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MINERS TO HOLD DISTRICT MEETING AT DUBOIS SOON

Call Has Gone Out for Gathering to Convene Three Days in Middle of February

The convention call was received last week by Mine Locals over this area for the District No. 2 convention of the United Mine Workers of America, to be held in DuBois on February 21, 22, and 23.

The chief business before the convention will be the election of a scale committee to represent the miners in the conferences with the operators to open in New York City on March 10th.

Locals in the district will hold an election of delegates to be sent to the district convention. Delegates are apportioned according to the size of the various locals. The scale committee is composed of four miners who are elected at the District Convention in addition to four District 2 Officers. The scale committee comprises miners from different sections of the district. Miners who represented the district in the 1935 conferences with the operators were John M. Sloan, Thos. Murphy, Andrew Tokarcik and Harry J. Sheats in addition to the district officers: James Mark, Edward Sweeney, Richard Gilbert, and John Ghizzoni.

Terms to be included in the proposed agreement with the operators will be discussed and drawn up at the DuBois convention. Union officials indicated that other matters of importance to the miners would also receive attention at the district convention, since it is not likely three days will be required to elect the delegates to the New York conference.

INDUSTRIAL COUNCILS URGED BY CIO LEADER

[illegible] Pittsburgh Meeting

Philip Murray believes that only through establishment of federal industrial councils "can there come complete understanding along labor, industry, and government."

The C. I. O. president and chairman of the Steel Workers Organizing committee appeared Sunday before 600 representatives of labor and industry in the Pittsburg district to urge establishment of the councils, which would work out problems of management, labor and production.

The conference on "manning industry for national defense" was sponsored by the training within industry division of the national defense advisory commission.

Murray, introduced by Chairman William P. Witherow of the National Association of Manufacturers' Industrial Mobilization Committee, told the conference that the federal industries council's proposal was labor's plan and the only workable plan which contemplates and comprehends bringing Americans closer together." He added:

"In my [illegible] judgement, industry and labor are more apt to effectuate speedy settlement of disturbances by means of this plan than through conciliation. I have not heard one single industrialist voice opposition to it."

Witherow, the conference toastmaster and president of the Blaw Knox Company of Pittsburgh, said in introducing Murray:

"In order to accomplish our purpose we must have a through understanding of the task ahead. We must cooperate fully with all the agencies set up by the government to direct this task. We must demonstrate that this job can be done within the scope of our democratic system of government without disbanding and weakening our cherished system of free American life."

Brig-Gen. H. G. Rutherford, director of the planning branch in the office of the assistant secretary of war, urged that "the Nation build its skilled manpower while we still have time."

The defense production program for which contracts have been let "are just starting," he said, adding, "it appears probable that an additional burden of production beyond any that as yet have been formulated will be placed if the emergency developes as it threatens."

DRAFT BOARDS ON LOOK FOR VOLUNTEERS

Draft Boards for Johnstown and for Cambria County areas reported they "would use some volunteers" for the February quota of selectees to be inducted.

A member of one board pointed out the desirability of volunteering and thereby receiving the coveted "V" after the registrant's order number.

"The 'V' after the registrant's order number will be carried throughout the service and it may be that some of the selectees who are near the top may want to volunteer," the board member said.

CAMBRIA COUNTY LEGISLATORS HURT

Harrisburg—State Senator John J. Haluska, Patton; Representatives Albert L. O'Connor, Loretto, and Thomas A. Owens, Carrolltown, and Michael Cocho, Twin Rocks, House Assistant sergeant-at-arms, escaped serious injury Monday when the car in which they were riding collided with a truck on a snow covered road two miles from Harrisburg.

Haluska, driver of the car, said he skidded into the truck when it stopped to make a left-hand turn. The car was smashed but the quartet suffered only minor bruises and lacerations.

The assemblymen were on their way to attend Monday night's legislative session.

VOTE CALENDAR FOR THIS YEAR LISTED AT STATE CAPITAL

This Year Calls for Cambria to Elect Sheriff, Two Judges, Jury Commissioners

Municipal elections of 1941 will be held Tuesday, November 4, after party nominees are chosen at primary elections, September 9, according to the election calendar of the year, authorized by Secretary of the Commonwealth Sophia M. R. O'Hara.

Cambria County will elect two judges, a sheriff, and two jury commissioners.

Principal dates follow:

June 21—First day to obtain signatures on nomination papers.

July 21—Last day to file nomination petitions and last day to obtain signatures on nomination papers.

July 26—Deadline to withdraw nomination petitions and to file objections to nomination petitions.

August 6—Last day to register or to [illegible]

August 26—Last day to file nomination papers.

September 9—PRIMARY ELCTION.

September 12—Return Board meets to compute and canvass the votes cast at primary election.

September 15—First day to register after primary election.

September 29—Last day to file petitions to contest nomination of candidates nominated at the primaries.

October 4—Last day to register or change party enrollment before the municipal election.

October 9—Deadline for filing expense accounts.

October 10—Last day for candidates nominated at a primary election or by nomination papers to withdraw.

October 15—Last day to file substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by the withdrawal of candidates nominated at the primary election or by nominating papers.

October 29—Last day to petition the Quarter Sessions Court for an audit or expense account for the primary election.

November 4—MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

November 7—Return Board meets to compute and canvass votes cast at the municipal election.

November 26—Last day for filing expense accounts from elections.

December 2—First day to register after municipal election.

December 26—Last day to petition Quarter Sessions Court for an audit or an expense account for municipal election.

TURNPIKE TO GIVE TRUCK DISCOUNTS

Discounts of up to 20 per cent for truckers who spend $1000 a month or more in tolls for using the all-weather turnpike will be allowed after February 1, the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association has announced.

Edward Goglin, general manager of the Association, said the discount plan had been adopted by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission on a temporary basis.

Goglin said the commission, which supervises the operation of the 160-mile turnpike from Irwin to Carlisle, had advised him that it would allow a 10 per cent discount on monthly toll bills of $1000 to less than $2000 and 20 per cent on more than $2000. The plan will be in effect for three months and in the meantime the commission "will determine whether there is sufficient increase in volume of truck traffic to enable it to continue a discount," Goglin added.

Truck operators planning to take advantage of the discount will be obliged to post a bond of $5000 with the commission and will then be given the regulation books to be used instead of cash for toll payments. Trucks pay up to $10 per trip for using the four-lane high speed highway, depending on their gross tonnage. Failure of an operator to pay his bill within the proper time will forfeit the discount.

DROP IN UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE PETITIONS SEEN

Election Request Rise Noted by State Board As A Most 'Significant Change'

The State Labor Relations Board notes what it calls a "significant change" in the type of cases coming before the Board—a decrease in the number of complaints of unfair labor practices and an increase in petitions for elections to ascertain collective bargaining agents.

A survey by the Board indicated a trend away from the filing of charges against employers and toward the more peaceful service of collective bargain-elections has been almost constant since the law first became effective in 1937.

Charges of unfair labor practices, specifically prohibited by law, involve lengthy hearings before board examiners. Petitions for collective bargaining elections are usually promptly disposed of and clear the way for peaceful bargaining.

Board members feel the trend toward elections means that the law is having the effects claimed by its sponsors—a decrease in labor disputes because of the establishment of a tribunal to settle such questions as the selection of bargaining agents, and the outlawing of unfair labor practices.

In the first year of the Board's operation—1937—76 per cent of the cases were charges against employers and only 20 per cent were petitions for elections. In 1938, 57 per cent of them were charges and 43 per cent of the cases were petitions.

In 1939, 64 per cent were charges and 36 per cent petitions. In 1940, 53 per cent were charges against employers and 47 per cent petitions for elections. The Board received [illegible] cases against employers and 73 petitions for elections, [illegible] of the 1941 eligible voters.

CAMBRIAN'S 2ND EFFORT TO TAKE LIFE SUCCEEDS

Losing in his first attempt to commit suicide, Frank Lidwell, 38-year-old Ashville WPA worker, took his own life on a bed in Mercy Hospital, Altoona, last Tuesday night.

Lidwell attempted suicide Monday night by piercing his heart with an ice pick. Surgeons expressed the belief that he would have survived the first suicide attempt, despite the fact that the ice pick had penetrated his heart for a distance of about two inches.

The victim was found dead in his hospital bed with a necktie tied around his neck and the other end knotted about the top bar of the bed.

An autopsy was performed in the Mercy Hospital, Altoona, after Coroner Chester Rothrock of Blair County had conducted an investigation. The autopsy showed that the ice pick wound in the heart was not the cause of death. Coroner Rothrock attributed death to strangulation with suicidal intent.

The coroner learned that Lidwell had been acting strangely for some time and that the man had made previous attempts to take his own life. He was believed to have been mentally ill and authorities were inclined to believe his condition was aggravated by the death of his mother only two weeks before.

Mr. Lidwell was born in Cambria County. Surviving are these brothers and sisters: Joseph and James Lidwell both of Ashville; William Lidwell, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Catherine McGough, Portage; Mrs. Mary Costlow, Johnstown; Mrs. Julia Stey, Ashville; Mrs. Margaret Lux, Johnstown, and Roger Lidwell, Ashville.

O'CONNOR PROPOSES LIQUOR LICENSING BY COUNTY COURTS

Harrisburg—A major revision of the liquor law as provided by an act introduced in the House removing from the Liquor Control Board the authority to issue liquor licenses. Instead, this power would be given to Quarter Sessions Courts.

The measure was introduced by Representative Albert L. O'Connor, and was referred to the committee.

The bill listed in detail the fees to be charged by the courts for licenses. Brewers' licenses would cost from the sum of $250 to $1,000; distillers, $250 to $2,000; retailers, $1,000 in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, $500 in third-class cities, $250 in Scranton, and $100 in townships and boroughs.

The centrifugal force of an automobile rounding a curve at 40 miles an hour is four times as much as when rounding the same curve at 20 miles per hour.

INDUSTRY URGED TO TAKE LABOR INTO COUNCILS

C. I. O. Chief Philip Murray Says This Is the Democratic Way Solve Labor Problems

A plea to industry to take labor into its councils in solving the present problems of national defense and the readjustment of employment which will follow the nation's preparedness effort was voiced Saturday by Philip Murray, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Such a move, Mr. Murray said, "will be drawing from the wellsprings of labor and the strength, wisdom, and advice to assist in the preservation of those attitudes of mind that we know as the democratic way of life."

Too little consideration, Mr. Murray said, is being given to the building of the morale of the people.

"To accomplish this we must," he declared, "give consideration to two other things besides national defense itself—these are the problems affecting health and economic security."

To eliminate what he called "some of the agonies of the defense program," Mr. Murray said that labor had advanced two plans which would bring all participants in the defense program—labor, government and industry—closer together and effect a better understanding of "our common aspirations."

The first plan which Mr. Murray said he had submitted to President Roosevelt and other high government authorities for consideration about four months ago envisaged establishment of industrial councils composed of representatives of labor, Government and industry in each manufacturing center.

The other suggestion was made as a result of a three-months' survey—to manufacture pursuit planes in idle auto plants.

The council's plan, he said, was established by the CIO after it was [illegible]

ODD ACCIDENT AT MENTCLE CAUSES DEATH OF A MINER

Theodore Seibert, 39, Starford, Indiana County, was killed in an odd accident in the Mentcle Mine of the Red Lands Coal Company on Monday. His death was one of the most unusual in the mining annals of the district.

According to information obtained by Coroner Edward L. Fleming, M. D., Seibert was operating a "shuttle car" in the mine. A brother-in-law of the dead man who witnessed the accident said that Seibert had driven the vehicle into a room of the workings, where it was loaded by machine. In entering the room he had driven so close to the wall that he was unable to turn around in his seat to see as he drove out of the room into the heading.

Company officials said that operators of the machines have standing orders to always be facing in the direction the machine is traveling. The brother-in-law said Seibert, unable to change his seat, attempted to drive out of the room backwards, and within a few feet from the point where he had started his head sharply struck a projecting piece of coal in the seam. A fractured skull caused instant death.

Seibert leaves his widow, Mrs. Susanna (Proud) Seibert, and three children.

250,000 MOTOR VEHICLES GOAL OF U. S. ARMY

The nation's expanding Army is being swiftly mechanized because we must be prepared to do some "blitzkrieging" ourselves if the occasion demands it," Brig.-Gen. J. K. Barzynski said recently.

The general, the chief of staff of Army's Quartermaster Corps, told the 34th Annual Meeting of the National Automobile Dealers Association that the War Department had set a goal of 250,000 motor vehicles to equip a field Army of 1,400,000, and hold a "modest" amount of equipment in reserve."

So rapidly is the Army being put on wheels, he added, that this goal will be achieved by late summer or early fall of 1941.

General Barzynski said, the Army has 70,000 vehicles in use, and by the end of the fiscal year (June 30) it will have available about 180,000 motor vehicles, or nearly 17 times as many as a year ago.

"We are growing, as you can see," he observed.

Noting the is the conquest of the Low Countries and France, all of the German supply was carried by motor, with repair of railroads not being attempted in the early days of the conquest, General Barzynski said:

"We must be prepared to do some 'blitzkrieging' ourselves of the occasion demands it. For us to fail to prepare is to prepare to fail."

TWO BROTHERS, PATTONITES, NAMED BY DRAFT BOARD IN PRESENT CALL

First "brother act" among selectees for U. S. Army service in Cambria and the four-county area, has been posted for the February quota by the local draft board, No. 1, with headquarters at Cresson. In making up their quota of 15 for the call the names of brothers—Stephen Louis Mannica, and Albert Bernard Mannica, Patton, both of whom fell into Class 1-A, were posted. The men will leave from Cresson on February 6th. Others from this section include:

Roger Cavalet, Dean Township.

Walter Charles Craver, Patton.

John Helbig, Patton, R. D.

An alternate draftee for the call will be George Baranik of Patton.

M'INTOSH ADMITS MURDER OF CLARK DURING QUARREL

Cresson Township Man Says He Struck Blow Which Caused Death of Old Friend

Oliver R. McIntosh, 68, Thursday confessed to the State Police that he struck the blow which caused the death of Martin Clark, 76. McIntosh will be charged with murder. He admitted to the State Police that he knocked McIntosh unconscious during a quarrel which occurred on Saturday afternoon, January 18, in a shanty occupied by the two men in Cresson Township.

McIntosh declared that he and Clark had been friends for 30 years. While State Motor Police had not definitely learned what McIntosh used to strike Clark, it was believed that the weapon was a blunt instrument. After knocking Clark unconscious, McIntosh declared that he left the shanty and [illegible]

Lockport Station, was removed there to Mercy Hospital, Altoona.

The victim died Monday night without regaining consciousness. An autopsy performed by Dr. W. S. Sigmund of Mercy Hospital, Johnstown, revealed that Clark had suffered a slight fracture of the right side of the skull, laceration of the scalp back of the right ear and lacerations over the right eye.

In admitting that he had killed his old friend, McIntosh declared that he could not advance any reason as to what led to the quarrel. Clark had been living with McIntosh in the latter's shanty since New Year's.

A charge of murder will be filed against McIntosh.

Clark was buried in the Grandview Cemetery, Johnstown, following services conducted in St. John Gaubert's Catholic Church in Johnstown.

BARNESBORO LOCAL UNION HOLDS AN ELECTION

Local Union No. 617 of Barnesboro, named the following checkweighmen and mine committeemen at their election: Barnes and Tucker No. 12 — Andrew Mekot, checkweighman; Joe Mitusky, assistant checkweighman, and John Babyack and John Baron, mine committee.

Delta No. 2 mine of Spangler Coal Company—Andrew Rozman, checkweighman; Steve Slavik, assistant checkweighman, and Joe Brancato, Robert Hall and Steve Slavik, mine committee; Barnesboro No. 17 mine of Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company: Mike Chervenak, Leonard Panaro, checkweighmen; Dan LaGara, assistant checkweighman, Washko Tkacharick, John Solonsky and Mike Harvilla, mine committee.

No. 17 mine and Delta No. 2 are working five days a week while Barnes No. 12 has been filling a three to four day per week schedule.

PATTON FIRE CO. OFFICERS

The following is a list of the officers of the Patton Volunteer Fire Company for 1941.

President, August J. Q. Quevy; Vice President, Robert Wilson; Secretary, Elmer Crowell; Treasurer, Ted Otz; Chief, James Blake; Assistant Chiefs, G. A. Lehman and Robert Wilson; Chief Engineer, H. J. Mulligan; Foreman, William Leary; Assistant Foreman, Gerald Gooderham, and Trustees, E. J. Burkey, Milton Steitz and William Whiteford.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who so kindly assisted us in our recent bereavement, the death of our brother, John Dillon, for the floral offerings, use of cars at the funeral and to the members of the Moose lodge who acted as pallbearers.—Mrs. Rose Nagle and R. C. Dillon.

A regular old-fashioned snow-fall is being experienced all over the east.

COAL OUTLOOK GIVES PROMISE OF HIGHER TONNAGE THIS YEAR

Expanding Activity in War Industrys Expected by National Coal Association

Reviewing 1940 as the "biggest and best year for bituminous coal since 1930," the National Coal Association predicted an expanded production and increased markets this year.

The association, of which Heath S. Clark of Indiana, president of the Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Company, is a past president, boasts membership on the part of practically the entire coal industry in the United States.

As yet there has been little evidence of heavy stocking by commercial customers in anticipation of any shutdown April 1 while negotiations are being carried on for the new wage-and-hours contract.

"The bituminous coal industry enters 1941 with prospects of further increases in the mine output in pace with steadily expanding activity in the war industries as well as with demands for fuel coal in almost every channel," the association statement said.

"Mine operations are being geared to meet whatever demands for coal may eventuate, but conditioned, as always, upon the sufficiency of transport facilities and the continuity of mine labor.

"As respects labor it seems clear that national necessity require that there shall be no threat of strike or interruption in production at the expiration of the present contracts April 1 and that new contracts be negotiated without protracted dispute.

"The cumulative efforts of the producers for increased efficiency, mechanization and modernization in both the mining and marketing end the utilization departments, the bright [illegible] have spurred by the National Coal Association."

SEVEN MAJOR TOPICS LISTED FOR ASSEMBLY

Some Expected to Produce Long and Ardent Arguments

Seven major bills—many apt to produce long and ardent arguments—were placed Tuesday before the Pennsylvania Legislature which already has received more than 200 bills with the budget and tax measures yet to come.

This display of activity—there were 78 bills introduced in the House on Monday night and 36 in the Senate—followed a two-weeks recess of the Assembly in which members had an opportunity to put into legislative form their favorite proposals.

None of the bills bore administrative stamp or outright major party approval but some covered proposals that have been advanced by leaders in the discussions preceding the January 7 convening of the State Legislature.

Outstanding in the field of proposals were plans to:

1—Increase workmen's compensation payments.

2—Revise liquor control to restore the power of enforcement to the counties.

3—Plug a loophole in milk control by placing consignment contracts within the jurisdiction of the Milk Control Commission.

4—Establish a "full crew" set similar to that of 1937 which was ruled as unconstitutional after long court litigation . . . requiring an extra brakeman on each train of 50 freight cars or 10 passenger cars or more.

5—Allow cities to share in the state motor fund, using the sums for their street improvement.

6—Increase teacher salaries and provided $6,000,000 for financially distressed school districts.

7—Reapportion legislative districts, increasing the House membership from 208 to 228.

All the bills covering these subjects were introduced into the House by the Democratic members who hold the majority over the Republicans by a margin of 128 to 82.

NEW JEWELRY STORE OPENS

J. P. Mitchell, optometrist and jeweler of Barnesboro announces the opening of an optical and jewelry shop in the Commons Building, Barnesboro. Mr. Mitchell enters to his many friends and former customers in their optical needs and jewelry repairing, guaranteeing the best of workmanship at an honest price. A line of jewelry is also a part of Mitchell's Optical & Jewelry Store.

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