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JOHN L. LEWIS AGAIN NAMED TO CIO PRESIDENCY

Despite Desire to Quit Militant Leader of Industrial Unionism Gets Great Ovation.

San Francisco.—The Congress of Industrial Organizations last Friday re-elected John L. Lewis to its presidency with a tumultuous 45 minute ovation. Lewis, who tried vainly to restore order among the singing, shouting, parading delegates during his election by acclamation, accepted the presidency for the second time but said he had come to the convention "with the hope you would select another leader."

In his acceptance speech, Lewis made no reference to the American Federation of Labor, but said the C. I. O. was the only instrument in fifty years that has proven capable of dealing with industry on equal terms.

"The C. I. O. intends to go forward on a platform that America can endorse," Lewis said.

During the election demonstration, some of the delegates took off their shoes and pounded on desks to show their enthusiasm for Lewis' return to office. Business was suspended until the uproar was quieted. Lewis was then installed for the second term as head of the labor organization which he founded five years ago and which made him its first president when it became a permanent organization last year.

Sidney Hillman and Philip Murray were re-elected as vice presidents. New vice presidential posts went to R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers of America; Reid Robinson of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; Sherman Dalrymple of the United Rubber Workers and Emilie Rieve.

The convention adopted a resolution condemning the National Labor Relations Board for its present policies and accusing the board of leaning too strongly toward appeasement of the rival AFL. Speakers criticized William Leiserson, new member of the board, as being definitely anti-CIO.

The convention discussed the 1940 elections and decided to co-operate with Labor's Non Partisan League in political developments. No reference was made however, to a third term for President Roosevelt and it was considered probable the matter would not be taken up officially.

Other resolutions called for greater labor representation on all important federal and state administrative agencies and for CIO representation in the International Labor Office at Geneva, Switzerland. Delegates condemned the Iowa criminal syndicalism law and stood in silence for two minutes in memory of ten men killed in fighting during the Chicago Steel Strike of 1937.

SCOUT LEADERS OPEN MEETING AT SPANGLER

Cambria and Somerset County Boy Scout leaders opened the current sustaining membership campaign at a dinner meeting on Tuesday night in the Brandon Hotel, Spangler.

Approximately 200 persons attended the dinner and received instructions relative to conducting the campaign for the Admiral Robert E. Peary Council Boy Scouts of America, during the next few weeks.

Roger W. Cann, assistant council executive, outlined the budget adopted by the council executive board for the coming year. He pointed out that \$16,060 will be required to operate the council for the next fiscal year.

Approximately 5,000 boys are becoming 12 years of age each year in Cambria and Somerset counties, and all of them are not given the opportunity of entering into the Scout movement, he pointed out.

"If the current budget is realized during the campaign it will be possible to employ the services of another assistant executive in the district and thereby extend the movement," Cann pointed out.

D. G. Van DeBoe, deputy regional executive of the Boy Scouts of America, was the principal speaker. In his interesting and educational address the Scout leader pointed out the need for the Boy Scout movement, especially at the present time. He painted a picture of conditions in Europe and pointed out how young boys are being curtailed because of the war.

He praised the work of the leaders of the local council and said that the scouting movement has increased materially during the last two years and even more marked improvement is expected during the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Murphy of Barnesboro observed their silver wedding anniversary at their home last Saturday. A high mass of thanksgiving was celebrated Saturday morning in St. Benedict's Catholic church, Carrolltown, by Rev. Father Thomas Wolf, O. S. B. Dennis Murphy and Miss Alma Shambaugh were married in the Carrolltown church.

WAGE AND HOUR ACT REACHES ITS FIRST BIRTHDAY

As October 24 Nears Gains to Labor and Support of Employers Are Stressed.

Washington.—The second attempt of the Roosevelt administration to eliminate by regulation standard labor conditions in industry will have been in operation one year on October 24.

Unlike its late elder brother, the National Industry Recovery Act, which died under a judicial guillotine after a short career beset by strife and fear the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, better known as the Wages and Hours law, has developed along the normal lines of a new statute and will attain its first birthday in a thriving condition. Its first anniversary will be marked by the establishment of still higher wage-hour standards than have prevailed during its first year.

When the prohibitive sections law became effective on October 24, 1938, they fixed a minimum of forty-four hours a week for workers employed in interstate commerce and a minimum of 25 cents an hour. On October 24th this year the legal work week will be shortened to forty-two hours and the minimum wage will become 30 cents per hour.

Theoretically there are about 12,000,000 persons according to Labor Department estimates, who are employed in interstate commerce and thus come under the provisions of the act. The number of those who actually had their wages raised and their hours shortened by the act, however, is vastly smaller than that because when the law was enacted millions of workers in industry already received wages higher than the statutory minimum and worked fewer hours than the statutory maximum.

Nevertheless, the immediate effect of the act when it became effective a year ago was to increase the pay of about 300,000 workers who were receiving less than 25 cents an hour and shorten the working week for about 1,400,000 who were working more than forty-four hours a week.

When the new scale goes into effect it is estimated that an additional 250,000 will receive pay increases and another 400,000 will work fewer hours a week.

In enacting the law, Congress provided that the standard work week in interstate commerce should become forty-four hours from Oct. 24, 1938, to Oct. 24, 1939; be forty-two hours from Oct. 24, 1939, to Oct. 24, 1940, and thereafter be forty hours. Where a longer work week is required of employers they shall be compensated at not less than one and one-half times their regular rate of pay.

The law also fixed minimum wages of 25 cents an hour from Oct. 24, 1938, to Oct. 24, 1939; 30 cents an hour for the six years from Oct. 24, 1939, to Oct. 24, 1945, and thereafter 40 cents an hour.

Taking cognizance of conditions that might prevail in specific industry, however, Congress decreed that the 40 cents an hour minimum might be lowered if it were shown "by a preponderance of evidence that such a rate would substantially curtail employment in the industry."

In the further realization that some industries, might be able to pay wages higher than the minimum without substantially curtailing employment, Congress set up a system of industry committees whereby wage scales were to be determined by agreement among representatives of employers and employees in a particular industry and the public. Under this system it is estimated that some 500,000 workers, chiefly in the textile and apparel industries, are receiving or soon will receive hourly wages higher than the statutory minimum.

All employees in industries engaging in producing, manufacturing, mining, handling, transporting or in any manner working on goods moving in interstate commerce, or in any process or occupation necessary to the production of such goods, or employees engaged in interstate transportation, transmission or communication, are subject to the provisions of the law.

FARMERS IN PROGRAM YET HAVE TIME FOR SOIL PRACTICES IN SOIL

County farmers participating in the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program yet have time to carry out soil building practices in order to earn payments, according to the Cambria County Agricultural Conservation Committee.

In making this announcement the committee pointed out that the State Agricultural Conservation Committee has set October 31 as the dead line for soil-building practices under the program. The committee has stated that all materials, lime fertilizer, etc., in connection with all practices in the 1939 Program should be applied by that time in order to qualify for payment.

MUMMER'S CELEBRATION AT PATTON

Local Civic Body Heads Movement for Fun-Making Time and Parade on Evening of Monday, October 30th

Patton is planning for a Hallow'en Celebration this year, and asks the cooperation of all citizens of the Borough and vicinity to lend their assistance in making it a success.

Scheduled for Monday Evening, October 30th, starting at eight o'clock, the main event planned is a gigantic Mummer's Parade. The Patton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the movement, and to make it a pleasant and fun-making party one will remember, co-operation of all folks, particularly the children, is requested. Of course, you all know what constitutes a Mummer's Parade. You rig yourself out fantastically, you create some novel stunt, you do most anything that will cause mirth and merriment.

There will be band music and other attractions. There will be lots of doing. There will be free tokens, in the way of horns or other noisemakers for the children who take part in the parade, and all children are urged to join in.

There will be appropriate prizes for those who are adjudged the best in this fantastical exhibition. Detailed particulars will be given next week. But in the meantime you can prepare for the affair.

JAMES MARK, DISTRICT MINERS' PRESIDENT, WILL BE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT MEETING IN BARNEBORO ON THURSDAY NIGHT OF TRUCKERS, OPERATORS, MINERS

A joint meeting of the members of the Truckers Local Union No. 7587, U. M. W. of A. of Barnesboro, which comprises those hauling and digging house coal, the operators of the mines, and the miners, will be held in the Moose Temple at Barnesboro on Thursday evening of this week, to discuss matters of great importance to all concerned. Principal speaker at the meeting will be James Mark of DuBois, president of District No. 2 of the United Mine Workers of America. It is to the interest of those effected by the three organizations to attend, and all are urged to do so.

VARIOUS LABOR ORGANIZATIONS OF PATTON DEPLORE RISE IN LIVING COSTS UNJUSTLY CAUSED BY WAR IN EUROPE, IN SET OF RESOLUTIONS SENT TO OFFICIALS

To the Editor of the Union Press: We, the undersigned, committees representing the various labor organizations of Patton, Pennsylvania, having no part in the present European problem, and feeling the said European trouble should have no bearing on us economically in our present food and commodity prices upswing. Therefore, be it resolved, the above mentioned labor organizations do hereby condemn any and all public officials and Chambers of Commerce who condone said upswing of prices. Therefore, be it resolved the said labor organizations send a copy of these resolutions to any and all of our law-making representatives, petitioning them to use all power within their offices to control such unjust upswing in living costs. (Signed by the Committee: CHAS. E. CROWELL, LEROY LUTHER, JOHN FRANKLIN, FRANK E. ROGERS.)

H. G. ANDREWS, JOHNSTOWN EDITOR, BOOKED AS THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT DEMOCRAT POLITICAL RALLY TO BE HELD IN FIREMEN'S HALL, PATTON ON SUNDAY

Billed as the principal speaker at a mass meeting to be held in the Patton Fire Hall on Sunday afternoon, October 22nd, at 2:00 o'clock is Assemblyman Hiram G. Andrews, Editorial Director of the Johnstown Democrat, who will analyze the political situation as he sees it in Cambria county at the present time. Sponsored by local Democrats, a number of other speakers of prominence will also be present. Editor Andrews has a message to all voters, regardless of political affiliation, and all are invited to come. It is a public meeting. You have read his daily articles in the Johnstown Democrat. You may agree with him, and then again, you may not agree with him. But here is a chance to hear him whether you agree with him or not. Don't forget the place is the Patton Fire Hall at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon next. All are welcome.

SCREEN AND RADIO STARS FROM HOLLYWOOD WILL BE AT GRAND THEATRE, PATTON, IN "COWGIRLS" ON SUNDAY MIDNIGHT SPECIAL SHOW AND ON MONDAY NIGHT

Many folks wonder what happens to the beautiful movie-struck girls that go to Hollywood and do not become great outstanding picture stars. It is a known fact that many of them become waitresses many finally give up and return home, but see for yourself how a group of Hollywood girls got together a few years ago and being all musicians and very talented, formed the Hollywood Cowgirls, then in time they became radio favorites on the west coast and were so popular that the public demanded to see them in person at theatres, so they pooled their talents and started playing theatres, and at the same time continuing with their radio broadcasting. In their stage show they will discover them very pleasing giving a wide variety of novelties as well as musical entertainment deluxe. For instance, of course, first comes Dot Hackley, the boss cowgirl, followed by Lily Mark and her fiddle, and Lil really does many stunts with her fiddle as well as other instruments. You will get a great kick when you see Olivia Hoskins slap that bass fiddle practically to death, you will fall in love with the Rodik twins, Hollywood's only identical girl twins that have achieved popularity with their electric guitars and the perfect blending of their voices. Babs Bardo will thrill you with her rope tricks, although lightning fast seem almost impossible, especially when she does said rope tricks while tap dancing. Then comes Lenore Larson, who with her accordion and blues singing voice makes you wish that you had learned to play an accordion. Through a special booking Dot Hackley and her Hollywood Girls will be in Patton in person at the Grand Theatre for a midnight performance on Sunday night, and also for the regular show on Monday night.

BEER DISTRIBUTORS FORM ORGANIZATION FOR NORTH CAMBRIA

Organization of all beer distributors of Northern Cambria County was announced at a meeting of the Northern Cambria Beer Distributors Association at Penn Eben Hotel, Ebensburg on Friday.

The following were announced as having been admitted to membership last week: Anthony Nastase, Beaverdale; S. T. Runzo & Co., Cresson; Norman Sebring, Henry Brunett, Earl McKicker and Daniel Segabo, all of Portage; Nanty Glo Distributing Company, Nanty Glo, and Frank Bertanzetti and Luke Maxwell, Gallitzin. These distributors together with those enrolled at former meetings make the association a 100 percent organization it was announced.

The association explained that all truck drivers employed by association members are enrolled in the Truckers Branch of the United Mine Workers of America, a specially-chartered U. M. W. union local for truck drivers. The association also forwarded a communication to the Pennsylvania

Liquor Control Board advising that body that beer distributors in Northern Cambria County are pledged to unstinted compliance with the liquor and beer regulations of the state.

SEEK ADJUSTMENT OF SALARIES PAID SOME TEACHERS

County Group to Ask Raise for Those in Fourth Class School Districts.

Adjustment in the salaries of teachers in fourth class districts was recommended on Saturday afternoon in a resolution adopted at the concluding session of the 70th annual Cambria County Teachers Conference. The convention went on record as favoring regulations which would place salaries of teachers on a parity with those in third class districts.

Changes in the Pennsylvania Teachers Retirement Act were urged in another resolution adopted by the instructors. It was suggested that the act be changed so that the minimum annuity of retired teachers entering the field prior to the age of 35 years be stated in a flat amount sufficient to provide for the necessities of life. It also was recommended that more liberal minimum annuities be established for persons entering the field after the age of 35 years with less than 20 years service and that part of the increased cost be borne by the school district paying the low salaries and the remainder by the state. The resolution also recommended that annuities be based on the 10 highest years of salary.

Other resolutions adopted at the closing meeting were those commending the Johnston Motor Club for promoting a safety program through the school-boy patrols. Another endorsed the teaching of highway safety in the schools.

Dr. Arthur M. Stull, county superintendent of schools, and his staff were commended for the planning and successful management of the conference. Members of the resolutions committee were D. R. Lovette, chairman; Willard E. Aekley, Clyde E. Bounds, Richard Costello, Jean Davis, Thomas A. Duffy, Elmira Martin, Anna J. Murphy, F. Lee Myers, Elizabeth Stoker and Karl Wachter.

PATTON WOMAN IS FATALLY BURNED ON SUNDAY MORNING

When kerosene she was using to start a fire in the kitchen stove exploded on Sunday morning, Mrs. Mary Bogan, aged 88 years, well known Patton resident, was fatally burned. The aged woman suffered first and second degree burns of the entire body. She died at 6:55 o'clock on Sunday evening at the Miners' hospital in Spangler, about nine hours after her admission.

Hearing the explosion and Mrs. Bogan's screams, Anna Rudy, who stayed with the aged woman, raced to the kitchen to find Mrs. Bogan's clothing a mass of flames. The girl tore the flaming clothing from the woman's body and summoned neighbors. The victim was rushed to the hospital.

Mrs. Bogan was well known in the vicinity of Patton, having resided here for many years. Her husband died a number of years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Harry Bogan, Phillipsburg, and Thomas Bogan, of DuBois. Mrs. Bogan also leaves fourteen grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was a sister of Mrs. Margaret Green, Buffalo, N. Y., and Thomas Liddell, Canton, Ohio.

The funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Patton Church of God, by Elder Howard Gregg, and interment was made in Fairview cemetery.

BARN IS LEVELED NEAR ST. BONIFACE

A barn on the John Brinzo farm near St. Boniface was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin at 8 o'clock on Friday evening.

The fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. The Hastings Volunteer Fire Company responded to an alarm but the barn had been practically leveled when the volunteers arrived. Sparks for a time threatened the Brinzo home, but firemen succeeded in saving this building.

A small amount of hay was stored in the barn. The loss is estimated at \$300.

GALLITZIN CHURCH MARKS 55TH YEAR

Services appropriate to the 55th anniversary of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Gallitzin, were carried out on Sunday. Date of the 55th anniversary was October 10, but the religious ceremonies attending the event were held on Sunday with solemn high mass by Rev. Father Joseph Farren, pastor.

Erected in 1884-1885, St. Patrick's Church was dedicated October 10, 1885, by Bishop Richard Phelan, then head of the Pittsburgh Diocese. The late Monsignor John Boyle of St. John Gualbert's Church, Johnstown, was one of the early pastors at Gallitzin.

TRUCE IN LABOR WAR SUGGESTED BY NEW DEALER

Secretary of Labor Perkins Says Temporary Agreement Would Be Satisfactory.

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins on Sunday intimated for the first time that the Roosevelt Administration would be satisfied with a truce between the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

"The public with nothing but goodwill toward labor, had the right to expect the peace committees to resume negotiations and carry them through to a successful and honorable conclusion," Madame Perkins said in a speech at the Unity Church in Montclair, N. J.

Her address came immediately after the two labor organizations concluded their annual conventions to which Mr. Roosevelt sent new appeals for peace in the interest of true national unity during the European war.

Mme. Perkins said that the "unity of the two groups, or at least a truce with regard to precipitation and aggravating disputes among themselves when sound relations to an employer are imperiled," is essential to the continued growth of the labor movement, and desired by the "overwhelming majority" of the rank and file.

The A. F. of L. convention at Cincinnati authorized the Federation's committee to resume negotiations with the C. I. O. "whenever that organization will indicate a willingness to resume conferences."

The C. I. O. meeting at San Francisco devoted little time to the peace problem, and left the question of resuming negotiations in the hands of the peace committee, headed by President John L. Lewis and including Vice Presidents Sidney Hillman and Philip Murray.

The committees have not met since April 4, when negotiations were postponed because Lewis and Murray were busy with coal contract negotiations. The A. F. of L., C. I. O. fight over Wagner Act amendments was a factor in the postponement.

"There is overwhelming evidence that the vast majority of union members in both groups want peace and desire to cooperate with each other and this same view is held by the public in general," Mme. Perkins said. "It is a striking observation that in many cities counties and states, the two groups are acting as though there were no breach and are cooperating for the improvement of labor conditions."

"Leaders truly responsive to the desire and will of their members will exert every effort to settle the present controversy. The longer it continues the more disastrous it will be to a growing, healthy and prosperous labor movement."

MOTHER'S FEARS OF SON'S SAFETY LEADS TO DEATH

A Nanty-Glo mother, fearing her son was the victim of a fatal automobile accident near her home, collapsed and died from a heart attack as she hurried to the scene on Saturday night.

The victim was Mrs. Catherine (Golla) Lesneski, 48, of Nanty-Glo. Deputy Coroner John A. Conway said fear and over exertion contributed to the woman's death.

Mrs. Mary Votovich, a neighbor, related that on hearing of the accident, Mrs. Lesneski, fearing that one of her sons, who was out of the house at the time might be the victim, asked her to accompany her to the scene.

She related that Mrs. Lesneski was stricken as they hurried to the scene. She was taken into a nearby home and died before a physician could be summoned.

Mrs. Lesneski's fears over her son's safety were unwarranted. The victim of the accident was another.

NEWSPAPERMEN GUESTS OF KIWANIS AT GATHERING ON MONDAY NIGHT

Newspaper night was observed on Monday evening at the weekly dinner of the Northern Cambria Kiwanis Club at the Brandon hotel in Spangler, J. R. Nicholson presided.

Addresses were made by Thomas A. Owens, editor of the Union Press-Courier, Patton; Miles E. Ranck, editor of the Barnesboro Star, and A. J. Houck, of Hastings, editor of the North Cambria News. Various branches of the newspaper business were discussed by the speakers.

Plans also were announced at the dinner for a post season football game the proceeds of which will be turned over to some charitable institution. The game will be sponsored by the Northern Cambria and Ebensburg Kiwanis clubs. Competing teams have not yet been selected.