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MILL WORKERS DEMAND PAYMENT OF SCHWAB'S DEBTS BY STEEL HEADS

James B. Gent, Regional Director of S. W. O. C., Declares Huge Profits Make It Possible



JAMES B. GENT

Following nation-wide interest in the "debts of honor" of Charles M. Schwab, expressed in letters, news stories and editorials, James B. Gent, director of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee of the CIO of this district, has joined the demand that heads of the steel industry pay the debts.

These debts of Schwab's were made public recently when the Rev. John P. Sullivan, president of St. Francis College, Loretto, said Schwab died owing his college \$25,000, borrowed money. Later, the attorney for the Carnegie Library at Loretto said Schwab had borrowed \$20,000 from the children's fund of that community and had not repaid.

None of these loans were assured because the money was borrowed from an educational institution and a religious organization, a plea has been made to the heads of the steel industry to pay the debts, calling them "debts of honor."

"They have kept silent," Gent says in a statement, "now the voice of the mill worker is rising . . .

"In the Johnstown district, 12,500 members of the S. W. O. C., are part of the great steel industry. They are anxious to know why these debts of Schwab have not been paid."

Gent makes plain that his appeal is the outcome of discussions with steel workers and not from his union which has not passed upon the matter.

"Mill workers have a fierce pride in their work," he continues, "in heat and grime they have made a living for themselves and families. Some have built homes, reared children. Their earnings have helped build the city of Johnstown, in which, too, they feel the same great pride . . .

"This pride makes these men want their industry to continue unscathed, its history unmarred by blame of such a man as Charles M. Schwab. They want their escutcheon to remain bright and unsoiled . . .

"He (Schwab) borrowed money from friends without security. These were not friends with plenty of money. Instead, they were an educational institution overburdened with debt, and a monastery of cloistered nuns, who drew enormous sums from the company to which he turned back all earnings for ten years."

"Wherever and whenever Schwab's name is mentioned, these debts will spring forward a ghastly reminder of the great man who gave his life to steel. To whom, so far, steel has given a death of dishonor."

"But prophesies a world use of steel in vast quantities from American mills while the present war is over. 'But until these debts are paid,' he adds, 'steel will never emerge from this shadow. You can't bring forgetfulness with silence. Nor will tight-lipped ostentatious gain prides, where prizes would be due to generous acts."

"We find Mr. Eugene Grace (pres. of Bethlehem Steel) with \$2,250,000, 000 of government contracts," Gent quotes Phil Murray, "more government contracts than he will be able to execute or provide the government with in the next three and a half years."

"Profit from that business may go to the heads of the steel industry," he continues, "but the work will come to us. The steel worker is no slacker. The steel industry is ours as well as the owners. We helped it in the sweat of our brows, in the agony of strained muscles, in grime and scorching heat. It has taken our blood and it has drawn our tears."

MULLIGAN NAMED FIRE WARDEN AIDE

Chief John A. Moran of Johnstown, fire defense warden, Sunday announced appointment of Harvey Mulligan, Patton, as assistant fire warden. Moran said he felt confident that Mulligan, who served as president of the Cambria County Firemen's Association in 1939, would render valuable service in the extensive program being mapped to strengthen Cambria County's fire defenses.

The chief indicated that initial efforts would be extended to obtain an accurate inventory of fire-fighting equipment now on hand in the various volunteer fire companies throughout the district. "We want to know what we have to work with," said Moran.

PATTON DEFENSE LEADERS NAMED

Both Male and Female Citizens Requested to Register NOW at the Borough Office

Committees to function during any emergency were appointed at a meeting last Friday evening in the Patton Community Hall.

The public meeting of the Patton Defense Council was attended by over 400 persons. Burgess John Haluska outlined the complete functions of each committee in the event of air raids or other disasters.

All citizens of Patton Borough and the community, both male and female, from 16 years of age up, are urged to register immediately for defense work at the Patton Borough Office. Do your duty! Register at once!

Committees are as follows: Chairman, Walter E. Noonan, and Raymond Buck, co-chairmen; citizens, Rev. T. McQuillen, Rev. Father Bertrand McQuillen, G. S. H. Rev. Father Albert Hovicki and Rev. J. Henry Thuesener; medical aid, John Allen Murray, J. A. Murray and David H. Coffey; fire company, James Blakes, the chairman; George Lehman and August Quevy; air-raid warden, George Lehman and W. M. Bosserman; police V. J. Bender, Milton Stoltz, Joseph Haluska and Joe Cammarata; roads and bridges, George C. Hoppel, chairman, and James McGonegal; un-American activities, J. J. Sheehan, Chas. Swab and H. H. Nehrig; air defense council, J. J. Sheehan, Wm. Blatt, Barton Winslow, Elmer Crowell, Milton Stoltz and John Bender; records and finance, Harry Stoltz, Frank X. Young, Andrew Senita, John Thomas, Ralph Litzinger, Charles Snyder and Frank Cammarata; general council, Dr. E. P. Cooper, Louis Haluska, Geo. Hoppel, Wm. J. Blatt and Frank Schwab.

All the local Council Defense Chairmen are to meet at the Legion Home Friday evening, December 26, at 8:00 p. m., at which time Walter Stinson, chairman of County Defense Unit, will be present to explain the work of various committees in detail.

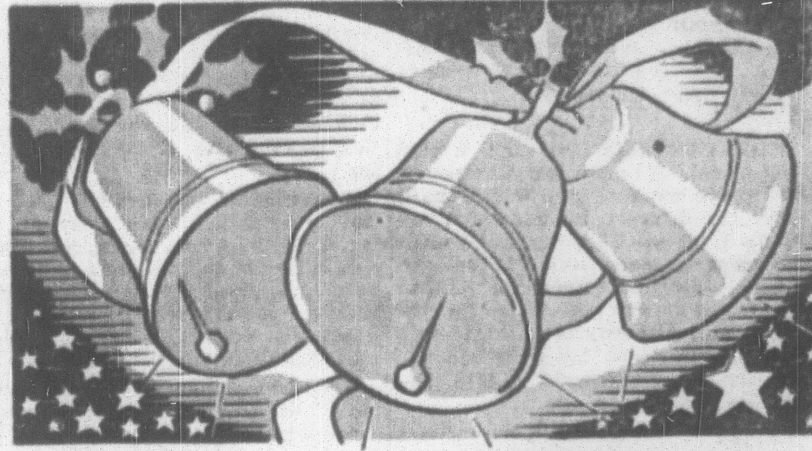
PATTON BASKETBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Patton III will open its basketball season Tuesday, January 6, when it plays host to Gallitzin boys' and girls' teams on the local floor. A 16-game schedule has been lined up for the boys, while 12 games are scheduled for the girls.

- BOYS**
- Jan. 6—Gallitzin, home.
 - Jan. 9—Carpport-Irvons, away.
 - Jan. 12—Carrolltown, home.
 - Jan. 16—Lilly, home.
 - Jan. 20—Barnesboro, home.
 - Jan. 23—Lilly, away.
 - Jan. 27—Hastings, home.
 - Feb. 3—Barnesboro, away.
 - Feb. 6—Beccaria Township, home.
 - Feb. 10—Hastings, away.
 - Feb. 13—Heade Township, away.
 - Feb. 17—Carrolltown, home.
 - Feb. 20—Gallitzin, away.
 - Feb. 24—Heade Township, home.
 - Feb. 26—Beccaria Township, away.
 - Mar. 3—Carpport-Irvons, home.

- GIRLS**
- Jan. 6—Gallitzin, home.
 - Jan. 9—Carpport-Irvons, away.
 - Jan. 20—Hack Lick, home.
 - Jan. 27—Hastings, home.
 - Feb. 3—Hastings, away.
 - Feb. 6—Beccaria Township, home.
 - Feb. 10—Hack Lick, away.
 - Feb. 13—Heade Township, away.
 - Feb. 20—Gallitzin, away.
 - Feb. 24—Heade Township, home.
 - Feb. 26—Beccaria Township, away.
 - Mar. 3—Carpport-Irvons, home.

We ask the heads of steel to keep it the same clean. Let us keep steel right in our minds as we work for it with your help. Let us keep our fingers pruned in that to which we have given our lives."



Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

—H. W. Longfellow

NICKTOWN GIRL KILLED, SIXTY NEW BOY SCOUT TROOPS ARE PROPOSED

SIX INJURED AT REVLOG

A 15-year-old Nicktown girl was killed and six others injured, three seriously, in a truck-automobile accident at 4:30 Saturday afternoon on Route 422, at the intersection of the Revlog Road, two miles east of Ebensburg.

The victim was Helen Bishop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bishop of Nicktown. She suffered a fracture of the skull and internal injuries as a car driven by her brother-in-law, Melvin Roles, 24, Ebensburg, E. D., collided with a truck driven by Patry DeLuzio, Ebensburg, E. D.

Roles suffered a crushed chest, lacerations of the face and severe shock. Condition of all three is serious. Condition of the two boys, one of which Howard R. Knepper is Scout executive.

A recent survey made at the direction of the bishop, disclosed that more than 2,000 Catholic boys of the Boy Scout age affiliated with parishes in the area embraced by the Admiral Peary County, who has demonstrated on a number of occasions his interest in the Boy Scouts, has appointed a committee to further the work among Catholics.

R. L. STRUBLE NAMED NORTH KIWANIS HEAD

Robert L. Struble, Barnesboro, was elected president of the North Cambria Kiwanis Club for the coming year at a meeting held last week in the Brandon Hotel, Spangler. Mr. Struble succeeds R. H. Greenberg of Barnesboro.

Other officers elected are Dr. Fred E. Arble, Patton, vice president; J. Edward Stevens, Carrolltown; George C. Hoppel, H. H. Nehrig and Dr. P. E. Arble, Patton; J. R. Nicholson, Louis Luxenberg, H. C. Kinney, George Clark, W. R. Crago, J. Henry Clark and R. H. Greenwood, all of Barnesboro, members of the board of directors. The new officers are to be installed at the first meeting of the new year, at which time, also, committees will be announced.

Carrolltown High School Alumni Banquet, Dance

Annual Carrolltown High School Alumni Association Banquet and Dance will be held on New Year's Eve at the Brandon Hotel, Spangler. The affair promises to be an enjoyable one. Frank Hipps will be toastmaster, and Assemblyman Thomas A. Owens the principal dinner speaker. Reservations for the event should be made early with Miss Mildred Freister, Carrolltown, Phone 4411. A good orchestra has been engaged for the dancing program.

Among the latest novelty items is one which signals the Morse code "V" for Victory. Three short blasts and a long one. A light attachment flashes the symbol at the same time. Defense orders placed with the automobile industry are now estimated as exceeding \$3,000,000. The greater portion of the orders are, of course, for aircraft engines.

CAMBRIA COUNTIANS LOSE WEIGHT PERMITS

William S. Livengood Jr., the state secretary of internal affairs, has announced cancellation of weighmaster licenses held by Steve Reiter of Dyestart, Reuben P. Rush of Fallen Timber, and Edward Kontorchik of Carrolltown. The cancellations were made for various violations of the Short-Weight Coal Act.

Mr. Livengood also announced that the new solid fuel weight coal slips must be used after New Year's Day. The six-month extension for use of slips printed before the new Short-Weight Coal Act went into effect last summer, expires on January 1, 1942, he said.

JOHN A. LIPPLE KILLED IN COUNTRY'S SERVICE

24-Year-Old Ashville Man Aboard U. S. Arizona When Sunk by Enemy on Dec. 7

Cambria County's first casualty of World War II was made known Saturday night in a Navy Department dispatch to the parents of an Ashville young man who made the supreme sacrifice for his country.

John A. Lippie, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lippie, lost his life on the U. S. S. Arizona when she was sunk December 7 by Japanese aircraft. Official word reached the Ashville parents in the following message from the chief of the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Dept., Washington: "Your son, John A. Lippie, petty officer, first class, was reported missing in the performance of his duty in the service of his country. Petty Officer Lippie was one of three brothers in the Navy. Paul Lippie, fireman first class, who enlisted 16 months ago, was last reported in December on the destroyer U. S. S. (USS-100), while Seaman Joseph G. Lippie, youngest of the brothers, was enlisted in April, 1941, was in Hawaii early in December."

No word has been received by the Ashville family from Paul of Joseph. Cambria County's first war victim was serving his second Navy enlistment and his last duties were those of shipfitter.

Son of Anthony and Carrie (O'Connor) Lippie, Petty Officer Lippie was born in Altoona, August 9, 1917. He graduated from Patton High School in the class of 1935 and enlisted the following year.

In addition to his parents and two brothers in the Navy, Lippie is survived by three sisters, Mary Catherine and Margaret Lippie, at home, and Sister M. Evangelista, I. H. M., Woodlawn, Md.

Solemn requiem mass for the Navy man was celebrated Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock in St. Thomas' Catholic Church, Ashville, of which Lippie was a member.

JURY ABSOLVES SPANGLER MAN

A coroner's jury Saturday afternoon absolved William Reed, 21, of North Spangler, of criminal negligence in the death of John M. Nycek, 53, Barnesboro, but recommended that charges be preferred against Reed for failing to identify himself at the scene of the accident.

The jury agreed that Nycek came to his death as result of injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile driven by Reed. The accident occurred Sunday evening, December 7, and Nycek died last Wednesday in the Miness Hospital, Spangler.

After the death of Nycek the driver was arrested and charged with failing to stop and render assistance at the scene of an accident. The information was preferred by Michael J. Whalen, chief of Spangler police.

However, testimony presented at the inquest revealed that Reed had stopped his car after it hit the man. Witnesses asserted Reed assisted in removing the critically-injured man to the hospital but failed to disclose his identity as driver of the car.

COURTHOUSE DOORS TO BE LOCKED AT NIGHT

The doors of the Ebensburg Courthouse will be locked at 6 p. m., the county commissioners have announced. The order was given following discussion of the possibility of someone entering the Courthouse at night and destroying valuable records during the emergency. While there has been a night watchman on duty at the Courthouse for several years, it was believed that further precautionary measures should be taken.

For more than a year the doors have been locked from Saturday afternoon to Monday morning. This practice will continue.

RICHARD H. BUCK HONOR ANNAPOLIS GRADUATE FRIDAY

Ensign's Graduation Held Early Due to Present Emergency; Duties to Start Soon



ENSIGN RICHARD H. BUCK

Richard H. Buck of Patton, who graduated Friday from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, ranks in the upper fifth of his class of 170 midshipmen.

The Patton young man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Buck, is home on furlough, after which he is to be assigned to service with the United States fleet. He is scheduled to report back for duty on Saturday, January 3.

Richard Buck passed his entrance examinations to the academy at the age of 16, before he was out of the Patton High School. However, he was not accepted until he graduated from the high school in June, 1938. He received his appointment from former Congressman Joseph Gray of Patton.

Ensign Buck and his two daughters, Ginny, student at Seton Hill, and Mary, student at Patton High School, were among those from that section attending the graduation exercises. Buck's class was not scheduled to graduate until June, 1942, but the date was advanced because of the present emergency. He holds an ensign's commission.

WOMAN'S HEAD SHORN OFF IN WRECK SUNDAY

A comely 33-year-old Cambria woman was decapitated early Sunday in one of the most gruesome highway accidents in the annals of Cambria County.

Her head severed at the shoulders, Mrs. Paula Mabee, 33, was found shortly after 2 a. m. along the Wm. Penn Highway two miles east of Ebensburg. An all-day search for the driver of the death car ended Sunday night when Joseph V. Ash, 23, Sandertown, walked into the Ebensburg substation of the State Motor Police and admitted he was driving the car at the time of the accident.

Ash told police he was driving the woman to her home near Beltsano as his car swerved off the right side of the road and skidded, plowing five guardposts up. The car turned completely over and landed on its wheels. Ash said the body was thrown 50 feet behind the wreckage and when he saw the headless body he became excited and carried the body back to the car. He then hitch-hiked a ride to Hillsdaleburg and spent the day on Altoona streets.

The driver was released on his own recognizance. An inquest is to be conducted late this week by the coroner.

Former Miss Madeline Behr of Carrolltown Passes Away

Mrs. Madeline M. (Behr) White, 43, wife of William G. White of Johnstown, formerly of Carrolltown, died Sunday night in Memorial Hospital, being a surgical patient there since November 26. Mr. White is chief of train of Cambria County Volume 23, 40 et s.

Born in Carrolltown, December 24, 1897, Mrs. White was the daughter of Matthew and Mary Behr. She leaves her husband, her mother, who resides in Carrolltown, and two brothers, Francis Behr of Carrolltown, and Leo Behr of Southmont.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Following our usual custom, the Union Press-Courier will not be published next week. The next issue will be on Thursday January 1st. The Press-Courier Force takes this opportunity in wishing to all our readers the compliments of the season—A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.