entered pleas of not guilty. The couple, or at least one of them, are charged with placing a poisonous substance in the child's nursing bottle, seriously burning the child, who may die.

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Several much-needed rains visited this section during the week.

THE LABOR DAY MESSAGE OF CIO LEADER LEWIS

Says Organized Labor Is Most Important Bulwark of Democracy—Other Features.

Following is the Labor Day message of President John L. Lewis of the Congress of Industrial Organizations:

"With the passing of each year the significance of Labor Day grows greater. Each year it becomes clearer, for this nation and for other nations, that organized labor is the most important bulwark of democracy. Organized labor's program and aspirations embody the faith that the people in a democracy such as ours can gain security and well-being without resort to dictatorship."

When labor seeks through collective bargaining to raise wages, shorten hours and to better working conditions, it strengthens at the roots the whole orderly democratic process. By this procedure there is established, plant by plant and company by company, throughout the nation's economic life, a practice of peaceful, honest and democratic settlement of differences between men.

The day is growing closer when the hopes not only of wage earners but of all progressive men and women everywhere center more and more in the forward-looking labor movement as exemplified by the CIO. There is a growing realization that the CIO is by its very nature seeks only the welfare of the people as a whole; that laboring people, professional people, farmers have broad common interests that transcend any differences. The need for security, for equal opportunity, for even more even distribution of the products of our vast industry join the great majority of our people in one common cause.

The CIO is moving forward. The inherent rightness of its structure and of its program has carried the CIO through unprecedented attacks. It has withstood a terrific depression, maintaining as never before the wage rates of American workers.

It has embraced the cause of unemployed workers, giving them leadership and challenging the nation to solve their problems.

The CIO is moving into new fields, offering to more and more workers in the nation's industries the benefits of industrial unionism.

The program of the CIO is a challenge to men and women of good will. It offers to them the hand of progressive labor ready to join in the solving of the nation's problems, ready to join in the defence of democracy."

THREE PEOPLE KNOWN LOCALLY ARE INJURED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

In a head-on collision at six o'clock on Sunday morning on the William Penn highway, two miles west of Cresson, three Cambria county residents were injured, two of them seriously.

Mrs. Pearl (Crooks) Gill, 36, of Cresson, suffered a fracture of the skull and bruises of the body. Her condition is listed as serious in the Altoona hospital.

Lillian Crooks, 25, Cresson sustained severe lacerations of the face and a fracture of the right arm. Her condition was listed as fairly good in the Altoona hospital.

John Gill, Patton, sustained severe bruises of the body. He was treated at the hospital dispensary. Donald Gill, of Detroit, Mich., a former Patton resident, escaped injury.

Pvt. A. M. Cox of the Ebensburg sub-station of the motor police, in an investigation learned that the automobile driven by Harry R. Atoulikian of Cleveland, Ohio, was attempting to pass a truck when the machine collided head-on with the Gill automobile.

Both drivers escaped injury. Both automobiles were extensively damaged.

FORMER EDITOR OF THE PATTON COURIER DEAD

We note by the Nanty-Glo Journal of last week that Albert McConnell, printer in the Journal office, received a message announcing the death of his brother, J. Edward McConnell, aged about 55, also a printer and linotype operator, which occurred at State College following a stroke. The deceased was a native of Lilly and formerly resided in Altoona before going to State College a short time ago.

J. Edward McConnell was for some years the editor of the Patton Courier, and before that time had been a printer employed on the local newspaper.