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COLVER TEAM WINS COMPETITION EVENT HELD AT JOHNSTOWN

Revloc Young Lady Crowned the 'Queen' at Observance of Black Diamond Week

"Black Diamond Week," sponsored by the Johnstown Charmber of Commerce, closed in a blaze of glory last Saturday night with a championship first-aid meet witnessed by more than 4,000 persons at the Point Stadium and the closing of the week's program left thousands with a keener insight into what coal means in the economic life of those who live in Cambria and surrounding counties.

Chosen from 13 girls representing as many communities of Cambria, Indiana and Somerset Counties, Miss LaRue Bathurst of Revloc was chosen as the "Queen of Coal" and crowned at the Saturday night program.

Salvos of applause went up when Contest Chairman Howard M. Picking Jr. presented Miss Bathurst, daughter of an employe of the Monroe Coal Mining Comany, as the consort of "King Coal." In addition to the honor of reigning for the next 12 months as ,'queen" of the Central Pennsylvania bituminous area, the Revloc girl received $100 from the Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

Ebensburg Coal Company, operators of one of Cambria County's largest mines at Colver, "cleaned up," by capturing first place in the first-aid meet staged Saturday night by the Central Pennsylvania Safety Association. At the mine rescue contest Friday night, Colver won two first places—gas mask team competition and the mine rescue event.

Two teams—Monroe Coal Mining Company of Revloc and Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corporation, Marsteller Mine 22, tied for second place in the first-aid meet. Due to the lateness of the hour, the tie was not decided, an agreement being reached to "split" second and third place money between the two teams.

Results of the first-aid meet were as follows:

First—Ebensburg Coal Company, Colver; Robert Hughes, captain; George Bishop, Andrew Sears, Frank Butsko, Donald Craft, substitute, patient; $175 prize.

Second and third—Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corporation, Mine22, Marsteller; Warren Good, captain; Joseph Pesarchick, Joseph Baron, John MacWilliams, James Laird Jr; Joseph R. Dukes, substitute; Walter Weakland, patient. Monroe Coal Mining Comany, Revloc; ames W. Brown, captain; Kenneth Kepler, John Urban, Tony J. Yulis and Price McMasters; Robert Horne, substitute; Bert L. Reese, patient; 99.53 points; totall of $240 divided among both of the teams.

Under the rules of the contest, the first 20 per cent of all teams participating will be entered in the state championship meet to be held at the Cambria County Fair Saturday of next week. The following 13 teams won the right to compete in the state contest:

6th District—Berwind-White Coal Mining Company, Maryland Shaft, St. Michael, and Bird Coal Company, Tire Hill.

8th District—Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation, Cooper No. 1, Gramflat, Team No. 2.

10th District—Monroe Coal Mining Company, Revloc; Koppers Coal Co., Sonman Shaft, Team No. 2, and Koppers Coal Co., Sonman Slope, Team No. 1.

15th District—Ebensburg Coal Co., Colver; Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corporation, Mine 22, Marsteller, and Imperial Coal Corporation, Cambria Smokeless No. 1, Cresson.

18th District—Rockhill Coal Company, Robertsdale, Mine No. 1, and Blair Engineering & Supply Company Hickory Hill, Mine No. 1.

24th District—Reifa Coal Company Central City, Team No. 2, and Berwind-White Coal Mining Company, Windber District.

New Pastors Announced at Hastings, Spangler, Patton

Appointments from St. Vincent's Archabbey at Latrobe, included the announcement of new pasters at St. Bernard's Church, Hastings; Holy Cross Church, Spangler, and St. George's Church, Patton.

Rev. Vincent Schlemmer, O. S. B., has been made pastor at St. Bernard's Church, while Rev. Basil Balko O. S. B., will assume his duties at Holy Cross Church. Rev. Alexius Horvath, formerly curate at St. Vincent's Archabbey Church, Latrobe, will become pastor of St. George's Church at Patton.

Numerous other changes were made in the Pittsburgh and Erie diocese, and more will be announced soon.

COMMUNION AT ST. BONIFACE

A class of 10 children received the sacrament of First Holy Communion in St. Boniface Church, St. Boniface, on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Rev. Father George Brugger, O. S. B., the pastor, celebrated the mass.

PATTON'S AIR DEFENSE VOLUNTEERS TO TRAIN

On Thursday evening, August 28, interviews will be conducted by the Patton Air Defense Council in the first floor of the American Legion Home, Patton, at 8 o'clock. These interviews will be for the purpose of registering those persons who volunteered their services as observers at Air Defense Listening Posts.

Shortly after the registration these observers will start training under Army supervision for the work of manning two listening posts which are to constructed in the very near future in the vicinity of Patton.

More volunteers will be accepted on Thursday evening.

Make "V" stand for Volunteer as well as Victory in Patton.

LABOR DAY SUPPLY OF 'GAS' ASSURED

Holiday Supply of Stations to Be Charged Against Sept. Quota

An ample supply of gasoline for the Labor Day weekend travel was assured as the oil industry established a daily quota system for providing 100,000 filling stations in the East with gas during the remainder of this month.

Ralph K. Davies, acting defense petroleum coordinator, said the station quota plan was adopted for the stations from Maine to Florida because of concern that some localities might exhaust their supply for August and thus be completely without gasoline on the Labor Day period.

The system will work in this manner:

1—The suppliers will calculate the amount of gasoline due each of their retail outlets for the remainder of this month.

2—Effective Monday of this week they will divide the number of gallons due each outlet into five equal daily quotas.

3—Under this quota plan each customer will be served to the limit of his station that day, and the station operators will fix the number of gallons he can sell each customer by calculating the number of vehicles he ordinarily serves and dividing his daily quota accordingly.

On Saturday and Sunday tanks of all filling stations will be filled to take care of the Labor Day weekend. These deliveries will be charged against the September quotas.

Davies said the dealers would have to observe a monthly quota in September and space sales to make their month's supply last through the month.

The daily quota system was devised to prevent dealers from selling out of gasoline altogether before September 1.

Where daily delivery of quotas is not practicable an "every other day" system will be used.

The system was expected to result immediately in more orderly "stretching-out" of supplies, Davies said.

Customers can expect not to receive all the gasoline they may desire, he said, but "daily supplies will be available in any event."

Marsteller Local Announces New Election of Officers

Frank Tonkin was reelected president of Marsteller Local No. 2246 at the annual reorganization meeting held by the local. Other officers, all reelected follow: Mike Platko, vice president; Wendell Young, recording secretary; William Peel, financial secretary; David Waters, treasurer; John Bednar, doortender, and Wesley Snow and Alex Laird, both auditors.

Trustees named for the year include Bernard Timms, William Seeley and David Waters. The mine committees selected to represent the mine are composed of Charles Horne, Adam Weir and Wesley Peel at the 22 mine, and Blanford Patterson, Harold Peel and Walter Kelickner at the 21 mine. Frank Tonkin, William Peel and Alex Askey were all named checkweighmen. Coal from both the 21 and 22 mines are dumped at the same tipple.

Barnesboro Revival Will Open on Sunday

A series of evangelistic meetings will open Sunday in the new Christian and Missionary Alliance Tabernacle, Barnesboro, and continue until Friaday, September 12, Rev. J. A. Wagoner, pastor announces.

Rev. Russell James, coal-miner evangelist and former baseball player, wil speak at three services Sunday, starting at 11 a. m., 3 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. No service has been scheduled for Labor Day, but beginning Tuesday, Rev. J. V. Krall of York will conduct meetings at 7:30 o'clock each evening.

A solution of peroxide of hydrogen containing a few drops of ammonia will remove ink stains from hands.

FAGAN, MYERS CHOSEN HARR RUNNING MATES

Philadelphia Treasurer Picked for Gubernatorial Candidacy

Philadelphia — Democratic leaders sponsoring the drive to land the party's 1942 Gubernatorial nomination for Philadelphia City Treasurer Luther Harr have selected his running mates to make up the balance of a State-wide ticket for next year's primaries, it has been reported.

Besides Harr for Governor they have picked these candidates:

For Lieutenant Governor—Patrick T. Fagan of Pittsburgh, a district organizer of the United Mine Workers and president of Labor's Non-Partisan League of Pennsylvania.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs, —Democratic State Chairman Meredith Myers, Lewistown, Mifflin County newspaper publisher.

Selection of Fagan and Myers by Harr's backers, leader of whom is J. David Stern, was made in an effort to give labor and the rural section representation on the Democratic ticket.

Harr, it is understood, is proceeding with plans to press his Gubernatorial candidacy despite the fact that Senator Joseph F. Guffey, Roosevelt leader in the State, is reported to be planning to support Anthony J. Biddle Jr., United States diplomat, for Governor.

Also opposed to Harr is Democratic National Committeeman David Lawrence, who, it is understood, will not look with favor upon the City Treasurer's running mates.

Both Fagan and Myers have been at odds with Lawrence on intra-party matters.

It is likely that Lawrence will seek to induce Auditor F. Clair Ross, regarded as a political ally of Guffey, to opose Harr for Governor.

COUNTY PAY BOOST HELD AS UNLIKELY

Commissioners, Quoting Law, Refuse to Hold Board Meeting

There will be no general pay increases of county employes, the commissioners of the county indicated last week in a letter addressed to six of the county officials. The commissioners called attention to the law, which according to County Solicitor George M. Spence, provided that while individual officials can ask for meetings of the salary board, a general board meeting cannot be held. August 13 the six officials in a letter to the commissioners requested that a meeting be called to discuss the question of salaries paid county employes.

The officials who had requested the meeting were Sheriff Cyrus W. Davis, Clerk of Courts Joseph C. Wess, Prothonotary John L. Hite, Treasurer Emlyn Jones, Controller Dennis L. Westrick and Recorder of Deeds Clark Powell.

BARBERS UNION PICNICS

Watermellon-Eating, Wrestling, and Cooking Feature Day

Competition of electric razors and the problem of whether the price of haircuts should be increased was temporarily forgotten last Thursday by 47 Northern Cambria barbers, who held their annual picnic at the Al Severin Cabin, near Carrolltown. A chicken dinner, served at noon, proved that some of the barbers can cook as well as perform tansorial feats. President Judge John H. McCann, Judge Charles C. Greer and President Judge A. A. Nelson delivered short addresses.

Alphonse Fragly, Patton, known as the daddy of Northern Cambria Association, Local 804, Journeymen Barbers International Union of America, told of formation and progress of the local which has 47 members, all of whom were present. The only "outsiders" were three judges and a newspaper reporter.

Sports featured the afternoon program, Jimmy Leon of Patton defeating Angelo Domenick of Spangler in three straight falls in what was said to be a wrestling match. John Casale, Nanty-Glo, won the horseshoe match, with only one ringer in the whole game. Charles Meisel, Ebensburg, was second. The watermellon eating contest was won by Albert Bongiovanni, Barnesboro, who devoured two of the mellons. John Lobich of Barnesboro protested loadly at this because he also ate two, but the judges decided those eaten by the winner were the largest.

The committee in charge of Local 804's picnic was composed of the following: Charles Meisel, James Sherry, Howard Nicewronger, James Cassidy, Harold McBreen and A. J. Domenick.

RELIEF PAYMENTS DECREASE

Direct relief payments made to the needy Cambria Countians during the week ended Monday show a decrease of $93 from those of the previous week, according to State Treasurer G. Harold Wagner.

MINERS TO INCREASE PAYMENT OF DUES

Special Assessment of Fifty Cents Inaugurated as Defense Fund

The United Mine Workers of America have announced its membership had voted 151,857 to 87,388 in favor of a special assessment of 50 cents monthly to build up "a defense fund that will meet the needs of any situation."

It was estimated by a union official that the additional assessment, effective from next month until the organization's convention in October, 1942, would raise $1,500,000 in new revenue and would make members' dues $12 a year instead of $8. Assessments of $1 each levied twice a year will be eliminated and the monthly dues will be $1 instead of 50 cents.

John L. Lewis, president, and other officers of the United Mine Workers, in notifying the membership of the result of the referendum, said that the union must be "so strong numerically and financially that no enemy will dare attack us to take away the gains we have already achieved for our membership."

President Roosevelt to Give Labor Day Radio Address

Washington — President Roosevelt will make a radio address to the Nation as the climax to an hour-long coast-to-coast program beginning at 10 a. m. (Standard Time) and will be carried over both networks of the National Broadcasting ompany on Labor Day.

Other addresses will be made by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and also by James Carey, executive secretary of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

COAL DUST BLAST TO BE HELD AT FAIR

Explosion Designed to Show the Public High Explosive Power

An explosion to demonstrate the high explosive power of ordinary coal dust will be be staged as a feature of the state-wide miners safety day and first aid meet to be held in conjunction with the Cambria County Fair at the Ebensburg Fairgrounds, Saturday of next week, September 6, according to J. J. Forbes, chief of the Pittsburgh office of the United States Bureau of Mines. The demonstration will be held on the race track infield immediately after the completion of the first-aid contests, to be held in the arena.

"We intend to explode 200 pounds of coal dust to demonstrate to the public the high explosive power of the material," Mr. Forbes said. "We believe demonstrations of this nature serve a worthy purpose in acquainting the public with some of the hazards of coal mining."

The explosion will be set off by an electrical charge and during the process, guard will be maintained to assure the safety of the spectators in the grandstand.

SPANGLER MAN ADVANCED

John H. Gray of Spangler, private first class, specialist second class in the U. S. Army Air Corps at Langley Field, Va., has been assigned to the air corps protographic school at Lowry Field, Col.

Private Gray will spend several months taking a special course at the school and upon completing the training will be assigned to active duty with the air corps.

FOR MOTORISTS

Bundles of windshield stickers like the one pictured above are being sent out by the State Council of Defense to chairmen of all the County Councils of Defense for distribution through Local Defense Council members and service stations to Pennsylvanians cooperating in the voluntary 40-mile speed limit. Reverse side of the stickers contains driver's pledge to reduce speed in the interests of gasoline conservation, as requested by Gov. Arthur H. James

LABOR DAY EVENT SCHEDULED AT EMEIGH

A Labor Day Celebration, sponsored by Local Union 1855, United Mine Workers of America, Emeigh, will be held on Monday, September 1st, at Emeigh.

The program includes a baseball game, sports for children, excellent band music, a good speaking program, as well as fireworks in the evening.

A refreshment stand as well as a Bingo stand will be on the grounds. Everyone is invited.

COMMITTEE
Ken Palmer, Chairman
Dave Rhoades
Roy C. Breth

RACING, FIRST-AID MEET AT THE FAIR NEXT WEEK

Starts Monday, Labor Day, and Will Continue All Week

Fifty-four horses — running and trotting—representing the colors of twenty-one stables, will participate in the races to be held at the Cambria County Fair, which opens at the Ebensburg Fairgrounds, Labor Day, Monday, September 1, and continues throughout the week. Races will be held Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon during the week.

Predicting that the race meet would be the greatest ever held at the Ebensburg track, James A. Wilkinson, race secretary of the Fair Association, in announcing entries.

"We'll have some of the fastest of the horses on the circuit," Mr. Wilkinson said. "We are certain to have the best meet ever held at Ebensburg as owners who have not entered their horses before in our races will participate."

Prizes totaling $1,400 will be offered during the meet.

Joe McGraw, Washington, Pa., the most noted starter on the circuit, will get the horses away.

Miners Safety Day

Miners safety day, the safety and first-aid contests to be held in conjunction with the Ebensburg Fair on Saturday, September 6th, will be in reality a statewide event, W. Garfield Thomas, deputy state secretary of mines, announced today.

At a meeting of the committee in charge of the affair, Mr. Thomas pointed out that in the past all the teams participating in the event have been from the bituminous districts. Due to the interest manifested in the contests by Secretary of Mines Richard Maize, Mr. Thomas declared that teams from the anthracite region will, for the first time, take part in the Ebensburg Fair contests.

"The anthracite teams will be selected at a sectional anthracite contest held in Scranton last Saturday," Mr. Thomas said. "These teams will participate in the Ebensburg contest thereby making the event a truly statewide contest."

Forty-eight teams will take part in the event. Fourteen teams, winners of the district contest at Uniontown, will participate, eight winners of the district event at New Kensington, and eight which drew compositions at the Indiana contest also will take part. In addition the thirteen teams which were selected in a contest held at the Point Stadium in Johnstown last Saturday will be entered. These teams will be selected from the entries of bituminous districts 6, 8, 10, 15, 18 and 24.

The committees in charge of the statewide event decided at a recent meeting that seven cash prizes, totaling $1,085, will be awarded winners. The prizes will be as follows: first, $315; second, $245; third, $175; fourth $140; fifth, $105; sixth, $70, and the seventh, $35.

PUC Authorizes New Air Mail Route to East to Serve Section

All-American Aviation this week was authorized by the PUC to operate aircraft for transportation of property and mail between points in Western, Central and Southern Pennsylvania.

One of the routes set up will give this section air mail service to both the east and west, and is as follows: Pittsburgh, Irwin, Jeanette, Greensburg, Latrobe, Blairsville, Johnstown, Portage, Altoona, Duncansville, Hollidaysburg, Williamsburg, Huntingdon Mount Union, Lewistown, Newport, Harrisburg, Mechanicsburg, Carlisle, Newville, Shippensburg, Chambersburg, Gettysburg, Hanover, York, Columbia, Lancaster, Coatsville, West Chester, Chester, Marcus Hook and Philadelphia.

Air mail pickup service has been in operation at Portage for some time being operated by All-American Aviation under temporary certificates.

DANCE AT PORTAGE

The Portage P. N. A. Athletic Club will hold a Polish-American dance at the New Polish Hall in Portage on Saturday, August 30. Dancing will be to the music of the Royal Cadets, and will be from 9 to 1 p. m. (EST).

SONMAN MEMORIAL DEDICATION PLANNED MONDAY LABOR DAY

District, International U. M. W. A. Officials, Mine Bureau Representatives to Speak

A dedication service during which the memorial monument to the 63 victims of the Sonman disaster last summer, will be unveiled is being planned by the members of Local No. 1318, United Mine Workers of America, Jamestown, Labor Day, Monday, September 1st, has been selected as as the day.

The committee arranging for the serivce is headed by William Richardson, vice president of the local, who also served as the chairman of the monument committee.

The eight-foot granite memorial was placed on its base last week on the grounds adjoining the union hall in Jamestown. A bust of a miner with a pick and shovel has been sculptured out of the front. Below, engraved in the marble, is the inscription: "In loving memory of 63 brother workers who took the last trip on July 15, 1940, to work for the good of mankind." The names of the 63 miners who lost their lives in the explosion are engraved in the back.

The monument will be boxed in until the official unveiling ceremony on Labor Day. An elaborate speaking program has been arranged. District and International officials of the United Mine Workers are scheduled to speak, as well as representatives of the Bureau of Mines and notable civic leaders.

The monument represents the combined efforts of a number of locals in the district which made contributions toward the erection of the memorial. The Jamestown local plans to beautify the grounds on which the monument is situated, representatives state.

OPM DRAFTS PLANS TO AID SMALL FIRMS

Many Face Threat of Extinction from Lack of Materials

The Office of Production Management is moving to bring into the defense production picture thousands of small industrial firms whose continued existance is being threatened by the fact that, with billions being spent, the major companies so dominate the scene that "little business" is virtually out.

They have created what is known as the Defense Contract Service and hope to save many thousands of the smaller companies from elimination. The new division of OPM is headed by Robert L. Mehornay and William S. Levis, a member of OPM's production planning board.

Mehornay and Levis are endeavoring to work out a three-point program:

1. To spread defense work wherever practicable into communities or industries faved with unemployment because they cannot obtain materials for non-defense production.

2. Changes in general purchasing policies, including a requirement that a statement of the percentage work to be "farmed out" under the subcontracts shall be placed in every contract involving more than $50,000.

3. A requirement that a detailed statement as to the sub-contracting allocations shall be submitted hereafter with contract proposals of $250,000 or more.

The small plants are threatened with extinction because of operations of the Priorities Division of the OPM, principally because they have been doing a domestic business, and are now being deprived of raw materials.

Soldiers to Get Pay Raise in Next Pay Envelopes

Thousands of Regular Army enlisted men will start drawing a $10 a month raise in their next pay envelopes, but Army officials say a large proportion of the draftees for whom the bonus was chiefly intended will not be eligible for it before next year.

Congress voted the increase for the entire rank and file of the Army in connection with legislation extending the maximum service period of men by 18 months, but it is payable only after the men have completed 12 months of service.

War Department officials say there are no estimates available as to how many soldiers would begin getting increased pay at once, but said it probably would be at least 246,000 men of the Regular Army. None of the draftees has completed a year of service yet and not more than about 20,000 or 30,000 will have done so by the end of the year. The $10 increase will boost a private's pay to $40 monthly. Under the old law a private was paid $21 a month for the first three months and then was raised to $30.

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