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NORTH COUNTY MINES PRODUCE BIG TONNAGE YEAR'S REPORT SHOWS

Summary of State Mine Inspector Keenan Discloses Gain of 20 Per Cent in Some Fita.

The Fifteenth Bituminous District, embracing Northern Cambria County, and sections of Indiana and Clearfield Counties, produced approximately 20 per cent more coal last year than in 1940, according to the annual report of State Mine Inspector Dennis J. Keenan.

Mines in Keenan's District produced over 1,000,000 tons more in 1941 than in the previous year. The bulk of the tonnage was mined in Cambria County.

The district under Keenan's jurisdiction produced 857,389 tons per ton of coal last year when seven men lost their lives as against five in 1940. Total production last year was 6,001,028. Tonnage for 1940 was 4,913,255.

Last year's tonnage by counties was: Cambria, 5,021,982; Indiana, 256,021; and Clearfield, 363,024.

Of the total tonnage for 1941, 4,909,729 tons were produced by mining machines. The report listed 1,432,625 tons loaded mechanically. A vast majority of the tonnage was produced by shipping mines as seen by the following report, shipped to market by rail, 5,432,565 tons; shipped by local domestic trade, 22,458; used for heat and power of mines, 4,906.

There were 94 accidents involving more than 60 days' disability and 73 classified as less than 60 days' disability. Production in the district last year was at the rate of 33,241 per 10-day period and 3,124 tons per month.

Coal companies in Keenan's district used 76 conveyors and scrapers and seven mechanical loaders.

Comes and mines used during the year showed that the number of animals in mining corporations was only 31. By process the 1941 tonnage operations reported the use of 737,274 pounds of permissible explosives, 45,206 pounds of black powder, and 18,300 pounds of dynamite.

Ebensburg Coal Company, at Colver, with more than 1,000,000 tons, led the production, according to the following report:

Company	Net Tons
Barnes and Tucker Co.	875,729
Bentley Coal Mining Co.	2,326
Butterworth Coal Co.	2,306
Carrolltown Coal Co.	248,942
Cheery West Coal Co.	348,544
Chesterfield East Coal Corp.	23,931
Cymbria Valley Coal Co.	25,443
Deringer Bros.	29,760
Dumora-Spangler Coal Co.	100,463
Ebensburg Coal Co.	1,406,478
Freedom Coal Co.	10,040
Hastings Fuel Co.	110,983
H. Hearty's Sons	8,450
Hilwit Coal Co.	8,128
Imperial Coal Corp.	329,736
Lansburg Coal Co.	101,339
Manion Coal Corp.	18,941
McCombie Coal Mining Co.	27,730
Frank McCoy	18,351
Patton Clay Mfg. Co.	17,586
Patton Coal & Coke Corp.	790,812
Patton Coal Co.	15,820
Andrew Radomsky	14,897
Red Leads Coal Co.	533,990
Red Top Coal Co.	32,757
Red Top Coal Mining Co.	73,744
Rick Hill Coal Co.	274,027
Shelton Coal Co.	518,281
Hiram Strank's Sons	18,233
Victor Hill Coal Co.	7,424
Walnut Run Coal Co.	9,995
Total	6,001,028

Mexico has started a campaign against the illiterate among 45 per cent of its 2,000,000 people.

PATTON SOLDIERS CAN RECEIVE HOME PAPER

Relatives of men in the armed forces of the U. S. who reside in the Patton community are urged to submit the permanent addresses of those soldiers and sailors to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Home, Patton, at their earliest convenience.

The Vets have made arrangements to have the Union Press-Courier mailed them weekly. You can render your soldier boy an appreciated service by attending to this. Remember the soldier must have been a resident of the Patton section.

THREE-YEAR PROGRAM NOW AT ST. FRANCIS

Freshmen to Be Admitted in June, September and February; Special Courses

A three-year plan of education, designed to speed graduation of students will be admitted to St. Francis College, Loretto, next June, it is announced by President John P. Sullivan, T. O. R.

Under the new plan, freshmen students will be admitted to the college in June, September and February. The summer session, which will begin June 5 and continue until August 29, will permit students to enter immediately after high school graduation.

The college plan, according to Rev. President Sullivan, will be open for continuous service for the duration of the war and as long thereafter as the government desires. "This means," he said, "that our officials and faculty will work steadily throughout the year, or years, if necessary, until this war is won."

It has not yet been decided whether or not exceptionally bright high school juniors will be admitted to the college, but it is possible, he said, that the school may do so.

Emphasis will be placed during the accelerated program on the physical development of students in accordance with the wishes of the government. Special efforts also will be made to teach the philosophy of human approach to a lasting peace, a problem which will face the young men of the country after the war.

WAR TIME IS ADOPTED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Two Cambria County school districts have flexibly adopted full-school time for the operation of their schools. The new plan went into effect on Monday.

At a special meeting of the East Carroll Township School Board last Thursday night, it was decided the township schools also would start classes on the new war time.

Previously classes started at 10 a. m. in the Harbaugh, Lauer, Mellon and Strittmatter schools so that the children would not have to travel over country roads in the early-morning darkness. Parents, however, voiced the opinion that this disrupted their home schedule.

The East Carroll Board also refused a wage increase for teachers in their district, stating that the present school budget did not include sufficient funds.

NEW BELL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES REDUCED IN SIZE, LESS BULKY

Streamlined and reduced in size for quicker reference, the new Bell Telephone Directory will make its appearance Wednesday of next week minus much of the bulk and seldom used listings of other years.

In its alphabetical section will be found the names of approximately 9,700 subscribers in Barnesboro, Carrolltown, Cresson, Ebensburg, Gettysburg, Glen Campbell, Hastings, Patton and Portage. This is about 250 more than were listed in the last directory, according to Harold P. Reik, manager for the Bell Company.

Streamlined even more is the classified section of the new book. Subscribers in Barnesboro, Carrolltown, Glen Campbell, Hastings and Patton will get one classified section while those in Cresson, Ebensburg, Gettysburg and Portage will get another.

Dutch Island Occupied by U. S. Troops



A street scene in the business section of Willemstad, capital of Curacao, the Dutch island off the northern coast of Venezuela, which has been occupied by American troops. The troops were sent to reinforce the Dutch units which have been guarding the highly important oil refinery centers on the island.

PATTON EAGLES WILL HOLD A WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY INITIATION

Extensive Program Is Planned by Entertaining Patton Aerie for Next Sunday

Next Sunday afternoon, February 22nd, on the occasion of the birthday anniversary of our first President, George Washington, Patton Aerie No. 1344, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will hold a class initiation and patriotic rally in the Aerie Home. Each of the six hundred and forty-one Aeries in the State of Pennsylvania are holding class initiations with the appropriate patriotic exercises on this date.

The patriotic anniversary will be celebrated at the Patton Aerie Degree and Social Building, 217 North Second Street, Patton, Pa. The program will include a dance and floor show.

On Sunday evening Eagles and their ladies will be treated to a dance and floor show.

State Senate Will Be Asked to Recognize Wagner's Feat

The Senate of Pennsylvania is to be asked today to pass a resolution praising the performance of Lieut. Floyd D. Wagner, Johnstown flier, who became one of the first heroes of World War II.

Sen. John J. Hulska of Patton has disclosed that he would introduce a resolution in the Senate.

Wagner, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Wagner of 5th Ward, Johnstown, is credited with downing two Jap planes in a fierce dog-fight at Appari in the Philippines and machine-gunning 12 others on the ground, leaving five of them burning.

Hulska, who went to Harrisburg Tuesday with the other three representatives of the second district, said it was his desire for the Senate to pass the resolution "in fitting recognition of a daring act performed against great odds in defense of the United States of America."

Wolf Furniture Co. to Give Three Valuable Prizes Weekly

Here's a proposition for adults that is well worth their while and there are no strings attached:

The Wolf Furniture Co. at Barnesboro, in an effort to create further goodwill and in order to induce more people to visit their store, are offering absolutely free each week prizes of a \$25.00 Defense Savings Bond, a 7-way Floor Lamp and a choice of a beautiful and table.

NEWS FROM SEVERAL UMW LOCAL UNIONS

District President James Mark Urges Men to Report for Work to Aid War

So many complaints from district coal operators regarding voluntary absentees from work at the mines in District 2 have been received at the district office in Clearfield that District President James Mark addressed a special letter to mine locals recently requesting men to report for work during this period of national war effort.

The district union president referred to the present war situation as the greatest crisis that this country has been called upon to face and he emphasized the fact to the men that they play a very important part in keeping dictators from our shores.

Many of the operators, already noticeably affected by a sharp curtailment in production by the draft of the young men of the industry, have been forwarding daily report sheets to the district headquarters bearing the names of all the absentees from work.

COLVER LOCAL 100 Members of Colver Local 100 recently voted to purchase \$1,000 worth of Defense Savings Bonds and in addition to purchasing individual Bonds under the plan provided by the district and the operators, the miners also assessed themselves each \$1 for a contribution to the American Red Cross. Approximately 1,200 men are employed at the Ebensburg Coal Co. Checkweighmen who had been elected at the annual election will be retained in their positions until the June elections. This action guarantees them the bonus and the vacation in June.

COAL LOCAL 100 The four incumbent members of the checkweigh staff of Jamestown Local 100 were retained at the annual election. The new staff will consist of William Robinson, John L. Lenz and Joe Kline were re-elected at the election.

HASTINGS LOCAL 100 Members of Hastings Local 100 selected all four checkweighmen for the next six months at a meeting held recently. Renamed to the post were: Lennox Coal Co.—Bill Maline; Hastings Fuel Co.—Joseph P. Kigora; Hastings Fuel Co.—John Stewart; Red Top Coal Co.—Andrew Martin.

The following were elected committeemen at the mines: Rich Hill—Gabe Hricko, Frank Cann, Wm. Miller, Miss Cavallo, Alfred Kozlak, at Lennox Coal Co.—Bill Maline; Hastings Fuel Co.—Joseph P. Kigora; Hastings Fuel Co.—John Stewart; Red Top—Edward Ott and Herman Cronauer; Lennox—Joseph Gabins, Anthony Shupenas and Andrew Johnson.

The Hastings Local has purchased six \$1,000 denomination Defense Savings Bonds and members are buying Bonds in accordance with the plan submitted by the operators and district officials. Members also are contributing to the Red Cross.

RAILROAD TRAGEDY OCCURS AT SEWARD

Four Killed As Westbound and Eastbound Trains Meet Head-On Tuesday

Four trainmen were killed and four other injured Tuesday afternoon as a westbound Pennsylvania Railroad express train and an eastbound freight train crashed head-on 200 yards west of the Seward station.

A high official of the railroad said that the wreck, worst on the road's Pittsburgh Division in many years, occurred because a tower operator routed the freight train over the wrong track. Both engineers, who died in their crumpled cabs, were reporting according to orders they had received, he added.

The dead men all from Pittsburgh, were: Homer O. Clark, engineer on the freight train; T. H. West, engineer on the express train; and J. P. Rice Jr., fireman on the express. Clark, Rice and West were killed instantly by the terrific impact that forced the freight train's engine and four cars over a 100-yard stretch of the four-track main line. Fireman Wilkes died two hours after the crash as a result of wounds sustained by the impact. The other two men, Rice and West, died on the spot. The wreckage was piled up in a 100-yard stretch of the four-track main line. The wreckage was piled up in a 100-yard stretch of the four-track main line.

BISHOP ANNOUNCES LENT REGULATIONS IN ALTOONA DIOCESE

Bishop Guilfoyle's Letter Read in Churches At Masses on Sunday Last.

Lenten regulations for Catholics, prescribed by Most Rev. Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle, of the Altoona Diocese, were read in all Catholic churches last Sunday, and are as follows: "First—The Lenten fast and abstinence begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, and ceases at noon on Holy Saturday, April 4th."

"Second—All the days of Lent, except Sundays, are fast days on which only one meal is allowed, either at noon or in the evening."

"Third—All of the faithful between the ages of 21 and 50 are obliged to fast, except the sick; women in delicate health and confinement, and those whose occupations are of a laborious and exhausting nature. Those who doubt whether they are exempted or not should consult their confessor."

"Fourth—Every Wednesday and Friday during Lent are days of abstinence except the Wednesday of Holy Week. Working people and their families, however, by a special privilege of the holy see are obliged to abstain from meat only on Wednesday, until noon on Holy Saturday and on Fridays. On all other days of abstinence, members of the family who are obliged to fast, may eat meat at their principal meal; those not obliged may eat meat at any of their meals."

"Fifth—Those who are excused from fasting and abstinence should endeavor to enter into the spirit of Lent by performing other acts of self denial and by frequenting the Lenten Devotions provided in all our churches. Attendance at games, theaters and worldly entertainments is contrary to the essential spirit of this holy season."

RETRAILS RATIONED STARTING THURSDAY

'Camblock' Shortage Is Cause, Will Be Available for Some Essential Car Users

Owners of passenger automobiles no longer are able to get retrails tires. Shortage of camblock—rubber compound used in the process—has resulted in Price Administrator Leon Henderson announcing that rationing of retrails and recapped tires would begin Thursday of this week.

Henderson added that "there will be no crude rubber available for retrailing, except for the small number of vehicles already eligible to obtain new tires and tubes."

This announcement, according to tire-rationing regulations, spins the doom for some time to come for the owners of pleasure cars to have tires replaced with camblock.

Those eligible for retrails and recaps have been placed in two lists. List A contains the same classes as the new tire-rationing regulations, with the addition of clergymen, and those "eligibles" may obtain retrails only if stocks of new tires are exhausted.

List B eligibles will have to prove to the rationing boards that their use is "essential to the community and to the Nation." Mr. Henderson said, and this will mean only a few will be able to pass the test.

Classification in the List B for the passenger cars are: