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NON-PARTISANS FAVOR ELECTION OF DEMOCRATS

Entire State and Cambria County Tickets Endorsed by County Labor Body.

Delegates from a large number of local unions in Cambria county, principally of the United Mine Workers of America, the Steel Workers Organizing Committee and the Clerks' Union, to Labor's Non-Partisan League, met at the Moose Temple at Barnesboro on Sunday afternoon last, and endorsed the entire Democratic State and County Tickets for election next Tuesday.

Committees of speakers were chosen to visit all local unions during the present week and up until election time to acquaint the memberships with the action taken by the body and the reasons therefor.

Citing the reactionary Republican government at Harrisburg particularly in its drastic repeal and moderation of adequate labor legislation that was enacted during the Earle administration, and the feeling that there exists among all Republican nominees in both state and county, a general accord with the present administration's stand, the Non-Partisan League gave a blanket endorsement to the Democratic candidates because most of them have known records favorable to labor, and none of them hedge or avoid stating their stand of criticism on the drastic penalties the common people have had to suffer at the hands of the 1939 legislature and the governor and his administration.

While a resolution was presented, asking that questionnaire be mailed all candidates asking their stand in the election of last year, their thought on the present administration's activities, and their friendship to labor on the record of themselves, it was decided that insufficient time was left to send out and tabulate such a questionnaire. Republicans, they felt, the nominees, as well, pretty generally, last year, took an active part in the election that sent Judge James and a reactionary legislator into office. Since that time labor has learned that all the legislation that the Earle administration passed in their favor, is in jeopardy, and some of it has been partially repealed. Particularly brought forth at the meeting was the cut made in the Workmen's Compensation law, which in one short session the reactionary movement at Harrisburg sent back to below the standards of 20 years ago.

The indorsement of the Democratic State and county tickets was unanimous. Several delegates had the floor at long intervals, and while there was friendly debate, at no time was that debate objectionable to the desired outcome. It was only as to the method to be used to gain the one end—the repudiation of the reactionary state government, and of the candidates this year who had part last year in the creation of an unfriendly administration to labor.

Governor James came in for quite a lot of adverse comment for his claims of bringing prosperity to Pennsylvania—a prosperity that not only includes our state but every industrial state—and a prosperity that is fraught with horror—a prosperity that is given to us by the blood of others, the war in Europe. It was a pretty good consensus of opinion that most anyone could be governor of Pennsylvania just now and prosperity would still be here.

President James Mark, of District No. 2 of the United Mine Workers of America was a speaker of facts and figures concerning the James administration and of the little accord given either the CIO or the AFL by either the legislative leaders or the governor. He pointed out how Labor's Non-Partisan League must begin building its fences now, not only here, but all over the nation, in order that reactionaries of the Joe Grundy type, do not get control of the national administration, such as is the case in our own state. He felt, that so long as one party offers reactionary methods, it should be fought with ballots by labor and so long as another party proved friendly, and no more friendly government than the present national administration has ever been labor's—it should be fostered and promoted.

Labor's Non-Partisan League has given its indorsement to the entire Democratic and State Tickets. It has done so because the delegates felt that this ticket is labor's friend. Upon the activities of last year, in this county, and elsewhere, the Republicans of this year seeking state and county election, are the same Republicans of last year who worked and advocated election of the James administration—at whose hands labor has suffered, and will continue to suffer.

They ask laboring men, their families, and the common people to remember this when they go to the polls on Tuesday.

It is your duty to vote on Tuesday. Vote for him you please, but vote.

MINING INSTITUTE IS PLANNED FOR NOV. 4 AT BARNESBORO HALL

The fifteenth bituminous coal mining institute will be held in the St. Thomas Parish hall at Barnesboro on Saturday of this week, November 4th, opening at 1:30 o'clock with a special program. Dinner will be served in St. Edward's hall at 6:30 o'clock.

Institute speakers will include T. J. McCarthy and Morris Coulter of Indiana officials of Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation; George Hood, safety inspector of the Ebensburg Coal Company at Colver; and V. A. Stanton of Johnstown, representing the Mines Safety Appliance Company.

Officers of the fifteenth Bituminous Coal Mining Institute are: Dennis J. Keenan, President; C. P. Brinton, of Barnesboro, secretary; J. G. Nicholson of Barnesboro, treasurer.

U M W A TO LEVY ASSESSMENT FOR HUGE WARCHEST

Soft Coal Miners to Pay \$1.00 Each in December and January for 'Crucial Year'

Washington.—The powerful United Mine Workers union, began building its warchest for 1940 this week by levying assessments which leaders hope will bring the union's total resources to nearly three million dollars by next March.

Although Thomas Kennedy, secretary treasurer, described two assessments of \$1 per working member as "routine" he declared that 1940 was expected to be "a crucial year for labor" and that "the union must be in a position to resist any onslaughts on the legislative or any other front."

Soft coal workers will be assessed \$1 each in December and again in January, he said. Anthracite workers' assessments will be due in January and February. He said he expected the two assessments to net approximately \$800,000 but that it would depend on how many men were at work. "I hope we will have close to \$3,000,000 by next March," he said, "but I don't know what conditions will be between now and then and no one can predict what we will have to spend."

The International Executive Board in notifying district officers of the assessments said it was evident "that the groundwork is being laid for repressive anti-labor, anti-social legislation."

Kennedy said the legislation referred to included efforts to undermine the Wagner Labor Relations Act, the unemployment compensation provisions of the social security act and the WPA.

In 1936 the United Mine Workers supplied about \$500,000 for various phases of the 1936 Democratic campaign, according to reports filed with the clerk of the House.

SWOC PRESENTS PROTEST AND DEMANDS TO BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY

A \$5 a day minimum in all Bethlehem Steel Corporation Mills was demanded last Friday by the CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

A union spokesman said a dozen plant managements had been informed that "we will not accept 'no' for an answer."

Identical demands were presented by SWOC to officials of mills at Johnstown, Bethlehem, Pottstown, Raritan, Leetsdale, Lebanon, and Steelton, Pa., Lackawanna, N. Y.; Sparrows Point, Md., Seattle, Washington, and San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal.

E. J. Lever, director of the SWOC organizing campaign in Bethlehem plants, said:

"The SWOC is fulfilling its responsibility to Bethlehem workers by leading them in their fight for decent wages and working conditions. We are tired of evasion and excuses. The time has come for a showdown."

It is charged by the union that Bethlehem is paying \$6 and 58 cents an hour instead of the 62½ cent minimum recently fixed for the steel industry by the federal department of labor. Bethlehem and other steel companies appealed from the rate order.

An SWOC statement set forth that the \$5 minimum had been accepted in the major portion of the steel industry and said that increasing living costs made higher wages imperative especially for the lowest paid workers.

Mentioning a "great bulk" of government contracts for munitions and other supplies awarded to Bethlehem the union accused the company of profiting from government expenditures of tax money "while this corporation continues to violate the very laws enacted by the government for the protection of labor."

Father Flannagan, famed head of "Boystown," was in Portage during the week where he was the guest of Rev. Father John C. Dunphy, seminary classmate.

JUDGE IVAN J. M'KENRICK HAS A FINE RECORD

Leader of Democratic County Ticket Merits Support of All for Re-Election.



Judge Ivan J. McKenrick.

Cambria county newspapers of Republican inclination have for some time expounding the cause of the Republican nominee for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, there have been first page pictures and stories, and no end of good things to say about their candidate, and we won't deny any of the good things they say. However, we do contend that the Republican candidate simply wants the job of a jurist who has been capable and hard working, and advance no real reasons why this should be done.

If one man has something really valuable and another man wants it, the exchange, if effected, should have something more back of it than mere appetite or desire. Judge McKenrick has been a good judge. He has attended to his business. He is capable and honest. He has been a just judge. The only reason thus far advanced by the Republicans is that another man desires his job.

Judge McKenrick is fifty-four years old; married and the father of three children. He was admitted to the Cambria county bar in 1910; practiced law in Ebensburg until his election as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County in 1929.

When the late Judge Reed died in 1934, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania designated Judge McKenrick to act as Judge of the Orphans' Court until Judge Reed's successor was qualified. The duties of this office were performed by Judge McKenrick in addition to his work in the Common Pleas.

Judge McKenrick has tried many important and difficult cases in the Civil and criminal courts and has participated in the decision of all matters brought before the courts of this county. He has been fair to the parties, considerate to the attorneys and courteous to the jurors and witnesses.

The work of the Juvenile Court in the county, outside the Johnstown area has been handled by Judge McKenrick. Hundreds of boys and girls have been helped by his sympathetic attitude and his understanding of youth and its problems.

Judge McKenrick has always believed that men in public life should use such talent and ability as they may have for the public good. He has been active in the educational, civic and community affairs of the County.

In the many thousands of proceedings before the courts, Judge McKenrick has acquired experience and poise. He has proven his ability as a judge. Now, in the prime of life, he will be able to give the people of Cambria County even greater service.

His record as a citizen and a judge is before the people for approval. Even his Republican opponents can have nothing to say detrimental to his life and record. He is deserving of a second term on the bench.

JAMESTOWN LOCAL EN-DORSES CHERVENAK

Portage, R. D., Pa., Oct. 21, 1939. Jamestown Local Union No. 1318, U. M. W. of A., went on record to indorse Michael C. Chervenak, Jr., for Prothonotary of Cambria County. His outstanding labor record was a factor taken into consideration when the matter of his endorsement was brought up. (Signed): James Hess, President; Joseph Koppnicky, Recording Secretary; John Nowotelski, Fin. Secy.

PUBLIC SALE.

Ed Karlheim will offer at public sale at his farm, two miles south of Patton, on the Eckenrode Mill-Chest Springs road, on Saturday, Nov. 11th, starting at 12 noon, all his live stock, farm machinery, and equipment, etc. See posted bills.

MUMMERS HELD SWAY IN PATTON MONDAY NIGHT

And the Affair Proved to Be An Outstanding Success, and the C. of C. Is Pleased.

The mammoth "Mummer's Parade" sponsored by the Patton Chamber of Commerce last Monday evening was quite a spectacular success. Hundreds of children and adults participated in the parade and it was really astounding to see so many clever and original costumes. The parade formed on Fifth avenue, between Beech and Palmer avenues. The faculty of the public schools, and Rev. Father Bertrand and sisters of the Parochial schools assisted in handling the children by having them assemble in the schools and march in order from there to the line of parade.

The new fire truck led the procession and was followed by the Patton band. Firemen flanked both sides of the merrymakers and carried red flares. Patton's other truck closed the rear ranks.

The Chamber of Commerce distributed horns and noise makers to all the children in the grade schools. The band music, along with the noise of the horns, the shouting and the flare of the red lights made a sight that reminded many of us of the old Hallowe'en celebrations that Patton used to enjoy. We are looking forward to having this Mummer's Parade as an annual event.

James A. Turner, Mrs. Ann Hazenstaub, and Miss Geraldine Stauffer acted as judges, and awarded prizes as follows:

The Chickens—Mary Comitz; Red Cross Nurse and Soldier, John Allison and Mary Allison; Bridal party—Grace Bearer, Eileen Owens, Mary Dietrick and Helen McLaughlin. Tramp with bag—Kenneth Thomas, Corn man—Leo Lesnak; Boy in Underwear, Mickey Croft; Robot Man—Reese O'Brien; Deserted Family—John Bender and Family; The Lion—Dick Arnold; Tin Man—Myron Dietrick; Little Old Lady in Black—Joan Hoover; Man and Lady with Night Cap—Mrs. E. Garrity and Mrs. Leo Maykovitch and Rita Rieg; Tramp and Lady—Robert Albright and Mark Albright; Lady with Coon—Betty Weakland and Helen Tirpak; Indian—Farmer Schall.

The awarding of so many prizes was made possible by the fine cooperation of the following merchants, who contributed all the prizes:

American Stores; A & P Store Co.; Chas. F. Pitt Co., Inc.; Churilla's Market; Cordell's Hardware; General Theatre; Hoover's Dairy, Louis Ianello, Larcie and James Service Station; McCrory's Five and Ten Cent Store, Union Press Courier; Patton Drug Company; Patton Motor Sales; Photo Art Studio, Quality Meat Market, Ratosky's Department Store, Ryan's Service Station, Selkow's Cut Rate Store; Stoltz Motor Co., The Tug Shop, King's Restaurant, and Dr. Coffey.

Huber's Hardware furnished a sound truck for the occasion, and George C. Hoppel provided a large reviewing stand. The awarding of the prizes took place from this platform in front of the Grand theatre.

The Chamber of Commerce wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make this affair such a grand success, and it is our wish that next year we will see, if possible, even a bigger and better Hallowe'en Celebration in Patton.

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT DROP SHOWS SHARPNESS

Private industry and the WPA combined during the week ending October 21 to register the sharpest reduction of unemployment in Pennsylvania since 1935.

The Department of Public Assistance reported the state's rolls were reduced by 41,902 persons and expenses dropped to a total of \$1,785,228 for that period. This sum was \$131,632 less than the amount disbursed in the previous weeks.

THANKSGIVING DAY DESIGNATED NOV. 23RD

President Roosevelt Tuesday officially designated Thursday, November 23, as a "day of general thanksgiving" and voiced gratitude for the nation, "that in a world of turmoil we are at peace with all countries." While the proclamation stressed hopes for international peace, it may stir up a measure of domestic strife, since the calendar—and a good many Governors—say Thanksgiving is going to be on November 30th.

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ANNUAL ARMISTICE CHURCH SERVICES OF PATTON EX-SERVICEMEN

Members of the Patton Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will attend annual church services next Sunday evening, November 5th. Annually the Veterans visit various churches in Patton, and this year the services will be held in St. George's Church, and will be in charge of the Rev. Father Basil Balko.

Members of the posts are requested to meet at their homes next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock from where they will proceed to the church for services at 7:30 o'clock. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Post are invited to attend as well.

On Saturday of next week, November 11th, an Armistice Day observance will be held by the ex-servicemen at the Palmer House Lot, at 10 a. m., at which the Rev. Father Bertrand McFadyen, O. S. B., pastor of St. Mary's church, will be the principal speaker.

LEWIS OPPOSES CONFERENCE OF PROGRESSIVES

In Letter to Gov. Olson of California He States Non-Partisan League Not In It.

Washington.—John L. Lewis Monday night announced his opposition to a "western progressive conference" which he said two government officials were organizing for the "secret" purpose of launching a third term for President Roosevelt.

In a letter to Governor Culbert L. Olson of California, he made known that Labor's Non-Partisan League, which he heads, had instructed its units to have nothing to do with the conference.

Among the reasons for this stand he cited what he termed the "secret plan to use the conference to launch a 3rd term boom."

Other reasons, he said, were the fact that labor has not been given the privilege of suggesting a "legitimate program" for conference, and the slight to Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.), and "other great liberals of the west who have not been consulted and who are slated to be excluded from the conference."

He said the activities of the two government officials in trying to organize the meeting were "questionable" under the Hatch act which was designed to curb political activity by government employees. He named the officials as Norman N. Littell, assistant to Attorney General Murphy, and Marshall E. Dimock, second assistant secretary of labor.

Lewis would not expand on the attitude expressed in the letter sending word to reporters that it spoke for itself. Persons close to him expressed the opinion that it should not be taken to mean that Lewis was irrevocably opposed to a third term for Mr. Roosevelt.

They said they thought Lewis was determined that labor be given a full voice in determining the platform and stand of any political group desiring its support.

"In other words, labor is not going to be the tail to anybody's kite," one close friend of the CIO chieftain declared.

FRANK P. HOLLERN IS GIVEN DIRECT INDORSEMENT OF MINERS' HEADS

County Commissioner Frank P. Hollern, Democratic nominee seeking reelection, is no new convert to the cause of labor—take it from the United Mine Workers of America.

Hollern, former coal miner in the Asheville region of Cambria county, has received from James Mark, president of District No. 2, U. M. W. of A., and Edward Sweeney, district secretary-treasurer, the following communication:

"We, the undersigned, in presenting the record of Frank P. Hollern to the voters of Cambria county in his candidacy for commissioner of Cambria County, in the coming election found that Frank P. Hollern has always shown himself to be a true friend of labor."

"His record in the state legislature as a member of that body during the sessions of 1915 and 1917 on all labor measures was 100 per cent in the interests of labor."

"This service in the interests of labor and the common people has still continued during his incumbency as a commissioner of Cambria county."

A meeting of the Townsend Club will be held in the Community Hall above the Quality Meat Market on Friday evening, November 3rd, 1939, at 7:45 P. M. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Edith Morgan, Secretary.

LABOR BODY IS VIGOROUS IN ITS CONDEMNATION

Cambria County Union Delegates Deplore Reactionary Government, Food Price Raise.

Heartily voicing a sentiment that the Non-Partisan League, labor's political arm, should be continued and actively built up, to protect the working man and woman against any further gains of reactionary government as now is so concretely manifested in the government of Pennsylvania, the Cambria County Unit of Labor's Non-Partisan League, in session on Sunday in Barnesboro, also deplored raises in food and commodity prices, in the following two resolutions:

Resolution No. 1.
1.—Whereas, The need for unified legislative and political action becomes greater and greater as economic problems require legislative solution; and

2.—Labor during the past several years has accomplished tremendous achievements of organization and legislation of far-reaching importance to the common man including: Wagner Labor Act, Social Security Act, Housing and Wage and Hour Acts, in Pennsylvania, the Labor Relations Act, the Revised Compensation Act, the Unemployment Compensation Act; and

3.—The past year has witnessed the coalition of all the reactionary forces in the country in both the major political parties in a desperate attempt to defeat all new, progressive measures and to repeal existing social legislation. For example, take the last session of the state legislature, which turned deaf ears on our labor representatives, when the pleaded the cause of the common people; therefore be it

Resolved, That this meeting go on record as building and organizing Labor's Non-Partisan League that we may be able to keep liberals in office and drive out the reactionaries from both the U. S. Congress and the Pennsylvania State legislature branch, and on down the line to counties and municipalities; and

2.—That a copy of this resolution be sent to the state and national headquarters of Labor's Non-Partisan League, also to Union Press-Courier and Johnstown Democrat.

Resolution No. 2.
Whereas, Outbreak of war in Europe was followed by a sharp rise in prices of many goods throughout the country. There was no justification for this. Those who expected to profit by this rise in prices were responsible for it. They created a scare. Housewives rushed to the grocery store to buy sugar, flour, and other staples. In some places, within a day, all the sugar and flour on the shelves of the grocery store was exhausted. When other housewives tried to buy some, they were told none was available anywhere in the city, the town or village.

2.—This panic made it look as though there was not enough food in America to meet the people's needs. The same thing happened with other commodities. People began to believe that prices would rise as they did during the World War in 1917 when they doubled, tripled, quadrupled, rose like sky-rockets.

3.—There was no reason why the people should have become panicky. There is no diminishing supply of goods and therefore there is no justification for the rise in prices. There is plenty for everyone in America to buy, if they have a pay-check to buy it with, without having to pay more than they should.

4.—Rising prices are equal to a cut in wages. As prices go up, real wages go down. Real wages are the amount of food, clothing and rent that your pay check will buy. If \$20. in a pay check week will not buy as much clothing and food as it did the past week it is exactly the same as a pay cut. This is what happens when prices rise.

Therefore, be it resolved, That the representatives of the various local unions or the organizations that they represent find out if any rise in prices of any commodities that may be considered profiteering, then immediately get in touch with either the Justice or Labor Department in Washington, D. C., or with the District Attorney of Cambria county, stating clearly all of the facts.

KRUG-FLICK NUPTIALS AT CHEST SPRINGS CHURCH

Miss Mildred Mary Flick, daughter of Mrs. Bernadette Flick of Loretto, and Robert George Krug, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Krug of Ashville, R. D., were married last Thursday in St. Monica's church at Chest Springs. Rev. Father James P. Padden, rector, read the service. Miss Vera Krug, sister of the bridegroom, served as maid of honor and Robert Sutton of Chest Springs, as best man. The couple will reside in Ashville.

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