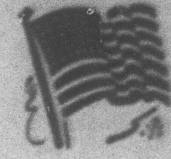




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## LABOR WINS VICTORY WITH PASSAGE OF PRICE CONTROL LAW

### No Wage Ceilings or Regulation in Measure Designed to Check Inflation

Washington, D. C.—Labor in the United States scored a major legislative victory when Congress passed and the President signed a price control bill free of any wage ceilings.

In signing the measure, President Roosevelt declared that when coupled with adequate taxation, rationing and a proper savings program, it would go far toward checking inflation.

The life of every person in the land will be vitally affected by the new law.

It vests in a single administrator sweeping authority to prevent profiteering by fixing maximum prices for all commodities and controlling rents.

The President clearly indicated his intention of appointing Leon Henderson to this all important job. Henderson has been functioning as price administrator under emergency powers.

It will be Henderson's major job to see to it that consumers who are required to do with less because of war shortages are not mercilessly gouged by profiteers.

He will also have to prevent price mark-ups on vital materials which the Government must purchase in huge quantities for war production.

Reactionary newspapers sought to make it appear that the new law is worthless because it makes no attempt to regulate wages, but the facts dispense these contentions.

American labor leaders have long advocated enactment of a price control bill, showing that each jump in the cost of living amounted to a pay cut for workers since their pay envelope dollar would buy less.

In signing the new law, the President made it clear that he is far from being a timid leader.

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A bill to be adopted to guarantee farmers a fair return but to prevent steep price rises for the necessities of life.

## DEFENSE SAVING DRIVE TO BE LAUNCHED SOON

An intensive drive to increase the sale of defense bonds and stamps will be launched soon in Cambria County.

The campaign will be made under the direction of President Judge John H. McCann, chairman of the Cambria County volunteer committee for defense savings.

As the first step in the campaign heads of committees have been appointed who will conduct the drive in their communities and also chairmen of groups, representing various walks of life.

Community and group chairmen will name their committee workers.

The Judge announced he had endeavored to select men to head committees "whom I know will do everything possible to insure success of the campaign." He also said he felt confident the people would respond liberally to the "call of their government."

Judge McCann pointed out four of the basic reasons why people generally should invest in the stamps and bonds. They are:

1.—To preserve our democratic way of life.

2.—The securities represent partnership of the people in the ownership of the best asset in the world. The purchase of bonds or stamps buys a share in America.

3.—Each purchase helps make it more certain that the evils of inflation in the cost of living will be avoided.

4.—Each purchaser will build a reserve for the post-war readjustment period.

**BARNESBOBO BOY HURT.** Calvin Hicks, aged 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, of North Burrowsburg, underwent an operation at the Spangler hospital for the removal of a 50-gun pellet in his forehead. The young man was shooting mark when a pellet from the gun struck a tin can and glanced off, striking him on the forehead.

**FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN FOR HELWOOD SELECTEE.** A farewell party was held Saturday evening in Mickey's Hall, Alverda, for Michael Gopsh of Helwood, who is to leave for the U. S. Army soon.

A delicious lunch was served, and entertainment included dancing to the music of a group of talented musicians from Helwood and vicinity. A large number of the young man's friends attended.

## New Increase Is Ordered In Bituminous Coal Cost

The Bituminous Coal Division has announced that the average production cost of bituminous coal has been set at \$2.19 per ton, an increase of nearly 11 cents over the figure used heretofore in determining present minimum prices.

This announcement completed the first phase of a proceeding started last summer to determine new minimum prices for the Nation's 10 price areas.

The new weighted average cost for the new weighted average cost for Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Virginia, East Kentucky and Northeast Tennessee—was set at \$2.25 per ton, an increase of 12 cents.

A shortage of manpower that has been variously estimated at between 8 and 12 per cent of the normal complement of workers is indicated.

The situation is such that some operators have expressed belief that the companies will not be able to produce a sufficient amount of coal for the present market unless some remedy can be found to check the exodus of miners from the district.

The armed forces of Uncle Sam are reaching into the bituminous coal field for the greatest percentage of experienced mining men. Some companies report that as high as 10 per cent of their working personnel have been called to the colors since the selective service law became effective.

More lucrative jobs in defense industries, such as shipyards and defense machine shops in the larger cities, also have cut heavily into the skilled workers in the mines.

While the number of skilled workers leaving the coal fields for other defense industries has not been as large as the number of coal loaders and diggers called to the armed forces, the mining firms are finding it difficult to replace the men in the former categories.

No deferments have as yet been granted miners by the selective service board.

In some instances coal operators have asked, but have been refused, deferments for their workers.

Other workers have been called to the colors in other industries. The Bituminous Coal Co. at Elberton has announced that about 10 per cent of its working personnel has departed for service with the Army or Navy and for work in the machine shops in Detroit and other cities.

The Monroe Coal Co. at Revloc has lost approximately 90 men to armed service, and several others to various industrial concerns.

## PATTON GIRL NAMED AERIAL SPOTTER UNDER COMMAND OF ARMY

Seventeen Year Old Lois Turner Becomes Airplane Taxi Driver; High School Senior

Carrying a two column cut of Miss Lois A. Turner, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Turner of Patton, the Johnstown Tribune last Wednesday evening, paid very complimentary tribute to the Patton young lady.

Miss Turner, 17 year old Patton High School Senior is one of the very first women to be accepted by the U. S. Army as a civil patrol pilot.

Lately as one of the best airplane pilots in Cambria county—including the men—Lois will soon don a special uniform and begin her patrol duties for the army officers and help other civilian pilots to patrol vital defense areas in the district.

Getting her solo home at the age of 15 this attractive Patton miss was at that time—November 16, 1940— the youngest airplane pilot in the United States. Her flying home has been a matter of course.

She is now flying for the army and her first airplane ride I decided to make a matter of flying. It's much easier than driving a car and safer, too."

The hardest thing to learn are the practical principles of navigation she says. Her parents have never opposed her ambitions.

Affectionately known as "Suey" at the Ebersburg Airport, her home field, Miss Turner is by far the most popular pilot. M. M. Nease, of Patton, Keystone Airport superintendent, has been Miss Turner's instructor.

Now earning part of the cost of her flying lessons Miss Turner is officially listed as dispatcher at the airport. In this capacity she keeps records of incoming and outgoing flights under the new war time regulations of the government.

This is a big job in view of the fact that 80 students, 35 private, two commercial and one instructing pilots are now using Ebersburg Airport as a home field. The airport is also located on the direct route of Transcontinental and Western Airline transport planes.

After her graduation from Patton High School this spring Lois plans to devote her full time and energies toward making a career out of her flying ability. She wants to become an instructor or a flying demonstrator for some aircraft company.

**TEACHER SHORTAGE IS FACED BY THE SCHOOLS IN FOUR COUNTY AREA**

Getting a job teaching school may have been a problem a few years ago for many a young man and young woman graduating from college, but not any more.

Schools, which formerly had long lists of applicants for teaching jobs are now faced with a shortage of instructors as a result of the growing number of men leaving the profession to enter the army or defense industries, according to school officials in Cambria, Bedford, Indiana and Somerset counties. The list of reserve teachers in Cambria county, it is reported by Dr. Arthur M. Stull has been practically depleted and it has been necessary to call many former teachers, including married women, back into the service. Similar conditions are also reported in other counties.

Biggest problem, it was stated, is finding teachers for industrial arts, physical education and music departments.

In an effort to meet the shortage Dr. Stull has already issued 13 emergency certificates to persons qualified to teach, and expects to issue more as vacancies occur.

Despite the growing shortage, however, Dr. Stull said, it is not expected that any schools will have to be closed next term.

## LABOR SHORTAGE IN LOCAL MINES LOOMS AS MEN JOIN COLORS

### Defense Industries Also Taking Miners Away from Pits; No Deferments

Coal companies in the rich bituminous fields of Cambria, Somerset and Indiana Counties definitely are beginning to feel the pinch of labor shortage as the result of the exodus of miners. This has been revealed in a check-up of the various concerns in the district.

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## CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

Before you go to bed Sunday night, be sure to change your clocks one hour—or you'll be late Monday!

Northern Cambria County joins the entire Nation next Monday morning in adopting Daylight Saving Time in conformity with an Act of Congress signed last month by the President at it was time.

The bill makes "fast" time effective at 11 a. m., Monday, February 9. Here's the formula for changing to fast time: Chase the children to bed an hour earlier Sunday night, move all clocks ahead before retiring—and forget it about Daylight Saving Time until the end of World War II. The law provides for it to continue for the duration of the war, and for not more than six months thereafter.

**ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE OFFERS COURSE IN JOURNALISM THIS SEMESTER; ALSO RESEARCH**

A course in journalism is being offered to Students of St. Francis College, Loretto, this new semester, opening on Tuesday of this week, according to announcement of Rev. Servantius J. Carron, S. J., registrar.

Under the direction of Rev. Father Regis J. F. O'Brien, T. O. R., the student newspaper will entail analysis of news, copy reading, editing, selection of headlines, make-up and publication ethics.

In addition to the newspaper course to be in charge of a flight of three ships. Patton ships have been placed at the disposal of the unit, which will replace the Cambria Flying Club.

All appointments will be made by Navy according to the ability of the pilots selected.

**Special Hospital Services at Patton Church of God**

Dr. John H. Whitehouse of Lewisburg, Pa., will conduct a two-week hospital service at the Patton Church of God beginning February 8 and ending February 22.

All people who are interested in the subject of their soul are invited and welcome. They are urged to bring their Bibles with them to the service.

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## ALL GROUPS ASSIST WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN CHURCH GOING MOVE

### Enthusiastic Committee Meeting Held Last Thursday; Plans Progressing Rapidly

Another very important meeting of the "America Goes to Church" movement was held in the K. of C. Hall, Barnesboro, last Thursday evening.

Practically every church denomination in Northern Cambria was represented at the gathering.

Chairman William Blatt of Patton presided and was assisted by co-chairman George Clark of Hastings and Ralph Greenwood of Barnesboro.

The slogan for the "America Goes to Church" campaign was adopted as follows: "Won't you go to Church? You go to your Church and I'll go to mine, but let's walk along together." Five noteworthy slogans were suggested by Ralph Greenwood, who had the words printed upon large signs which were displayed at the meeting.

These slogans are to be printed and distributed to the various homes in this area.

Frank Cammarata of Patton, chairman of the press committee, reported much progress from that group. He produced several layouts for newspaper advertising which will appear in newspapers in this area as the campaign progresses.

Mr. Mendillo of Hastings, chairman of the motion picture committee, reported contacts with other theater owners in regard to getting trailers to be used on the streets. Each theater in this locality will run these shorts two night a week for a period of three weeks.

J. Henry Clarke of Barnesboro, chairman of the merchants committee, reported that his group expects to receive buttons soon which will be worn by devotees. These buttons will feature "America Goes to Church."

Each church group is being organized to form a committee of their respective parishes, feeling that personal interviews would be more effective. It was also suggested that members of the various committees contact their respective pastors and recommend that a sermon be delivered on the Sunday following the opening of the church movement.

The meeting was held in the K. of C. Hall, Barnesboro, and was attended by a large number of church members.

The next meeting will be held in Patton on Friday, February 12.

## NUIS NAMED COMMANDER OF CAMBRIA AIR PATROL

Muney M. Nuis of Patton, manager and flying instructor at the Keystone Airport, near Ebersburg, has been appointed squadron commander of the Cambria County Civilian Air Patrol.

The appointment was made Saturday afternoon by Dr. C. A. Meyer, group commander of the Civilian Air Patrol, with headquarters at the Allegheny County Airport, Pittsburgh.

Mr. Nuis will be in charge of all pilots and flying in the county during the duration of the war. All students, private pilots and commercial pilots must file C. A. P. applications with Nuis before they will be permitted to continue their flying, which now is under a military ban.

Officers to be filled include an executive officer, adjutant, personnel and medical officer, training and operations officer, equipment and supply officer, communications officer and five flight commanders.

Each of the flight commanders is to be in charge of a flight of three ships. Patton ships have been placed at the disposal of the unit, which will replace the Cambria Flying Club.

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## WAGNER EXPLECTS GO IN CONGRESS WITH RECORD

The exploits of 1st Lieut. Boyd D. (Duzz) Wagner of Johnstown, who distinguished himself as an aerial hero in the Philippines, were made a part of the Congressional Record last week by Congressman Harve Talbot of Erie.

The congressman paid tribute to the aviation hero during his career of the aviation hero during his career in the Pacific war.

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## Enemy Aliens to Receive Certificates of Identity

Pennsylvania's enemy aliens—Japanese, Germans and Italians—are under orders to apply for certificates of identification between February 9 and February 28.

Governor Arthur H. James has announced that applications will be received at first class, second class and county seat postoffices. Certificates are required of all enemy aliens 14 years of age or over.

They will be required to produce their registration cards and three pictures of themselves. Certificates will be delivered at their homes by postmen.

## LABOR LEARNING USE OF ORGANIZING RIGHT SAYS MILLIS' REPORT

### Collective Bargaining Being Made Part of the Practice of an Industrial Democracy

Chairman H. A. Millis of the Labor Relations Board has expressed the view that labor has learned to use its legal right of self-organization and that employers had advanced far in making collective bargaining a part of the practice of an industrial democracy.

He based his opinion on the record of the board for the 1930-41 fiscal year, a report made public Sunday.

In a statement accompanying the report, he said:

"In the year 1937-38 our country was deeply disturbed by its labor disputes and the National Labor Relations Board was inundated with cases, the majority of them alleging unfair labor practices. In Germany during that same year there were no strikes and unemployment for the first time in years fell below the 1,000,000 mark."

"Upon the surface, America at that time, and even today, seemed to be in a better position than Germany to handle labor disputes which began to arise in the year 1937-38. They were predominantly industrial in character and the competition of the last steps in the collective bargaining procedure, and since these cases which did involve representative action against labor organization were concurrently yielding to the processes of orderly administrative law."

Among other things, the report showed that:

1—More than 1,000,000 workers sought the board's assistance in determining collective bargaining representatives and that nearly 700,000 valid votes were cast in secret elections. Seventy per cent of the votes were cast for nationally affiliated unions.

2—The proportion of unfair labor practice cases was about equal to representation cases, whereas in 1937-38 the board had received almost two complaint cases to one representation case.

3—The board closed 4,695 unfair labor practice cases involving more than 1,350,000 workers. Nine out of 10 of the cases were terminated without formal action.

4—Five hundred and two company unions were dismantled and collective bargaining began in 1,009 of the cases; 23,475 workers were reinstated "to remedy discriminatory discharge"; 5,151 discharged workers received \$16,761 in back pay, and 24,427 workers who had struck in cases of alleged unfair labor practice were reinstated.

## S. S. JOHNS IS NAMED STATE MINE INSPECTOR

Appointment of Spurgeon Stanley Johns of Westmont, as a bituminous mine inspector was announced Thursday last by Gov. Arthur H. James.

Mr. Johns, son of T. R. Johns, vice president and general manager of Industrial Collieries Corporation's division at Johnstown, has been employed for the past seven years as a foreman at Mine 27 Upper of the Berks and White Coal Company, Windber.

Governor James also announced the appointment of Andrew J. Bengston of Grantlief, Clearfield county, as a mine inspector. Civil service examinations for the post were conducted in Pittsburgh some time ago.

## MINERS HOSPITAL STAFF HELDS ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual dinner meeting for the staff of Mines Hospital, Spangler, was held last Thursday evening at the hospital with 25 physicians attending.

Dr. E. W. Bittel of Altoona and Dr. C. Anderson of Ebersburg presided at a clinic on "Gastro-Genital and Premature Infants." Prof. John Falon of New York spoke on "Gastro-Photography" and Dr. Paul A. Spright of Altoona discussed the "Gastro-Photographic Technique."

## PLAN RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR MANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES

County Commissioners Vote to Create System Under Terms of New State Law

More than 150 employees of Cambria county are to come under benefits of a retirement system. This became assured the other day when County Commissioners Frank P. Holden, Eddie McCloskey and John Thomas, Jr., voted to create the system under terms of a law created at the last session of the legislature.

Under the plan any county employe may retire at the age of 60, eligible to participate in the benefits of the plan are all county employes and elected officials may participate if they so desire.

On request of the commissioners, George A. Higgins, consulting actuary of Philadelphia, has made a study as to the cost to the county. In his report to the county officials, Mr. Higgins has ascertained that on the basis of 158 workers employed by the county, the annual share of the county to be paid into the fund over a period of the first fifteen years of its operation would be \$29,108. Of this amount \$19,400 would be required annually to meet the requirement of prior service pension credits while \$9,500 would be for annual pension credits.

The employe, on retirement, would draw monthly 10 per cent of his monthly salary from the county's fund. He would be required to pay into the fund an amount equal to purchase an annuity for a similar amount, which would be added to his pension on retirement. This cost will vary in individual cases, depending on the age of the beneficiary. Mr. Higgins will later make a report on the cost to each employe.

The plan will be placed in operation, however, the plan does not require compulsory retirement.

The fund will be administered by a county retirement board. The law requires that the board shall be composed of the county commissioner, controller, county treasurer, register of wills, clerk of courts and recorder.

Mr. Hoern, as president of the board of commissioners, under the law, is designated as chairman, while treasurer Emlyn Jones is designated by law to be treasurer. A secretary will be elected from the board membership.

County employes, in common with other public workers, do not come under social security.

**LABOR'S DEFENSE WORK LAUDED BY MORGENTHAU**

Detroit, Mich.—Labor has not only done its share in furthering the defense program, but it has been ahead of the procession, according to Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

In a speech here, the Treasury chief sought to put at rest a flood of calumny and slander let loose by labor-haters, in and out of Congress.

"American labor," said he, "has been ahead of us all in its willingness to produce armaments to win the war, whatever the sacrifice, whatever the consequences."

**WAR LABOR BOARD ENDS MANY LABOR DISPUTES**

Washington, D. C.—A 100 per cent batting average in ending or averting strikes was scored by the Nation's War Labor Board as it rounded out the third week of its activities.

In three walkouts and one threat of strike, the board's appeals have brought immediate results, and production has continued pending hearings by the board on the issues in dispute.

Cases before the board rose to 40, with claim for 290,000 workers involved, but not one man among these was out on a picket line.

**DONATES BOOKS**

Among the hundreds of books collected in Cresson for men in the armed forces are 100 copies of Memorial Book to Robert Edwin Peary, autographed and donated by the author, Miss Hecodes Duck. The book traces the life of the Cambria County native through his many perilous adventures.