

Refunds in Fire Insurance Tax Funds Finally Sent Out to the Fire Companies Over the State

Auditor General F. Clair Ross last Friday approved payment of \$446,626 in refunds from the Fire Insurance Tax Fund due relief associations of fire companies serving more than 1,000 municipalities throughout the State since early last year, and withheld by the Governor.

These payments—more than a year overdue, as a result of transfer of \$2,300,000 from the Fire Insurance Tax Fund to the General Fund on order of the Governor and the 1940 special session of the General Assembly—have just been authorized by the Governor as proceeds from sale of the Commonwealth's latest series of tax anticipation notes made possible by repayment of the transfer.

They represent 160 per cent refund of the two per cent premium of out of state fire insurance companies written in the respective municipalities since 1938; and will be paid to municipal officials who, under the law, are required to turn the money over to the relief association of the company or companies which provide their fire protection.

The funds then are used for the benefit of firemen injured in the line of duty or to aid the families of firemen who lose their lives in the action. Awards are made on the basis of calendar year collections and usually are paid from 12 to 15 months after the close of the year's business—thus allowing time for a proper audit of collections. Friday's payments, however, represent collections of 1938 and should have been paid early last year.

Sharing Friday's payments are 1034 municipalities. Cambria county received \$7,527.12 of the amount, payments totalling \$37,374 due 239 other municipalities, are now in preparation and will be paid later.

Amounts paid to Cambria County follow: Boroughs—Barnesboro, \$288.30; Carroltown, \$49.13; Cassandra, 11.04; Cresson, \$187.03; Ebensburg, \$239.21; Ferndale, \$45.85; Franklin, \$23.36; Hastings, \$23.91; Lora, \$12.66; Patton, \$280.84; Portage, 177.79; Scap Level, \$12.99; Southmont, \$34.85; Spangler, \$93.82; Summerhill, \$32.61; Vintondale, \$46.06; Westmont, \$120.68; Wilmore, \$1.55; Johnstown City was paid \$5,477.08.

Townships—Barr, \$25.02; Cambria, \$117.53; Croyle, \$34.62; Elder, 9.93; Lower Yoder, \$37.39; Reade, \$15.26; Summerhill, \$67.59; Susquehanna, \$63.01; Upper Yoder, \$42.01; and West Carroll, \$13.47.

Employment in Pennsylvania Is Up 12.9 Per Cent This June Over Same Month of 1940

Harrisburg—Heavy industries, busy on national defense orders, led a sharp expansion in Pennsylvania business in June the State Department of Labor and Industry has announced.

Secretary Lewis G. Hines said more than 40,000 workers were added to the payrolls in the commonwealth during June, an increase of 1.7 per cent over May and 12.9 per cent above June of 1940.

"The most substantial gains were shown for the heavy goods industries, where payrolls were about 70 per cent higher than they were a year ago," Hines commented.

Although the non-manufacturing group showed a smaller employment gain than did manufacturing payrolls and increases in working time were sharper.

"Largely responsible for this improvement were gains of over 50 per cent in both pay rolls and hours reported by the anthracite industry," a department survey showed.

Bituminous coal operators reported a fractional employment decline from last month and drops of about four per cent in the other two measures (wages and hours). Conditions were well above last year's level, however.

Payrolls totalling \$74,048,000 for the middle of June were 5.1 per cent above May and 35.4 per cent above June of 1940; working time rose 3.6 and 19.7 per cent respectively; and average weekly earnings increased 96 cents to \$29.87.

"Construction and contracting was about four per cent above last month in each of the three measures, about 15 per cent above last year in employment and hours and over 30 per cent in pay rolls," said the report.

"In the transportation and communication group, employment rose 1 per cent and pay rolls and hours about 3 per cent.

Employment in retail stores rose 1.2 per cent, wholesale 0.8 per cent, and in warehousing 0.9 per cent. Substantial gains were also reported by these groups in payrolls and hours, particularly by warehousing."

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Cambria County School Boards Receive Aid From State That Had Been Withheld Months

Auditor General F. Clair Ross last week approved payment of \$1,301,379 in state aid to more than 2,300 fourth-class school districts of the Commonwealth withheld by the Governor since February.

Warrants approved represented the final 17 per cent of the semi-annual payment for the support of public schools in these districts during the school year 1939-40 due last February. Total payments due at that time were \$7,685,133 of which only 83 per cent, or \$6,383,266 after deductions, was paid.

The next regular payments are due the school districts next month. Sharing in the 17 per cent payment overdue are 52 districts of Cambria county, some of them in this section being as follows:

Ashville Borough, \$204; Barnesboro, \$2,382.53; Barr Township, \$822.75; Carroltown, \$679.49; Chest Township, \$139.40; Dean Township, \$278.80; East Carroll Township, \$480.80; Elder Township, \$810; Hastings, \$1,596.54; Patton, \$1,006.40; Prince Gallitzin, \$646; Reade Township, \$1,416.53; Spangler, \$1,830.27; Susquehanna Township, \$1,579.41; West Carroll Township, \$1,382.62; and White Township, \$260.

Enters Low Bid.

The State Department of Highways on Saturday received bids for a Cambria county route, No. 53, Cresson Township, .33 of a mile of widening between Cresson and Gallitzin (state project). The Union Construction Co., of Cresson was low bidder, \$18,750.

Harr Asks Curb on Price-Fixing by Coal Agencies

Washington—Luther Harr, chief of the Consumers' Counsel Office, filed last Saturday with the Bituminous Coal Division a petition "to bring under strict government regulation the price-fixing activities" of 14 soft coal marketing agencies.

These agencies, Harr said, control 30 per cent of the nation's commercial soft coal tonnage.

The consumer's counsel declared further steps may be taken to exhaust every legal procedure available for protecting bituminous coal consumers against unreasonable price increases.

Harr last week filed a petition with the bituminous coal division seeking establishment of maximum prices for soft coal producers generally, regardless of whether they are members of marketing agencies.

Marketing agencies are voluntary organizations of producers formed to promote sale of their territories and to boost sales. The consumer's counsel office was set up as an independent government agency designed to protect the interests of soft coal consumers.

The petition names the following agencies: Appalachtan Coals, Inc., the largest soft coal producers' marketing agency in the country, operating in West Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee; Smokeless Coal Corporation, operating in West Virginia and Virginia; Fairmont Coals, Inc., Northern West Virginia; Arkansas-Oklahoma Smokeless Coals, Inc.; Western Pennsylvania Coal Corporation; Upper Susquehanna Smokeless Coals Inc., of Virginia.

WEDDING BELLS

GWYNN-KELLY

Miss Agnes Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kelly of Hastings and Arthur Gwynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gwynn, of Patton, were united in marriage on Friday evening, August 1st, in the rectory of St. Bernard's Catholic church, Hastings, by the Rev. Father Adrian, O. S. E., pastor. The attendants were Miss Ruth Kelly, sister of the bride, a student nurse in the Indiana hospital, and Mr. Thorne Nippe, also of Indiana.

The bride wore a street dress of cardinal blue with white accessories, and a corsage of pink roses. Her sister wore navy blue with a corsage of red roses. A reception was given at the bride's home. Later the couple left on a wedding trip West. When they return they will make their home in Hastings.

Mrs. Gwynn is a graduate of the Hastings High School and the Indiana State Teachers College, and is a teacher in the sixth grade of the Hastings school. Mr. Gwynn was graduated from the Patton High School and is employed in the Spangler machine shop of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corporation.

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