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PRODUCTION OF COAL SHOWS GAIN OVER TOTAL OF LAST YEAR

Ninety-Three Lives Lost During First Six Months of This Year; Increase of 10

Pennsylvania's anthracite mines produced 26,168,000 tons of hard coal during the first six months of 1941, an increase of 1,118,000 over the corresponding 1940 period with a loss of 93 lives, 10 less than last year, Richard Maize, mines secretary, reports. Bituminous coal production stood at 55,326,000 tons as compared with 52,363,000 for the half-year period in 1940, with a jump in fatalities from 73 to 64.

Maize told Governor Arthur James he was pleased that production per fatal accident in the anthracite region was two per cent above that of 1940, with bituminous fields showing an improvement of 10 per cent in production per fatal accident during the same period.

"The June production of anthracite while not remarkably high is 19 per cent above that for June, 1940. The production in bituminous regions, 27 per cent above that of the 1940 period, is well ahead of consumption. Reserves are being built up against next winter's requirements."

Anthracite production in June was 4,970,000, compared with 4,160,000 during the corresponding month last year. During each month, however, 19 fatalities were recorded.

The June bituminous production was 10,990,000, compared with the June, 1940, total of 8,452,000.

COAL WEEK QUEEN TO BE HONORED AT FAIR

'Black Diamond' Celebration Held in Johnstown This Week

The "queen" chosen as the "Black Diamond" celebration will be honored at the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce's annual "Black Diamond" week celebration which is in progress here today. The celebration will be held in conjunction with the opening day of the Pennsylvania State Fair at Harrisburg, Pa., on Saturday, September 6.

The fair management will honor the "queen" at a luncheon on the opening day—Labor Day—and will have her as a guest at all first-day activities of the exposition.

Plans also call for the "queen" to be guest of honor at the state first-aid meet to be held at the fair on Saturday, September 6.

The winner of the "Black Diamond" week feature will be selected at a judging to be held in conjunction with the mine rescue demonstration Friday evening in the Point Stadium. The name of the winner, however, will not be announced until the following night at the first-aid meet at the Point.

The girl chosen as "queen" will be presented a cash award of \$100 by the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce who are sponsors of the event. At the present time numerous committees are conducting elimination contests to select their entry in the "Black Diamond" event.

Barnesboro Men Hurt As Truck Hits Alop Freight

Two Barnesboro men were injured seriously last Thursday when a truck in which they were riding became out of control and overturned several times on a curve near Kittanning and then landed on top of a moving freight train.

The driver, James Bracco, 21, sustained severe back injuries and Theo. Ritchey, 64, an occupant, suffered severe body injuries. William Ritchey, 16, was released from the hospital after treatment.

Police said the truck failed to make a curve near the intersection of 66 and the new section of the Benjamin Franklin Highway. The train was stopped after traveling about 300 yards with the truck on top of one of the cars.

Patton, Carrolltown, Spangler to Be Represented at School

Cambria and Somerset Counties will send approximately 50 freshmen to the third annual State Fire School which offers a week of intensive training at Pennsylvania State College from August 25 to 31.

Somerset, Carrolltown, Patton, Dale Spangler, Nanty-Glo, Crescen, Pinedale, Rockwood, Windber, and Meyersdale are all expected to have representatives at the school.

It will be the largest delegation from this district ever to attend the sessions. Last year only 17 men from the three-county area took advantage of the specialized training offered annually to freshmen by the Public Service Institute of the Department of Public Instruction.

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Nicktown Picnic Wednesday and Thursday of This Week

Plans have been completed and are being executed for the annual picnic and dinners being held Wednesday and Thursday of this week at Nicktown.

Women of the church are serving noon and evening meals. Feature of the menu is chicken, which the Nicktown women are experts in preparing. A program is arranged for the afternoon and evening, with dances being held each day. Rev. Father Marinius Ferg is the rector of the church.

'OLD AUTO' CONTEST AT EBENSBURG FAIR

McKenrick to Hold Race With 1898 to 1905 Model Cars

Some men and women have unusual hobbies, such as collecting match covers, old buttons, and phonographic records.

Some even collect old autos. Among these is Fred McKenzie, Ebensburg, who is believed to have one of the largest collections of antique automobiles in the United States. Mr. McKenzie, who has been pursuing his odd hobby for 20 years, has 12 cars of ancient vintage housed away in garage. And they all run. One dating back to 1898, is in such good order that Mr. McKenzie will enter it in a race he is to stage at the Cambria County Fair, which opens at Ebensburg Fairgrounds, Monday, Labor Day, September 1, and continues throughout the week.

Mr. McKenzie wants to ascertain which is the fastest of the cars. As a result he has selected four to match speed. They are a 1898 Sears, 1904 Maxwell, 1903 Oldsmobile and a 1905 Reo.

In addition to the four cars entered in the race, Mr. McKenzie will also exhibit, in the steel building during the fair, the following cars: 1902 International, 1904 Cadillac, 1909 Buick, 1911 Ford, 1913 Chevrolet, 1914 Ford and 1917 Dodge.

In addition to the auto races, Mr. McKenzie is going to stage a bike race, the course being a tandem and a 100-mile race. Both races will be held on the fair grounds.

Managers of the fair are now busily engaged in completing arrangements for the show which is expected to be the greatest event ever held in the county. Races, running and trotting, with \$4,400 offered in prize money, will be run Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon. The feature attraction each night in the arena will be Frank Wirth's Broadway production, "Happy Landings," with 50 comedians, singers and girls. Included in the production will be Ben Yost's "Variety Eight," which scored a hit at the fair for the past two years. The midway will have the Art Lewis Shows, Entries in the farm, stock and horse exhibits to date exceed any received for past fairs.

End of 'Fill 'er Up' Autoism Seen Under Rationing System

Lacking official or specific orders as to the method of dispensing smaller volumes of gasoline to automobile users, retail dealers and service station proprietors disclosed no uniform plan had been evolved to comply with the government's newest move to conserve motor fuel.

The rationing system, which went into effect last week, makes mandatory upon suppliers to reduce by 10 per cent all gasoline deliveries to the retailers. No orders were given retail dealers as to the method of selling to the trade.

One dealer disclosed that customers asking for 10 gallons of gas would be sold nine, those requesting five would receive four, which those giving a "fill 'er up" order will have the tank "almost filled."

Another said he would solve the rationing by eliminating the "slow pay" customers carried on his books. "One retailer insisted he would sell his gasoline "until my tank goes empty and then hang out a 'no gas' sign."

Johnstown Now Observing 'Black Diamond Week'

Johnstown's Black Diamond Week now in progress features an exhibition of special coal products from the various parts of Pennsylvania.

Sponsored by the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce, the event emphasizes the importance of the product and the communities in this district which mine it. More than 20 Pennsylvania firms have sent articles for display.

On Friday evening of this week a mine rescue demonstration will be given at the Point Stadium in Johnstown.

On Saturday evening, August 23, the Central Pennsylvania Safety Association will present a fire and demonstration. Immediately after that the "Coal Queen," selected from one of the coal districts in and around Johnstown, will be crowned.

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HOPE FADES FOR SCHWAB ESTATE AS HOSPITAL SITE

For Third Consecutive Year Legion Passes Resolution Favoring An Eastern Location.

If the action of the American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania, is any criterion, the Schwab estate at Loretto is "out" as far as a site for the proposed U. S. Veterans' Hospital is concerned.

For the third consecutive year, the Legion passed a resolution favoring an eastern location for the proposed hospital. At the Altoona convention last week efforts to have previous actions rescinded failed and for the third time convention delegates put through the resolution favoring an eastern site, the latest Legion mandate stipulating an eastern location accessible to northeastern centers.

During the last 12 months efforts of those favoring Schwab estate as a hospital site were made difficult by the fact that in 1940 the Legion recommended an eastern hospital. Copies in the United States. Mr. McKenzie, who has been pursuing his odd hobby for 20 years, has 12 cars of ancient vintage housed away in garage. And they all run. One dating back to 1898, is in such good order that Mr. McKenzie will enter it in a race he is to stage at the Cambria County Fair, which opens at Ebensburg Fairgrounds, Monday, Labor Day, September 1, and continues throughout the week.

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CONSCRIPTION ACT NOT INTENDED AS CLUB OVER LABOR

But It Has Been Used in That Connection, and the CIO Protests Such Action

The conscription act was not intended to be a club over the heads of American workers to coerce them into working against their will and to destroy their right to strike.

A clause in the regulations governing operation of the act specifically states that "there shall be no discrimination for or against any person because of his race, creed or color, or because of his membership or activity in any labor, political, religious or other organization."

The CIO warned, however, that attempts would probably be made to use the act against labor. And what it warned against came true on June 9 when Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey issued his infamous order directing local draft boards to re-examine and cancel deferments of strikers.

CIO President Murray at once denounced this order as "a flagrant abuse of the conscription law and an open breach of faith with labor."

Two months have now passed since this order was issued, and there have been many cases of local draft boards reclassifying strikers from deferment to "even though" many of the strikers have been against companies violating the Labor Act or rejecting official proposals of the Mediation Board.

Alan Haywood, CIO director of organization, has now written General Hershey calling upon him to withdraw the order of June 9 and to direct local draft boards not to interfere in industrial disputes.

"The order," Haywood says, "encourages employers to feel that they need no longer bargain collectively with their employees. The result of the Selective Service will be placed in support of their refusal to seek out agreements with their employers which would result in a strike."

Secretary Joseph P. Kamp of the United States and its liberties. Every patriotic American will resent this order and a club to beat down these liberties.

FOOD PRICES SET PAGE AS LIVING COSTS GO UP

Further Increases Expected Due to National Defense Boom

The cost of living in Pennsylvania rose this summer to the highest level since September, 1937, the Department of Labor and Industry said recently. A further increase was predicted.

"During the quarter from mid-March to mid-June, the impact of the national defense program scored decisively on retail prices and the cost of living for the first time," the department reported.

"Previous broad and substantial gains in wholesale prices began to take hold of the retail market in earnest. The increase that occurred for this three-month period was larger than any change for a similar period in the last eight years and even greater than that which took place between June 13, 1939, the period just prior to the outbreak of the war in Europe, and March 15, 1941."

The department said living costs jumped 3.9 per cent in the composite index, compared with a national increase of 3.4 per cent, and added: "It is apparent that further increases in the cost of living are to be expected since wholesale prices increased 16.0 per cent from June, 1939, to June 28, 1941, according to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' all-commodity index of wholesale prices."

Food costs showed the greatest rise, increasing 8.7 per cent during the three month period while housing furnishings jumped 3.4 per cent. Clothes and miscellaneous costs increased 1.3 and 1.4 per cent, respectively. Rent and fuel costs rose 0.6 per cent and light and refrigeration increased 0.7.

In six cities covered by the department's survey food costs averaged 8.2 per cent higher in the middle of June, with increases from 5 per cent to 9.5 per cent.

Two Hurt in Wreck

Mrs. Sophie Potyralla of Coupon, and Felix Hesse of Johnstown, were day afternoon, in which two cars collided in a collision in which two cars were involved Sunday afternoon at the intersection of Route 53 and the William Penn Highway at Crescen.

MARGIOTTI'S SON HURT

Charles J. Margiotti, Jr., 11, son of the former state attorney general, suffered a skull fracture as a 60-foot fall from a bridge near the family's summer home at Punxsutawney recently.

Memorial Services to Be Held for Miners in Clymer Disaster

Annual memorial services in honor of the miners who were killed in the mine explosion at Clymer a number of years ago will be held Monday, September 1.

Rt. Rev. Father P. E. Molchany of Homestead, vicar general of the Carpatho-Russian Greek Catholic East Rites Diocese will be the celebrant of a remembrance mass in the Greek Catholic Church September 1.

CIO LEAGUE TAKES STAND IN ELECTION

Urges Special Interest in Election of Judges and Sheriff's

Labor's Non-Partisan League urges the workingman to take an interest in Pennsylvania's impending elections with emphasis on the judicial contests and those candidates for county sheriff.

The League, through President P. T. Fagan, distributed to its county organizations last week, a circular reminding them that the state nominates candidates for Supreme and Superior Courts and municipal offices.

"Many of these office seekers have helped to pass or defeat state legislation," Fagan wrote to the county councils.

"Eighty-one judges in 43 counties will be nominated by judges, too often say the last word to the poverty-stricken and their faint hopes for brighter days. . . . Judges of the common pleas courts take a whack at the limit of payment to workmen crippled or killed at their jobs. . . . Judges review firings of government employees. . . . Judges unmake or let alone legislation enacted permitting labor its constitutional rights."

"Sheriffs are to be elected. . . . Either they will serve faithfully in their counties or they can take orders from selfish interests to smash the rights of the people."

"County officers are to be picked. Their importance for good government is obvious. The Non-Partisan League Secretary Joseph M. Kamp of the League said there would be no statewide endorsement that the organizations would set in each county."

"The endorsements will be non-partisan," Cohen asserted, "based on the record of the individual involved and not on his party affiliation."

Bakerton Mine Strikes Comes to End After Workers Vote Temporary Return to Pits

Striking of miners at Bakerton, 15 miles of the Barnes & Tucker Coal Company at a meeting Saturday in the Bakerton Union Hall voted to return to work Monday morning.

The 500 miners had been on strike since Tuesday afternoon of last week when they walked off their jobs in protest to a change in the pay scale for conveyor operators.

The miners contended that heretofore they were paid the \$7 minimum wage paid all miners, but on the day of the work stoppage the company announced conveyor operators will be paid on a tonnage basis and therefore some days could not earn the \$7 scale.

Louis Couturieux Dies at Home Near Patton

Louis Couturieux, 78, a native of France, died Tuesday morning at his home on Patton R. D. after an illness of several months. Born in France in December, 1863, he deceased came to Patton 35 years ago. Mr. Couturieux was twice married, both wives having preceded him in death. Children, born to the first union: Lois Couturieux, Frankfield, Ill.; Samuel Couturieux, Patton; Mrs. Henry Butler, Patton; Mrs. Sylvano Battini, Los Angeles, Cal.; and Mrs. Henry Couturieux, Auburn, Ill. He also leaves three stepchildren: Mrs. Alexander Roberts, Patton; Jess Lowerta, Patton, and Mrs. Virginia Couturieux, Danville, Ill. The deceased was a member of the Patton Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home by Rev. Thomas McQuillen, pastor of the Patton Baptist Church. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Relief Payments Again Decrease

Direct relief payments made to needy Cambria County during the week ended August 18th show a decrease of \$331 from those of the previous week, according to State Treasurer G. Harold Wagner.

Payments for the week totaled \$8,963, which was \$7,693 lower than those of the comparable week of last year. Current payments required 748 fewer checks than those of a year ago.

Payments of the Bureau of Assistance Disbursements in the Treasury Department follow: Current week, \$9,981—1063 checks. Previous week, \$7,193—3731 checks. Comparable week, 1940, \$14,531—2609 checks.

RESEARCH AGENCIES MAKE PROGRESS IN NEW USES FOR COAL

Penn State College Among Those Represented at the Battelle Institute Conference

Directors of the leading coal research laboratories throughout the country recently held the first of a series of conferences at Battelle Memorial Institute at Columbus, O. They met at the invitation of Howard W. Eavenson, President of Bituminous Coal Research Inc., an agency affiliated with the National Coal Association.

Cooperation among the organizations conducting research in bituminous coal has become a reality. Represented at this initial conference were Purdue University, Pennsylvania State College, Armour Research Foundation, University of Illinois, W. Virginia University, Illinois Geological Survey, Carnegie Institute of Technology, U. S. Bureau of Mines, and other similar groups.

Although the market for coal as a chemical raw material was of negligible proportions in 1930 when the Coal Research Laboratory was organized at Carnegie Institute of Technology, E. H. Lowry and his co-workers foresaw a greater future for this market and during their eleven years of work have carried on an extensive investigation of the chemical nature of coal and of methods of chemical treatment of coal to obtain new products.

That their vision was correct is shown by the fact that one single plant of a well-known company uses 100 tons of coal per day or nearly half a million tons per year for purely chemical production. A recent release of the U. S. Tariff Commission shows that of the 213 million pounds of synthetic resins produced in 1939, 170 million pounds or 84 per cent, were of coal tar origin. This required the distillation products of 2 to 3 millions of tons of coal and the production of these resins continues to increase.

The Coal Research Laboratory is investigating a new method for the production of synthetic resins.

JAN SAVITT SUNSET LABOR DAY BOOKING

Tony Pastor, Ina Ray Hutton on Card for Saturday Night

In apparently an unending stream, Manager Fred Luther of the Sunset Ballroom near Carrolltown, has been engaging top-string orchestras throughout the summer, and still another stellar band has been engaged according to announcements made this week.

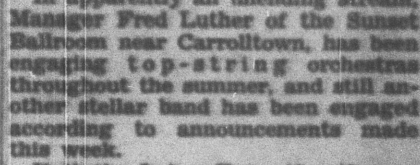
It is the Labor Day attraction on Monday, September 1st, and brings through the Music Corporation of America, Jan Savitt in person, and his Top Hatters, a nationally-known radio band and recording artists in a program of dance music and entertainment. The admission price is 90c with tax paid.

On Saturday of this week, August 23rd, the weekly attraction at Sunset brings Tony Pastor and his band. Admission is also 90c with tax paid.

Saturday, August 30th, Ina Ray Hutton will be the attraction, admission price being 70c, tax paid. All dances are from 9 to 1, Eastern Standard Time.

John White Ex-Servicemen's Club to Picnic On August 31

The John White Ex-Servicemen's Club of Patton are planning for their third annual Basket Picnic on Sunday, August 31st. These picnics are growing more popular each year and the membership and their families usually look forward to them. The outing this year will be held in the New Patton Community Park, instead of at Shaffer's Park near Donover Valley, as in former years. Of course, there will be refreshments, etc. for the members and their families, and coffee will be furnished free. A variety of entertainment will be on the card, and a day of fun can be looked forward to.



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