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RIGHT OF AUTONOMY IS GAINED BY MINE WORKERS OF DISTRICT NO. 2

ABUNDANCE OF SMALL GAME IS SEEN IN AREA

Rabbits, Squirrels and Birds on Increase According to Game Protector Thompson.

The coming small game season to open November 1st and close November 30th, should be the best in Cambria county in the last ten years, it was predicted last week by County Game Protector Elmer B. Thompson.

He indicated that the small game, especially rabbits and birds, weathered the winter in excellent condition and multiplied rapidly during the mating season last spring.

Reduction of the vast deer herd in Cambria county also was a handicap to farmers, Thompson said. Prior to the special season dozens of reports of deer damage were reported to the Pennsylvania Game Commission and hundreds of dollars of damage claims were paid.

So far this year few complaints have been received from farmers, Thompson said. Only scattered complaints have been received relative to the damage to truck patches.

Although the deer herd was reduced considerably in this section the hunting should not be materially affected for the coming season, which opens December 1st and continues until December 15th. Indications are that there will be less deer hunters in the mountains this season than last season, as many of the hunters who sought antlerless deer were "meat" hunters, who will not hunt for sportsmanship.

Cambria county nimrods should have a better bird season this fall than in many previous years, Thompson emphasized. The game commission during the summer stocked approximately 2,000 ringnecks in the districts.

Sportsmen's association throughout the county have co-operated with the commission in raising young ringnecks and releasing them prior to the opening of the small game season. The stocking is under the supervision of the game protector.

Several associations in the county have been and are releasing ringnecks. The beautifully colored birds were plentiful in the district prior to the severe winter of 1936 when much of the winter feed was destroyed and many of the birds killed. Through the extensive restocking program of the game commission with the cooperation of sportsmen's associations the supply has been increased considerably during the last three years.

Supply of rabbits also should be above average this year, Thompson indicated. He said that hunters training dogs have reported an excellent supply of cotton tails in practically all sections of the county.

Thompson has issued many warnings to motorists to refrain from running over rabbits on the highways. He said that already this summer hundreds of rabbits have been killed by automobiles on the highways in this county.

A large number of grey squirrels are reported to have migrated into the townships in Northern Cambria county, according to Thompson, who said the squirrels are moving, but said they will remain in the county because of the fine fall crop of nuts, especially acorns and beechnuts.

The crop of nuts in northern Cambria county was exceptionally fine this fall, Thompson indicated. He expressed the opinion that squirrel hunters should enjoy a fine season.

Present indications are that wild turkeys should be fairly plentiful in the northern part of the county. Several large flocks have been seen in townships in the northwestern section of the county it is reported. Thompson stated that farmers have reported the presence of several large flocks.

The game protector predicted that a record kill of the royal birds will be made during the thirty day season. A large number of turkeys were bagged last year but present indications are that an even larger number will be shot this year.

Ruffed grouse are also staging a remarkable comeback in the county, the game protector reported. He said he has received reports that many grouse have been flushed by hunters training dogs, and by woodcock hunters.

A "better than average" supply of wild grapes this year will offer an excellent supply of food for the birds which were nearly wiped out during the severe winter of 1936.

Despite the indications of a banner small game hunting season it is believed that the army of hunters this year will be considerably smaller than

SONMAN PITTS AT PORTAGE RESUME WORKING AFTER ONE-DAY STRIKE

The strike of 1,250 miners of Koppers Coal Company at the shaft and slope operation at Sonman near Portage ended Tuesday afternoon after a shut down of a day and a half.

Differences over the discharge of a mule driver were settled at a meeting of Jamestown Local, United Mine Workers, and the night shift entered the mines Tuesday afternoon, with the day shift going back Wednesday morning. Both shifts were idle on Monday, as was the day shift Tuesday.

TREASURER ROSS TO GIVE ADDRESS SCOUTERS MEET

State Official Will Be Here Instead of Chief Justice Kephart at Brandon Gathering.

F. Clair Ross, Pennsylvania State Treasurer, will be the principal speaker at the opening dinner meeting of the annual sustaining membership campaign it has been announced by Attorney Randolph Myers of Ebensburg, chairman.

Ross will speak in place of Chief Justice John W. Kephart of the State Supreme Court who had previously been scheduled to deliver the main address. Judge Kephart informed local scout officials that he found it impossible to come on the date set for the dinner event.

Ross was elected state treasurer in 1936 after a legal career which carried him to the position of deputy attorney general in the administration of Gov. George H. Earle. Born in Mercer county, Jan. 3, 1895, he began the practice of law in Butler county in 1924 and was elected deputy attorney general in 1935.

At the outbreak of the world war he enlisted in the army and served with the flying division signal corps. He is a member of the American Legion, the Masonic Order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Following the Spangler dinner, the workers enlisted in the campaign organization will begin their drive to secure sustaining members for local scout work. Members of the Initial Gifts Division of the campaign organization began their phase of the drive last month and will deliver reports at the dinner October 17th. Prior to the dinner the executive board of Admiral Peary Council will hold its regular meeting in the Brandon hotel at 8:00 o'clock.

Nine scouts from troops in the local council are down at the New York World's Fair this week at the Scout Service camp.

ROUND AND SQUARE DANCE AT NICKTOWN

A round and square dance will be held in St. Nicholas' Hall at Nicktown on Saturday evening of this week, October 14th, from 9 to 12 o'clock. Music will be furnished by Guy and Jambols. Everybody is welcome.

In the past three or four years.

General increase in business and economic conditions throughout the state was given as the reason for the probable reduction in the number of hunters. During the past few years when business conditions were below average and large numbers of men were unemployed, the army of hunters was the largest in the history of the state.

However, since business conditions have shown a decided upward swing, hundreds of men have been employed and therefore will be unable to spend time afield, it was said.

It is believed that the heaviest hunting will take place on Saturday when many workmen have a day off.

In discussing the hunting season, Thompson said that trappers also will enjoy a good year. He indicated that the supply of muskrats, fox and raccoon is above average this year.

The season on hunting raccoon with dogs opens November 1 and continues until December 31st. Coon trapping in Cambria county is prohibited this year he said. Hunting of Hungarian partridges also is prohibited in the county this season.

Thousands of Union Men Will Go to Polls Early in December

United Mine Workers of District No. 2 will elect their own district officers in December—first time in 13 years—it was announced in letters sent from district headquarters to secretaries of locals throughout Central Pennsylvania. Partial autonomy has been restored in District No. 2 in accordance with action taken at the last international convention of the U. M. W. of A. at Washington, at which time the international executive board recommended restoration of autonomy rights with the exception of the selection of district president and district secretary-treasurer.

Restoration of voting rights to the rank and file of more than 50,000 union miners in the district comes at a time when the mining industry is booming and many new men are obtaining employment in union mines of the district.

Accompanying the announcement of the district election to be held on the first Tuesday of December was word of the appointment of Edward J. Sweaney, of Lilly, as district secretary-treasurer to succeed the late Richard Gilbert, which was contained in a story in the Press-Courier two weeks ago.

Restoration of partial autonomy is expected to end a long fight waged in various local unions to obtain voting rights. Miners in good standing as of December 1 will be entitled to vote.

Offices to be filled by popular ballot of more than 50,000 miners are those of district vice president (now vacant by resignation of the new secretary-treasurer), international board member, a position now held by John Ghizzoni, of Homer City; and eight territorial members of the district board. Each local was directed to select a polling place and fix the hours of voting in a manner to give every member opportunity to vote. Nominations will be

OUTPUT OF COAL IN STATE MINES AT BIG INCREASE

Tonnage So Far in 1939 Very Far in Advance of Corresponding Period Last Year.

Harrisburg—Output of Pennsylvania's vast coal mining properties the first eight months of this year was nearly 7,500,000 tons greater than the combined anthracite-bituminous production during the corresponding period of 1938. State Mines Department records show.

Soft coal production to September 1 totalled 49,981,001 tons, topping the output for the first eight months of 1938 by 4,149,062 despite a virtual shutdown of the industry during the April squabble over a new wage agreement. Production reported last April was only 137,082 tons, compared to 8,580,979 the previous month and 3,684,223 tons in May.

Anthracite collieries turned out 3,180,973 tons more this year to September 1 than the aggregate reported for the first eight months of 1938, reflecting an increase in production from 29,160,690 to 32,341,663 tons.

The department was unable to say what increase in mine employment resulted from the "war boom" production boost since operators do not submit monthly reports of the number of workers on their payrolls.

Mines Secretary John Ira Thomas was confident, however, that increased demands for both soft and hard coal this year had provided thousands of new jobs in both regions. A recent unofficial survey indicated thousands of new jobs in both regions. A recent unofficial survey indicated anthracite employment increased from the summer level of 80,000 to 110,000 last month. It was accompanied by a flood of application for membership in the U. M. W. of A. and wholesale abandonment of bootleg coal holes.

Last year the bituminous industry employed 117,000 miners. Thomas said continuance of the production increase undoubtedly would provide employment for at least 12,000 additional miners on waiting lists. He gave the state mine inspectors emergency authorization to grant miners' certificates to qualify them for the newly available jobs at the mines. The last legislature allowed Thomas to disband the soft coal miners' examining boards. Anthracite miners are certified by court appointed boards.

LEGION COMMITTEE TO MEET NEXT MONDAY AT CARROLLTOWN POST

The October meeting of the Cambria County Committee of the American Legion will be held next Monday evening in the Carrolltown American Legion Home instead of Tuesday evening as previously scheduled. The meeting was moved ahead one night so as not to conflict with a dinner meeting of the Admiral Robert Peary Council, Boy Scouts of America, to be held in the Brandon hotel, Spangler. State Treasurer F. Clair Ross will be the principal speaker at the meeting.

STATE'S RELIEF ROLLS CONTINUE TO DROP LOWER

One-Fifth of Load Has Been Lopped Off Since Peak of Last Winter.

Harrisburg—State Relief Rolls resumed their downward trend this week with the help of private employment and a check-up showed one-fifth of the total WPA relief load has been lopped off since last winter's peak.

After a week's interruption a slow rate of decrease in relief was noted again in the week ended September 30, covered in a report on Monday by Howard L. Russell, secretary of public assistance.

Russell attributed a drop of 823 cases during the week to industrial employment and said it would have been more than twice that number had it not been for "the adverse effect of WPA activity."

Industrial pick-up also was credited with a WPA finding that thousands of relief recipients are failing to show up when called for jobs. The percentage of refusals has been mounting since August, the state WPA headquarters reported explaining the majority had found jobs elsewhere.

Russell said, "There are very few able-bodied men on relief who turn down a WPA job without some good reasons," but suggested transportation problems might be responsible for about ninety per cent of the "did not report" cases in counties where they are acute.

Russell pointed out that the total number of unemployed getting aid through relief or WPA jobs had dropped from 1,637,000, at the winter peak last February, to 1,273,000 at the beginning of October.

He said that the decline was about 20 per cent, but noted "a large net shift in relief cases from WPA to the Department of Public Assistance, which in turn has tended to obscure the solid improvement in the total situation."

The state now carries 65 per cent of the unemployment relief load, instead of 42 per cent, as previously, he said.

The number on direct relief rolls on September 30th was 272,000 cases, representing 827,406 persons who received \$1,989,303 in that week.

Most of the favorable effect of private employment was noted in the 16 bituminous and steel producing counties, Russell reported.

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Nation's Wealth

The national wealth of the United States in 1937 was estimated at \$22 billion of dollars this week by the National Industrial Conference Board.

NO JUSTIFICATION FOR BARRING MEN PAST 40 FROM JOBS

It Is A Mistaken Employment Problem Which Can Be Corrected, Says Pamphlet.

Men and women past 40 face a real and increasingly severe handicap in seeking jobs, due to mistaken employment policies which can be corrected. Such are the main conclusions of a 10-cent pamphlet titled, "Jobs After Forty," just published by the Public Affairs Committee, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York. The material was summarized by Beulah Amidon from material collected by the United States Department of Labor.

"For men, the downhill of employment ability," the study finds, "seems to begin at 45; for women five or ten years earlier. What was once the prime of life has become a period of increasing employment handicaps for workers in both factory and white collar jobs."

While few employers have a rigid "firing age," discharging all workers who have reached a given age, the hiring age policy of large companies make it far more difficult for an older than a younger worker to get into employment. If a merger, a slack season, a re-organization, or some other situation beyond his control causes him to lose his job.

Five reasons are usually advanced in explanation of this discrimination against older workers: (1) that, as compared with younger men and women, older workers produce less; (2) that they are more prone to accidents; (3) that they add to the costs of group insurance; (4) they weaken private pension plans; and (5) they are less adaptable personally, and on the job.

None of these five explanations is found to hold up under scientific scrutiny.

"The facts," the study declares, "are on the side of the older as compared with the younger worker, at least until after the age of fifty, as to productivity."

The presence of a large group of older workers is found not to add to accident costs or to compensation insurance premiums. The cost of group insurance is shown to be increased by only an almost negligible amount, while the cost of private pension plans increase only when the plans are not drawn up in line with best insurance practice. On the adaptability of older workers the evidence is described as "meager and fragmentary."

Having shown that there is little or no justification for employment practices which bar older workers, the study asserts that "the employer must take an important part in the effort if the problem of the older worker is to be met adequately."

Employers are asked to restudy their hiring policies with regard to older workers in the belief that "an honest survey of the facts available today will dispel the idea—often unthinkingly accepted—that there is any significant relationship between age and costs."

REPUBLICANS APPOINT YOST AS MANAGER

Attorney Russell R. Yost, Johnstown, was elected manager of the campaign of the Republican party in Cambria county for the November election at a meeting of the party's executive committee, city and county candidates which was called on Wednesday evening of last week at the Fort Stanwix hotel in Johnstown.

Named deputy for the southern end of the county was Attorney Harry E. Simmons of Southmont, with Richard Steele, Barnesboro, named to assist the campaign manager in the northern sections. Election of a campaign manager was made at the instance of Attorney Harry A. Englehart, county chairman, who asked to be relieved of his duties for the reason that he is a candidate for judge.

REPUBLICANS PLAN A RALLY AT BARNESBORO

A joint Republican rally held by the Barnesboro Women's Republican Club and the Northern Cambria Republican Club will be held in the Miners' hall at Barnesboro on Monday, October 16 at eight o'clock P. M. Principal speaker will be Attorney Harry A. Englehart Republican nominee for judge, and the other Republican nominees also will address the meeting. Everybody welcome.

Nicholas Galuschick, aged 69 years, died on Tuesday afternoon at his home in West Carroll township after a brief illness. His widow and several children survive.

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