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MRS. WHALEN IS NAMED HEAD OF LEGION WOMEN

Spangler Resident Succeeds Mrs. Owens as President of the County Council

Mrs. John Whalen of Spangler was elected president of the Cambria County Council, American Legion Auxiliary, at the regular meeting of the group held last Thursday in Beaverdale. Mrs. Whalen succeeds Mrs. Thomas A. Owens, of Carrolltown, as council president.

During the session in Beaverdale the county Legion Auxiliary was informed that an essay by Robert Hinks of Johnstown, which won first prize in the county contest, has been awarded third place in the state department competition. Hinks will receive the award for his essay at the Department convention in Pittsburgh in August.

Mrs. Harrison Smith of Philadelphia department president of the auxiliary, told members of the group that auxiliary units in the state expended \$52,000 this year for rehabilitation. The units also spent \$51,000 on child welfare and purchased \$30,000 worth of war savings bonds. A total of 1,139 school medal awards were purchased by the auxiliaries in the state this spring, Mrs. Smith reported.

Mrs. Sadie Reese, of Johnstown, was named first vice president of the county council. Other officers elected are Mrs. Maude Sheehan, Cresson, second vice president; Mrs. Jerome Sheehan, Patton, secretary; Mrs. A. F. Strollo, Bessboro, treasurer; Mrs. Susanne Olson, Gallitzin, historian; Mrs. C. O. Diamond, South Fork, chaplain, and Mrs. Emma Kays, Beaverdale, sergeant at arms.

New directors are Mrs. Elizabeth Dawson, Conemaugh; Mrs. Anna Matthews, Blandburg; Mrs. George Thombly, Portage; Mrs. Oscar Van Koksberg, Carrolltown; and Mrs. Francis Bender, Lilly. Mrs. Thomas A. Owens was elected delegate to the department convention in Pittsburgh, while Mrs. Gretta Koos of Cresson was named alternate.

Officers of the county organization were installed by Mrs. Oscar Sutcliffe of Somerset, Western Director. Mrs. Sutcliffe also inducted recently elected officers of the Dunlo unit.

Mrs. Ella B. Black, Beaverdale, state president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, extended greetings to the Legion Auxiliary Women.

Legion Auxiliary members sold 1,140,450 poppies during the past year. Mrs. Matthew Collins of Pittsburgh, department poppy chairman, reported. Units in the state sent the Department \$44,000 for welfare work in the year, she said.

Mrs. Robert Russell of Custer City, western vice president, discussed the place of women in defense work and urged further cooperation in the defense drive of the nation.

Mrs. A. C. Sundry of Blairsville, sub-chairman of poppies in the department, also spoke. It was reported that eight units in the county are over their membership quota. The Conemaugh unit won the poppy award given by Mrs. Frank Ling of Johnstown, council poppy chairman, to the unit turning in the most money for poppies. Mrs. Clara Bostrom, of Barnesboro, awarded Mrs. William Whalen of Spangler a prize for turning in the highest number of redeemable coupons.

Mrs. John Whalen, sub-chairman of news letters in the county, gave an award to Mrs. Frank Ling of Johnstown, subscription chairman of the local unit, which sent in the most subscriptions. Mrs. Oscar Van Koksberg was in charge of a showover to raise money to purchase cigarettes for the veterans at Aspinwall Veterans' Hospital.

Mrs. Thomas A. Owens was in charge of the business session. Mrs. Emma Kays, president of Beaverdale Unit, was in charge of the luncheon. Mickey and Glenn Siberts sang several duets.

DOLAN NOW LIEUT.-COL.

Joseph C. Dolan, former Gallitzin school teacher and chairman of the Democratic County Committee for two years, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the United States Army according to word received by relatives at South Fork. In active service since he was called in November, 1940, with the grade of Captain, Dolan was promoted to the rank of major nine months ago. His advancement to Lieutenant-Colonel took place on July 1.

Colonel Dolan, graduate of St. Francis College, Loretto, taught school at Gallitzin prior to being called to active duty. His first assignment was at Fort Monroe, Va., from where he was transferred to Fort Eustis, Va. Col. Dolan is an instructor at Fort Eustis.

LAYMEN'S RETREAT IS WELL ATTENDED

Approximately 100 district men attended sessions of the second laymen's retreat held by the Laymen's Retreat League of the Altoona Diocese over the week end at St. Francis College. A conference with Rev. Father William Sheedy, retreat master, opened the retreat on Friday, and the Pappal Benediction marked Sunday's services. Flag raising ceremonies on the college campus and the procession to Our Lady of Lourdes were highlights of the retreat meeting.

The third and last of the men's retreats is scheduled to begin this Friday evening.

WAR WILL CHANGE HOURS OF SCHOOL

Students Will Wait While State's Workers Get Right-of-Way on Bus Transportation

Harrisburg.—School hours in many sections of the state will undergo extensive revisions next fall, because the right of way in transportation must be given to defense workers.

In rural sections, grade school children who use the school bus may have to wait while the bus is used to haul their fathers to and from work.

In the cities, pupils using street cars and buses to get to school may find that their school hours have been changed to avoid adding peak loads.

This development is foreseen both by officials of the State Traffic Advisory Committee, now working with local transportation committees, and by school officials now studying new schedules for the coming year.

The transportation problem didn't hit the schools during the past year, because defense workers using their own cars still had tires and gasoline. Intensive surveys showed, however, that the average life of tires then in service was about six and one-half months.

According to surveys, Pennsylvania has 6,600 buses in service on transportation lines, the total capacity of which, at any one time, is 325,000 passengers.

School buses now in service number about 4,200 and their use is almost entirely restricted to hauling pupils and teachers. These buses likely will furnish a transportation reserve which will be called into service as needed. About one-third of them were antiquated and were scheduled to be replaced by next August 1, until war restrictions broke up the plans.

Dr. Francis B. Haas, state superintendent of public instruction, said that changes in the school calendar may be expected in many agricultural sections, in order to make services of older pupils available for farm work.

FORMER JAMESTOWN MINE LEADER ADMITS TAKING A LARGE SUM

A story of how a former officer of Jamestown Local 1318, United Mine Workers, paid a fellow officer \$400 to clear himself of converting funds of the union following the Sonman mine disaster of July 15, 1940, was unfolded on Monday before the Cambria County Court.

James Hess, former president of the Local; Albert Novotny, former treasurer, and John Mrozak, former financial secretary, stood before President Judge John H. McCann and Judges Ivan J. McKenrick and Geo. W. Griffith to explain what action they had taken to make restitution of \$262.50 each to the local.

Hess explained that he had paid his share. Novotny declared he had paid \$30, while Mrozak explained that he had not paid anything as he had given Novotny \$400 prior to their arrest. He asserted that the money was to be paid into the union treasury as his share of the funds the trio had obtained.

Novotny admitted that what Mrozak had said was true, but that he had used the money. The judges explained to Mrozak that they regretted that he had paid the money to Novotny but payment must be made by him (Mrozak) to the local.

The court gave Novotny and Mrozak until July 18 to arrange to make some payment to the local. Meantime the three men also must arrange to pay a bonding company \$1,500 to cover the remainder of the shortage which totaled \$2,287.55. The company has paid the local.

Sentence probably will be suspended on Hess when the three men appear before the court on July 18.

Harry Kenner, aged 28, of Coupon was treated in the Altoona hospital dispensary the other day for a laceration and fracture of the right index finger suffered while working in his own mine, the member being caught in a chain. Two sutures were required to close the laceration.

Let Everybody Know You're Investing 10 Percent of Your Income in War Bonds



The attractive red, white and blue window sticker, pictured above, is the new yardstick of patriotism in the War Bond drive throughout the nation. With the slogan, "Everybody every pay day, ten percent," sweeping the country, patriotic Americans on the home front are rallying to their Government's appeal for funds with which to help finance the war. The home which displays the "ten percent" sticker is doing its share toward Victory for America and the United Nations. The stickers are being distributed through local War Savings Chairmen.

U. S. Treasury Department

DISTRICT UMW HEADS DELIVER ADDRESSES AT ANNIVERSARY RITE

Mines at Sonman Close Wednesday in Memory of Tragedy; No Production Lost

James Mark of DuBois and Edward Sweeney of Lilly, president and secretary respectively of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, were scheduled to be the guest speakers at Memorial Services on Wednesday afternoon of this week for the 63 miners from the Jamestown district who lost their lives in the disastrous explosion in the Sonman mine on July 15, 1940.

The services were arranged by officials of Jamestown Local 1318, and were conducted at 2 p. m. at a memorial erected in memory of the explosion victims. The monument is located beside the Jamestown local hall.

Another speaker scheduled at the services was Ernest Yenssens, Cresson, U. M. W. A. organizer. Invitations also were sent to President Judge John H. McCann and to District Attorney W. Stephens Mayer.

Mrs. Thomas Leap, who lost her husband and two sons in the accident which was one of the worst in soft coal mines in the country, had the honor of placing the wreath on the monument.

Similar services conducted last year, were attended by several hundred miners and their friends.

Both the Sonman Shaft and Slope was closed down Wednesday to enable the 1,100 miners to participate in the services. No production will be lost, however, as the men will work on Saturday to make up the time.

The color guard was provided by John R. Meyer Post, American Legion, of Portage. Brief services also were conducted by members of Boy Scout Troop 61 which is sponsored by the Jamestown Local unit.

Short sermons were delivered by Rev. E. A. Miles, pastor of Portage Evangelical Church; Rev. G. I. Uhler, pastor of the Portage Lutheran Church, and Rev. Father Stephen Loya, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Catholic church. Music was furnished by the Portage and High and Portage Township High School Bands.

Rev. George R. Strayer, D. D., pastor of Portage United Brethren Church, pronounced the invocation, and Rev. Father A. M. Habrowski, rector of Sacred Heart Catholic church said the Benediction.

DEAN COAL, TIMBER LAND ORDERED SOLD BY COURT

The Cambria County Court this week ordered that the county commissioners hold a sale Monday, July 27, of 2,810 acres of coal and timber lands in Dean Township, which are owned by the county. An offer of \$3,000 has been made by Urban H. Crooks, Coalport coal operator, and George C. Dietrich, Dysart, for the properties, which had been taken over by the county for taxes in 1925.

When the offer was submitted to the court, Attorneys Shettig & Swope offered \$3,200 on behalf of Latrobe Trust Co., former owner of the properties. It also indicated that another firm will bid \$3,500 for the lands.

ARMY AGE LIMIT UP FOR EX-SERVICEMEN

EX-servicemen who have not yet reached their 55th birthday may enlist in the Army unassigned, it is announced at the Johnstown Recruiting office. While the age limit for enlistment is 44, men who have had previous service may be accepted up to 55, if they are in good physical condition and were discharged from the army in the grade of private first class or higher. Youths 18 and 19 years of age may select their branch of service, but all applicants 20 years of age and over are enlisted unassigned.

CIO DEMANDS EARLY ACTION ON INFLATION

Challenges All Who Fail to Accept President Roosevelt's Seven-Point Plan for Action

Washington.—The Congress of Industrial Organizations has called for immediate action to effectuate President Roosevelt's seven-point program which it said was "lost, strayed or stolen . . . while being taken for a ride down Pennsylvania Ave."

"This program has been punched full of holes," it asserted.

Declaring that the CIO and labor generally have accepted Mr. Roosevelt's program, it said: "We challenge all who have not accepted it, to do likewise."

Steel Challenged
"We challenge the executives of the Little Steel companies and of the great industries of America growing fat on war contracts, the commercialized and boulevard farms and the congressional spokesmen of all these groups," the statement added.

"Seventy priceless days have passed since the President made his proposal. Seeds of inflation and of distrust and disunity have been sown. We . . . say: We will toe the line. Let those who have laughed off limitation of income and pressured the House Ways and Means Committee into going easy on war profits now join up or be indicted. It's very late to check inflation. It's not too late!"

Tax Program 'Twisted'
The CIO called for an end of "the 'you-go-first' tactics that have been duck soup for the do-nothings, the divisionists and the defeatists."

Discussing the President's program point by point, the CIO charged that the tax program "has been twisted and distorted beyond recognition." The Administration's program "would have spread the burden with some degree of fairness based upon ability to pay," the CIO said, and added that "it is now a soak the poor and spare the rich" program, in addition to being far below the figure asked by the administration.

The \$25,000 limitation on individual incomes "as treated as a burp in a church, something to be overlooked and forgotten as quickly as possible," it asserted.

The CIO said rent and price ceilings "have finally been fixed," but warned that Price Administrator Leon Henderson "has now lifted ceilings on some living necessities and, unless prevented, will lift others."

Rationing—"A twin of price ceilings"—has been carried out on a tit-bit basis with a clumsiness that has generated dissatisfaction and suspicion, it charged.

Assailing Mrs. Henderson's policies in this respect, the CIO declared that "unless quickly checked by a firm policy and sensible system of administration and enforcement, bootlegging, and black markets will develop." The statement said wages are being stabilized in accordance with the President's program, but chided "the steel companies, Henderson, and much of the press" for drawing "the red herring of wage inflation" into the pending Little Steel case in which the CIO's United Steel Workers seek a \$1 a day wage increase.

"BUFFER ZONE" TAKEN OUT OF GAS PLANS

Cambria county will not be a "buffer" area when the permanent gas rationing plan goes into effect on the 22nd of July.

The 50-mile-wide twilight zone along the western border of the gasoline rationing area, in which sale of gasoline to motorists residing in rationed counties was to have been restricted, was eliminated from the new coupon rationing plan in a revision of the regulations made Monday by the Office of Price Administration.

The OPA said that "an alternative plan to meet the border problem is being developed" and would be announced before the new system goes into effect in the 17 state eastern areas.

The border zone as announced last week was to have been a 50-mile strip running the length of the western rationing boundary. Under the original plan, Cambria and Somerset counties would have been "twilight" areas.

VICTORY GROUPS FOR COAL MINES ORDERED SET UP

Mine Worker Leaders Ask That Men Stay on the Job At All Times for War Effort.

President John L. Lewis and other national officers of the United Mine Workers of America have told local U. M. A. officers and members that absences of miners from work "should be reduced to the lowest possible minimum."

In a circular letter signed by Lewis, Vice-President John O'Leary and Secretary Thomas Kennedy, the miners were urged also to set up district "victory production committees" to boost coal production.

"With a lessened labor supply, due to war conditions, it is necessary that employees remaining in the industry contribute every hour of working time possible and consistent with the needs and requirements of the situation," the three leaders said.

The circular made no mention of strikes or miners' "holidays."

At Clearfield headquarters of District No. 2, James Mark, veteran president of the district, announced that "victory production committees" were in process of formation at all mines in the Central Pennsylvania area embraced by the district.

"Officers of every local have been directed to have their committees set up not later than July 15th," Mr. Mark said.

In addition to establishing committees at each pit, it was disclosed that a joint committee, representing the miners and operators has been named. With headquarters at Altoona, this central committee consists of President Mark, and Secretary Edward Sweeney, representing the United Mine Workers, and Charles O'Neill and Walter Jones, President and Secretary, respectively, of the Central Pennsylvania Operators' Association.

"This central committee will act as a steering group for the committees at each mine," Mark explained. "Instructions from the district office to the men in the bituminous field are to cut down on days absent from work. Where a condition is found calling for 'special treatment' the joint committee will endeavor to find a remedy."

CAMBRIA COLLECTS MANY TONS SCRAP RUBBER IN DRIVE

The chairman of the industrial salvage committee for Cambria County, B. F. Faunce, has notified state salvage headquarters in Harrisburg the amount of scrap rubber collected in this county during the drive ended on July 10 will total approximately 775 tons.

Results of the Cambria County drive compare favorably with the returns from other parts of Pennsylvania. A survey showed the 511 tons of rubber were turned in at the filling stations, which served as collection stations under a nationwide plan developed by the fuel industry. More than 160 tons were purchased from collectors by scrap dealers in the county.

Hartnett Elected Head of State Association Monday

Register of Wills Michael C. Hartnett has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Registers of Wills Association at the annual convention held Monday in Philadelphia. Mr. Hartnett is now serving his second term as register of wills of Cambria County.

The registers urged that the control of birth certificate records be returned to the proper authorities in individual counties so as to prevent a prolonged delay in the issuance of these certificates at Harrisburg.

MURPHY'S SALE DAYS

On page seven of this issue of the Press-Courier, appears an advertisement of the G. C. Murphy Company, Philadelphia Avenue, Barnesboro.

Values of an exceptional nature will be found at the Murphy Store during the "Assistant Manager's Sale." Don't pass up the opportunity to visit the store during the sale.

Hughes No. 2 mine at Cassandra won the Class A Safety Banner awarded by the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association for no lost time accidents during June, it was announced at a meeting of the association recently in Spruce Cabin near Ebensburg.