

PENN EDISON STRIKE AVERTED BY BOARD

Was to Take Place Last Thursday Morning Affecting North Cambria County

A threatened strike of members of the Utility Workers Organizing Committee (C.I.O.) employed by the Pennsylvania Edison Co. which would have left more than 20 North Cambria towns in darkness was cancelled last Wednesday night in response to an 11th-hour request by the War Labor Board at Washington.

In calling the strike the union had charged that the company had violated a contract signed only last January 26 by reclassifying 31 workers so their pay was cut and by laying off two men.

The threatened strike was called off by Harold J. Straub, national director of the union after the dispute between the U. W. O. C. and the electric power company has been certified in Washington by Secretary of Labor Perkins to the War Labor Board.

In a telegram, the board asked both the union and the company to hold up the walkout and maintain the status quo until the board could act.

Approximately 550 employees were scheduled to walk off their jobs at 8 a. m. Thursday. The walkout originally was scheduled for midnight on Wednesday but was postponed for a period of eight hours, the union executive board asking President Roosevelt to have the Army take over the operation of the company.

Among the towns Pennsylvania Edison supplies with power in Northern Cambria County are: Gallitzin, Loretto, Portage, Ebensburg, Barnesboro, St. Benedict, Carrolltown, Patton, St. Boniface, Bakerton, Ashville, Revloc, Cherry Tree and Hastings.

YOUNG NANTY-GLO FATHER TAKES OWN LIFE MONDAY

A 20-year-old Nanty-Glo father of two young children took his own life Monday afternoon by firing a bullet through his head.

The suicide victim was Frank D. Radel, 20, whose body was found at 6:30 p. m. in an empty boxcar standing on the Heisley mine siding of the P. R. R. Beside the body lay a .38-caliber revolver.

Coroner McDermott said the man died of a bullet wound in the left temple. He said he could learn of no apparent motive for the deed. Members of the family said the young man appeared in good spirits when he left home in the morning.

However, McDermott found written on the side of the boxcar a farewell note reading: "Only I, myself, am to blame for this. I ended my life at 4:30. I came in here because it was raining."

Only identification on the body was a card bearing the man's name and address. Officials expressed the opinion that the young man had placed the card in his pocket to establish identification in the event the boxcar was moved from Nanty-Glo and his body not discovered for several days.

Defense Control Center Is Viewed at Ebensburg

A demonstration of the control center of the Ebensburg Council Defense was given Monday evening for chairmen of numerous defense councils in Cambria County.

The control center, one of the first established and equipped in the state, has been set up in conformity with instructions issued by the State Council of Defense. The state council recommends that similar centers be established in all communities.

PARTY HEADS SEEK TO AVOID POLITICS

For the first time since 1918 the United States this year will hold Congressional elections while the nation is at war.

At stake are 34 seats in the Senate and all of the 435 seats in the House. And for the first time in the entire history of the nation the leaders of both major parties are on record in favor of trying to keep politics out of the campaign.

President Roosevelt last week warned the Nation that it was time for a great many persons to forget politics and wake up to the fact that the nation was engaged in a war which would tax its united efforts to the utmost.

Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Republican, of Massachusetts, the chairman of the Republican National Committee, and other Republican leaders already had announced their opposition to the injection of partisan politics into the war effort.

SAYS INEFFICIENCY IS CAUSING A BACKLOG IN BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Inefficiency in the conduct of the affairs of the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Harrisburg is believed by Dr. Emlin Jones of Johnstown to be responsible for the present backlog of thousands of requests to the office for birth certificates. Dr. Jones served nine years as head of the department in Harrisburg.

Dr. Jones' ire was aroused after he read articles in the press that the state was considering a plan to have local registrars throughout the state issue birth certificates. Such an action in the opinion of the Cambria County Treasurer, would wreck the entire system.

Governor James last week asked the State Department of Justice for a ruling on whether or not local registrars could issue certificates legally on the basis of their records without a special act of the assembly. Dr. Jones said the Bureau needs efficiency and not additional laws.

The Johnstown man also charged that the trouble in the Bureau at Harrisburg started when the Bureau was not permitted to function without political interference.

Dr. Jones said a birth certificate is "nothing to play ball with. It's serious business and the state owes it to every child born in Pennsylvania to maintain and guard the accuracy of such records."

STATEWIDE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ASSURE FARM LABOR SUPPLY

Harrisburg.—The United States Department of Agriculture last Friday laid out a broad statewide program designed to supply badly needed labor on Pennsylvania farms.

James E. Walker, chairman of the Department's State War Board, said committees will be set up in each of the Commonwealth's 67 counties, to:

- 1—Recruit and train needed workers.
 - 2—Utilize the available local labor supply.
 - 3—Promote employer-employee relationships between farmers and laborers.
 - 4—Keep a continuous check on the farm labor supply and demand.
- The program was mapped by 28 representatives of federal, state and private agencies interested in the farm labor problem.

—Every time you get your pay, buy Bonds and Stamps for the U. S. A.

GRAND THEATRE PATTON

Friday and Saturday

Broadway's biggest musical hit comes to the screen!

LOUISIANA PURCHASE
IN TECHNICOLOR!

BOB HOPE VICTOR MOORE VERA ZORINA

with IRENE BORDONI DONA DRAKE · RAYMOND WALBURN
and THOSE LOUISIANA LOVELIES—THE CREAM OF THE CROP!
Music and Lyrics by IRVING BERLIN

Directed by IRVING CUMMINGS · Screen Play by Jerome Chodorov and Joseph Fields
Based on the Musical Comedy by Morrie Ryskind · From a Story by B. G. De Sylva · A Paramount Picture

Sunday and Monday

MEN FOUND HER EXCITING...

Breathlessly she met each love... recklessly she faced each romance! You'll find the story of her endlessly fascinating life a screen experience to remember!

Loretta Young
"THE MEN IN HER LIFE"
with Conrad Veidt · Dean Jagger
and SHEPPER · KRÜGER · LEONTOVICH
Based on a novel by Lady Florence Smith · Screen play by Frederick Kohner, Michael Wilson, Paul Tivner
Directed by GREGORY RATOFF
A GREGORY RATOFF PRODUCTION · A COLUMBIA PICTURE

Matinee Sunday, 2:30

Tuesday, Bargain Night

HE'S A RUSTLER - BUSTER IN BUSTLES!

For years... Joe's been a panic in pants! Now he's traded slapstick for fistfight in shirts... he flirts - with death-defying outlaws!

JOE E. BROWN
in **Shut My Big Mouth**

with Adele Mara · Victor Jory · Fritz Feld · Don Beddoe · Lloyd Bridges · Forrest Tucker
A COLUMBIA PICTURE

Screen play by Oliver Drake, Karen DeWolf, Francis Huria · Directed by CHARLES BRANTON · Produced by ROBERT SPAIN

Wednesday, Thursday

WHAT A NIGHT FOR MURDER... WHAT A NIGHT FOR ROMANCE!

"THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 16th"
(A night you'll never forget!)

starring **Robert Preston** and **Ellen Drew**
with Nils Asther · Margaret Hayes · Clarence Kolb · Alice White
Directed by William Clemens
Produced on the New York stage by A. H. Woods
A Paramount Picture

Winners: Sat., Mar. 14

John Pysz, Barnesboro—\$25 Defense Savings Bond.
Mary Hollewa, Marsteller—7-Way floor lamp.
Rocco Pompa, Barnesboro—Beautiful end table.

WOLF'S ARE OFFERING \$25.00 Defense Bond 7-Way Floor Lamp Beautiful End Table

ABSOLUTELY FREE! NOTHING TO BUY!

All you are required to do is fill out a registration card at the Wolf Furniture Co., Barnesboro, every two weeks. The next drawing will be Saturday of next week, with drawings to be held every other Saturday. You may be the person that will receive one of the Free Gifts. Registration cards must be filled out between every drawing to be eligible to win.

FORESTS PROVIDE MORE GAME FOOD

Harrisburg.—Improvement cuttings made on 21,840 acres of the State Forests during 1941 have greatly increased food supplies now available to game animals, particularly deer, Deputy Secretary Charles E. Baer of the Department of Forests and Waters, stated today.

To date 135,778 acres of State Forests have been cleared of all inferior trees.

Deputy Secretary Baer points out that such thinnings multiplied many times the deer food producing power of the woodland areas.

The tenderness of the shoots that spring up with the cutting is the main reason why game, especially the deer and rabbits, seek these areas. Maple, aspen, gum, elm and birch sprouts are the preferred food.

If thinnings and improvement cuttings are made in accordance with sound forestry practice, taking care not to destroy the canopy of the tree crowns, Deputy Secretary Baer believes that local deer herds can be increased and be better nourished.

THIRD DRAFT LOTTERY HELD TUESDAY NIGHT

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson Tuesday night, after a brief 90-second speech, drew No. 3485 to begin the Nation's third draft lottery, which determined the marching order for another 9,000,000 potential fighting men between 20 and 44 years old.

The second number drawn was 2850 and was picked from the 7,000 capsule numbers by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox.

4301 was the third number drawn from the historic goldfish bowl used first in 1917 for the draft of World War I.

Drawing of the capsules continued Tuesday night and Wednesday morning until the bowl was empty.

CHURCHES PLAN NEW BOY TROOPS

Work of organizing new Boy Scout troops for Catholic boys of the Altoona diocese is progressing on schedule, C. Lawrence Evans, chairman of the diocesan committee on scouting, disclosed.

Already more than 30 parishes have reported that organization measures have been launched, with indications pointing to approximately fifteen additional troops in the diocese. Troop committees have reported the following troops in the process of formation:

- Johnstown—St. John Gaubert's, St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's.
- Altoona—St. Mark's, St. Theresa's, and Our Lady of Lourdes.
- Newry—St. Patricks.
- Renovo—St. Joseph's.
- Conemaugh—Sacred Heart.
- Windber—St. Mary's.
- Cresson—St. Francis Xavier's.
- Gallitzin—St. Patrick's.
- Summit—St. Aloysius.
- Cassandra—St. Agnes.
- Lilly—St. Brigid's.
- Lloydell—St. Joseph's and St. Agnes.
- Ebensburg—Holy Name.
- Portage—St. Joseph's and Assumption.
- Nanty-Glo—St. Mary's—second troop.
- Bakerton—Sacred Heart.
- Barnesboro—St. John the Baptist, St. Stanislaus, Mt. Carmel and St. Edward's.
- Carrolltown—St. Benedict's.
- Colver—Holy Family.
- Nicktown—St. Nicholas.
- Clarence—St. Michael's.
- Patton—St. George's.

Found Not Guilty. Peter Rodomsky of Hastings was found not guilty last week on a charge of giving improper weight to miners employed by him. The jury placed the costs on the county.

MINE EXAMS SET FOR BARNESBORO

Examinations for applicants from the 10th and 15th Bituminous Districts seeking certificates as mine foremen, assistant foremen, electricians, and fire bosses will be held April 10 and 11 in St. Thomas' Parish Hall.

The board of examiners will consist of Dennis J. Keenan, chairman; William Lamont, Richard Todhunter Jr., Thomas M. Evans, Assisting the board will be John Howe and James Dinsmore.

Keenan presented a petition to the court this week to have Mr. Evans appointed to the board to succeed Bernard Collins, who resigned.

ARMY WILL COMMISSION QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS

Qualified civilian airplane pilots will have an opportunity to become Army instructors at \$300 a month, officials of the Cambria County Civil Air Patrol have been informed.

M. M. Nuss, flying instructor at the Keystone Airport and squadron commander of the Cambria County C. A. P., has disclosed the receipt of an announcement from the Southeast Air Corps Training Center, Montgomery, Ala., relative to a War Dept. bulletin granting the Air Corps Flying Training Command authority to hire qualified civilians.

According to the announcement applicants will be appointed as trainee instructors and given a "refresher" course of about one month, at which time they either will be recommended for commissions in the Army with the military rating of service pilot or their services terminated.

Utility President Dies
Altoona—J. Emory Shute, 75, who retired last year as a vice president of the Pennsylvania Edison Company, died Monday night at his home here. He joined the utility firm at the time of its founding in 1910 and served as a director before becoming vice president in 1929.

ILLNESS INSURANCE URGED BY SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

The Social Security Board recommended this week the expansion of the Federal insurance program to provide compensation for wage losses due to illness and urged also that "a beginning be made" on a program of assuring adequate medical care for all persons.

In its annual report to Congress, transmitted by Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt, the board said it believed Federal insurance against wage losses due to permanent or temporary disability "is now feasible."

State Sanatoria Now Ready for All Emergencies of War

The State's three tuberculosis sanatoria, Mont Alto, Cresson and Ham-burg, and the Hospital for Crippled Children at Elizabethtown are prepared with plans for the protection of life and health in the event of war emergencies. All four institutions are under administration of the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The existence of defense industries in the general vicinity of Mont Alto and the State Hospital for Crippled Children makes these two institutions particularly important.

SHOE SALE!

MEN'S AND BOYS' SPRING OXFORDS \$2.98

JOE'S CUT-RATE STORE
BARNESBORO