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OFFICIAL COUNT IS COMPLETED

Vote Shows Hartnett Led With Largest Single Vote of Any of the 25 Candidates

Michael J. Hartnett, reelected as registrar of wills of Cambria County, led the Democratic ticket and polled the largest single vote of any of the 25 candidates county offices at the General Election on November 7, according to the official tabulation which has been completed by the Cambria County Return Board.

Polling a total of 36,995 Hartnett easily led the field of candidates at the general election with the exception of Thomas E. West, who had no Democratic opposition for the minor office of county surveyor.

Hartnett defeated his Republican opponent, Clem L. Varner, by nearly 14,000 votes.

The official count for countywide and state offices is as follows:

SUPREME COURT

Marion D. Patterson, R. 30,316
Herbert F. Goodrich, D. 27,384

SUPERIOR COURT (Three Elected)

William H. Keller—
R. 26,897
D. 23,857
Non. Par. 3

Thomas J. Baldrige, R. 28,334
J. Harold Flannery, D. 27,649
Edward J. Thompson, D. 26,922
William E. Hirt, R. 26,836

COMMON PLEAS COURT

Ivan J. McKenrick—
D. 30,491
Pro. 650
Non. Par. 3

Harry A. Englehart, R. 30,278
McKenrick's majority — 866.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Stephens Mayer—
R. 30,721
Pro. 1,429
Non. Par. 1

W. Lloyd Hibbs, D. 28,580
Mayer's majority — 3,571.

PROTHONOTARY

John L. Hite—
R. 30,858
Pro. 952
Non. Par. 1

Michael C. Chervenak, Jr., D. 28,022
Hite's majority — 3,789.

REGISTER OF WILLS

Michael J. Hartnett, D. 36,945
Clem L. Varner, R. 23,000
Hartnett's majority — 13,945.

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Clark Powell, D. 32,174
R. M. (Milt) Good, R. 27,109
Powell's majority — 5,065.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Three Elected)

Frank P. Hollern, D. 32,422
Eddie McCloskey, D. 29,635
John Thomas Jr.—
R. 28,189
Pro. 547
Non. Par. 1

Hollern's majority — 28,737
John Lloyd Jones, R. 25,387
Hollern's plurality over Jones — 7,665.

McCloskey's plurality over Jones — 4,946.
Thomas' plurality over Jones — 3,350.

COUNTY TREASURER

Emlyn Jones, R. 31,224
John J. Haluska, D. 28,617
Jones' majority — 2,607.

COUNTY CONTROLLER

Denis L. Westrick, D. 30,216
Malcolm MacDougall—
R. 28,370
Pro. 654
Non. Par. 1

Westrick's majority — 1,191.

CLERK OF COURTS

Joseph Wess, D. 29,383
William H. Heslop—
R. 28,660
Pro. 429

John Yuchart, Soc. 29,089
Wess' majority over Heslop — 294.

CORONER

Patrick Mc Dermott, D. 32,161
William J. Killius, R. 27,426
McDermott's majority — 4,675.

COUNTY SURVEYOR

Thomas E. West—
R. 37,460
Pro. 606

Joseph Graff, Soc. 38,068
West's majority — 35,058.

DANCE AT NICKTOWN

A Round and Square dance will be held at St. Nicholas' Church Hall at Nicktown on Saturday, November 25. Music by Gus and His Gambols. Dancing from 9 to 12. The public is cordially invited to attend.

U. S. OPPOSES PLEA BY CARTER COAL CO.

Washington — More than a year would be required to tabulate the data demanded of the Interior Department's coal division, by the Carter Coal Company according to an affidavit filed last Thursday by the divisions statistical division.

It accompanied a motion by Abe Fortas, general counsel of the coal division, that the Carter demand be denied. It was declared that the data is confidential; that to comply would be an "unreasonable burden"; that no necessity has been shown; and that the "motives are improper."

Coal companies, including the Koppers concern with offices in Pittsburgh have protested that compliance would "involve unwarranted delay in the conclusion of these already protracted proceedings."

COAL PRICE IS SEEN FOR 1940

Secretary Ickes Predicts That Minimum Prices Will Be Announced by January 1st

Washington — Secretary Ickes predicted last Thursday minimum prices for sale of bituminous coal would be announced January 1, unless "obstructive tactics" of opponents were successful.

He made no direct reference to a motion of the Carter Coal Company that all sales data of coal producers be made available for inspection by competitors, but added in reply to a question at his press conference "I won't deny" referring to that company. The Carter Company has contended the information requested would be necessary to full and fair presentation of its position to minimum prices.

Referring to current hearings on the soft coal prices, Ickes declared, "It's a pretty weak case where an opponent has to resort to obstructive tactics."

Ickes described as propaganda statements by the committee for amendment of the Coal Act that the statute was unworkable.

Asked if conservation of coal was being considered in the same manner as oil conservation he said, "There has been a good deal of waste of coal but we're not in the same situation there as in the oil industry."

VAN ZANDT SEEKING WPA WAGE INCREASE

Washington — Representative James E. van Zandt of Altoona, called last Thursday on his 18 fellow Pennsylvania members of the House to join him in petitioning President Roosevelt to increase WPA wages in his state.

Van Zandt wrote the President a few days ago in behalf of the WPA employees in his own district, declaring that a proposal of State Administrator Col. Philip Mathews for adjusting wages in several Pennsylvania areas has been rejected by WPA headquarters in Washington.

Van Zandt said wage schedules were fixed before the European war boosted living costs and contended the WPA used "a false and arbitrary standard" in basing wages on the population of the largest city in each district.

2 MINERS INJURED UNDER ROCK FALLS

Spangler — Two mine workers in Northern Cambria County were injured in accidents last week. Both were removed to Spangler Hospital. Joseph Dorak, 28, of Bakerton suffered injuries to the back when he was caught under a fall of rock in the No. 1 mine of the Sterling Coal Company at Bakerton. His condition is reported as fairly good.

Frang Rematt, 32, of Spangler suffered a fracture of the right ankle when he was struck by a rock fall in the No. 10 mine of the Peale, Peacock & Kerr Coal Company mine at St. Benedict.

A MILLION FREE MILES TRAVELED BY JEFF DAVIS

Pittsburgh — King of the Hoboes, Jeff Davis wore out half a dozen pencils, littered the floor with paper and came up with information last week that he had traveled 1,000,000 miles in 47 years "on the road" without paying a dime.

The 56-year-old hobo monarch reached the million mark by "riding the rods" from his home in Cincinnati to Pittsburgh.

Davis said he was here to study Pittsburgh's accommodations for transients, and added: "For years we have made America 'safe for democracy'. Now it's time we made America 'safe for occupancy'."

Thanksgiving



Since the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock set apart a day after their first harvest, Thanksgiving has been an American institution. As a day of family feasting and pleasure, it has no equal on our calendar. But Thanksgiving has a deeper meaning to us, too. It is the day which we have specifically set aside to give thanks to the Almighty for the benefits received during the past year, and on which we express the hopefulness that the next year will bring us our needs and that "peace will reign on earth."

TRADE BOOM FOR CHRISTMAS WILL BE BOON TO ALL

Government Optimistic In Prediction that Yuletide Will Be Best for Years.

Washington — Improved economic conditions throughout the country has prompted government business forecasters to predict a Christmas trade boom that will rival pre-depression years.

Indications of the trend already are apparent to the experts. In addition, they cited that both shoppers and merchants will have a four-week pre-Christmas shopping period instead of the usual three weeks.

The longer shopping period was brought about by President Roosevelt advancing Thanksgiving from the usual last Thursday in November to November 23rd.

Government economists said this would start the Christmas buying in a big way on November 25th, exactly a month before Christmas, and would increase the volume of trade by hundreds of millions of dollars.

Factors that prompted the prediction of a big Christmas trade boom were cited as follows:

- 1.—Employment in industry and in commerce has increased by 1,250,000 over the corresponding period of last year.
 - 2.—Payrolls are fatter than they have been in many years.
 - 3.—Corporations are splitting more melons than in years, in the form of dividends.
 - 4.—Federal receipts from excise levies are far ahead of last year, indicating liberal buying of luxuries and non-essentials.
 - 5.—Steel plants are operating near capacity.
 - 6.—Coal mines are working nearly at capacity.
 - 7.—Railroads are enjoying the biggest traffic since the depression except for short periods.
- Department store sales throughout the country now are running from 10 to 20 per cent above the volume of a year ago. Buying in wholesale markets for the Christmas trade is reported heavy in virtually all lines, including luxuries.

FARRELL IS CLEARED IN ALLEGED ATTACK

Mayor Daniel J. Shield of Johnstown has dismissed a disorderly conduct charge against Patrick H. Farrell, Democratic campaign manager.

The charge against Farrell was brought by James L. Gatins, unsuccessful candidate for city controller, who claimed that Farrell struck him during a dispute in Democratic headquarters November 1.

Farrell voluntarily appeared at police headquarters the following day and posted bond for a hearing. At the hearing the following day the mayor reserved his decision until after the election.

Prior to signing the city information, Gatins also filed a commonwealth charge of aggravated assault and battery with Alderman James T. Malloy of the Tenth Ward. Farrell posted \$500 bond for court on this latter charge.

CONSUMPTION PERIL WARNING BY MINE BUREAU

Dread Disease Can Be Wiped Out If Miners Become Aware of Its Dangers.

Washington — "Miners' consumption" cause of hundreds of deaths annually in the coal fields of the nation, can be wiped out, says the Bureau of Mines, if miners become aware of its danger.

Caused by tiny, jagged particles of dust floating in the air of underground workings, the disease causes a breaking down of lung tissues similar to that of tuberculosis.

It resembles in all respects the widely known "silicosis" caused by the breathing of air laden with silica dust and responsible for thousands of deaths.

"Unquestionably," said the Bureau of Mines, "dust disease is the greatest health menace to miners, whether engaged in coal extraction or in mineral mining, and many of our miners are obliged to breathe too much fine dust."

"The outstanding remedy for the bad situation in mines is education—education of mine workers in the necessity of taking such precautions as are available and of mine officials to recognize the seriousness of the situation and to provide equipment and methods to reduce or prevent the disease."

The bureau said the "miners' consumption" properly should be called "anthracosis" in the coal fields and was one of the group of dust caused lung diseases known as "pneumoconiosis." The breathing of dust from iron ore causes another of this group known specifically as "siderosis."

"With our decidedly limited knowledge of the actual underlying factors concerning the causation of dust disease," the bureau continued, "the only safe method of handling the problem at present is to accept the ideas that the long continued breathing of air containing large quantities of very finely divided dust will almost certainly have harmful physical effect sooner or later and that the only known cure is the prevention or limitation of the occurrence of dust in mines."

CEREMONIES HELD FOR FRANCISCANS BOUND FOR INDIA

The chapel of St. Francis' College, Loretto, as crowded on Sunday morning for the ceremony of departure for eight members of the Franciscan Order who will leave in the near future for missionary work in India.

Most Rev. Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle of Altoona presided at the ceremonies and bestowed his blessing upon the missionary friars who will join another band of Franciscans who went to India two years ago.

In addition to the entire Franciscan community at Loretto, those in attendance at the ceremony of departure included a delegation from the Franciscan House of Studies, Washington, D. C.

It pays to advertise in the Union-Press-Courier.

BANQUET PLANNED BY CLERK'S UNION

Prominent speakers from the ranks of labor as well as business leaders are expected to attend the Second Anniversary Banquet of the Retail and Wholesale Joint Council of the United Wholesale and Retail Employees of America.

The banquet, to be held in the main dining room of the Brandon Hotel, on Wednesday, November 29th, will highlight the development and organizational efforts of the Clerk's Union since its inception in this area in the past two years. Plans for the affair have been in formulation for the past two months and a large number of guests are expected to attend.

The committee on arrangements is made up of Meade Retallick, Kenneth Grazer and Elmer Barger, all affiliated with the Clerk's Union.

COUNTY TO HOLD PROPERTY SALE

More Than 2,000 Properties Which Were Sold To Commissioners to Be Put On Block

More than 2,000 properties in Cambria County which were sold to the county commissioners at county treasurer's sale for taxes in 1930 will be offered for sale at 10 a. m., Wednesday, December 20, County Commissioners John Thomas Jr., and Frank P. Hollern announced Saturday. The sale will be held in the commissioner's office. The properties were sold to the county in 1930 for the taxes of 1929 and prior years.

Under an Act of Assembly approved on June 20, 1939, the commissioners of each county were given six months from the date of approval of the law, to hold the sale. Properties which were sold to the county commissioners at the treasurer's sale held last year for taxes of 1938 to 1935 inclusive, of course, will not be included in the December sale. These latter properties cannot be offered at a commissioner's sale until 1944.

Under state law, properties to be offered at the sale next month will, according to legal experts, be divested of county, school and township taxes but not of city or borough taxes. Neither will certain mortgages be divested by the sale, experts assert. The following section of the state law is cited by these authorities as upholding their contentions:

"x x Except no such sale (commissioner's sale) shall discharge the lien of any ground rent, municipal claim or tax remaining unpaid or mortgage which shall have been recorded before such taxes became liens by return and docketing as herein provided and which is or shall be prior to all other liens, except other mortgages, ground rents, municipal claims and (or) other taxes."

These legal authorities assert that under court rulings a city or borough is a municipality, while a school district, township or county is not. However, there has been no ruling on the question by the State Supreme Court.

BITUMINOUS COAL INDUSTRY SEEK TAX REFORMS

Washington — The bituminous coal industry urged today a pay-as-you-go plan for social security and repeal of the special one-cent tonnage tax imposed by the Guffey Coal Act to finance minimum price fixing activities.

Executive secretary John D. Battle of the National Coal Association submitted his industry's tax suggestions to Under-Secretary of the Treasury John W. Hanes.

Other suggestions included: Federal legislation to permit reductions in payroll taxes levied by the states for unemployment insurance. A requirement that employers as well as employees contribute to unemployment insurance costs.

Exemption for the coal industry from the so-called "unjust enrichment tax."

Abolition of the capital stock tax. Restoration of the consolidated income return privilege.

WAGNER URGES LABOR PEACE

New York — Asserting "The enemies of labor ever grow bolder," Senator Robert F. Wagner (D-N.Y.) last week appealed to labor to "try once again to settle the differences in its own family."

The author of the National Labor Relations Act voiced his appeal before the second annual convention of the New York State Industrial Union Council (C. I. O.) after outlining plans for pressing new social legislation, embracing a national health program, at the next session of Congress.

MINE OFFICIALS TO INSPECT FIRE

Conference Listed To Discuss Means of Combatting Underground Mine Fire at Patton

State and federal mine authorities will inspect the disastrous underground mine fire at Patton, today (Tuesday).

Two officials from the United States Bureau of Mines and engineers from the Pennsylvania Department of Mines, Harrisburg; and Denis Keenan, Barnesboro, state inspector, and State Inspector Steinhauser of Indiana will confer with Patton Borough officials in the Patton Borough Municipal Building.

State Senator John J. Haluska, who also is burgess of Patton, has returned from Harrisburg, where he conferred with John Ira Thomas, secretary of the State Department of Mines.

Arrangements for the conference were completed during sessions with the secretary of the mining department and other state officials, Senator Haluska said.

Patton Borough Council, headed by George E. Prindible, president, and Senator Haluska, will take the authorities from the federal and state governments on an inspection tour of the burned area.

The state and federal mining officials will view the two caverns on the Patton-Flannigan Road. The first of the caverns occurred last May and the second a week ago.

The fire is burning in an abandoned mine of the Patton Clay Manufacturing Company and is threatening serious damage to the town.

Senator Haluska assured council that the state and federal authorities will find some feasible way to combat the spreading underground fire. National Youth Administration authorities also are expected to meet with mining officials and council members.

It is entirely possible that an emergency NYA project may be inaugurated to combat the fire, which from all present indications is burning toward the borough.

The fire is raging in an abandoned mine, from which the coal was recovered many years ago.

C. I. O. IS VICTOR IN NLRB RULING

Washington — The C. I. O.'s United Automobile Workers Union was certified by the National Labor Relations Board last week as a single and exclusive bargaining agent for employees of 12 of the Chrysler Motor Corporation's 15 scattered plants.

Certification of the multi-plant unit was a reversal of a previous decision by the board in which it had ruled that bargaining must be carried on separately in each plant.

The order covered all production and maintenance workers except those at Evansville, Ind., Kokomo, Ind., and the die sinkers at Newcastle, Ind. The C. I. O. faction of the U. A. W. was defeated at Evansville by the A. F. of L. faction and both were turned down at Kokomo.

Die sinkers at Newcastle will be represented by the International Association of Machinists (A. F. L.), the board ruled, while other production and maintenance workers there will be represented by the C. I. O.'s U. A. W. faction.

C. I. O. UNION IN FAVOR OF PEACE

Philadelphia — A C. I. O. union that draws its membership from Pennsylvania's public employees on Sunday put its strength behind President Roosevelt's efforts to bring about labor peace between the C. I. O. and A. F. L.

In a resolution at the close of a three-day state convention, the State, County and Municipal Workers of America voted that the union "shall at all times act in a method conducive to bringing about labor unity."

In other resolutions, the convention: 1.—Called upon Governor James and the Legislature to meet in special session to appropriate additional relief funds "so that no needy person x x x may be permitted to suffer" and asked for an increase in the size of relief grants.

2.—Authorized its executive committee to support the Reading local "in its efforts to combat any tentative layoffs by the incoming administration of that city."

3.—Proposed unionization of hospital workers in the state "to press for salaries more commensurate with their living expenses."

The union elected David Kanes, Harrisburg, president and Robert Weinstein, Philadelphia, secretary-treasurer. Those elected to executive board posts included Reade Johnston, Winston McConkey, and Foss Baker, Pittsburgh; Francis Bauer, Reading, and Howard Weiss, Harrisburg.