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MINE SAFETY PLAN SET UP IN NORTHERN CAMBRIA SECTIONS

Aim Is the Conservation of Manpower Through Reduction of Accidents at Operations.

Extensive plans for the promotion of safety at Northern Cambria Co. coal operations have been formulated by workers and officials of the industry.

Committees representing miners and operators were established in six communities to work for the conservation of essential manpower by a curtailment of mine accidents.

Dennis J. Keenan, of Barnesboro, state mine inspector for the Fifteenth Bituminous district, was selected chairman of the safety organization. Bernard Timms, of Barnesboro, district organizer for the United Mine Workers of America, was selected vice chairman and John J. Daugherty, inspector for the U. S. Bureau of Mines, was named secretary.

Named on the Barnesboro Committee were M. W. Ward, Duncan-Spangler Coal Co., and Richard Todhunter and James Nicholson, Barnes & Tucker Coal Co., representing the operators, and Dan LeGars, president of Barnesboro U. M. W., miners' representative. Mr. LeGars will select two more men to represent the miners on the committee.

W. J. Myers and Walter Feighner, of Carrolltown Coal Co., and Harry Ream, president of the St. Benedict U. M. W. local, were selected for the St. Benedict Safety Committee. Another miner will be named on this group.

On the Bakerton committee C. J. Hannegan and Thomas Lamont, both of Sterling Coal Co., and E. E. Harris of the Reed Coal Mining Co., were named to represent the operators, while B. W. Collins was named U. M. W. member.

J. J. Brazill of the Rich Hill Coal Co., John A. O'Rourke of Hastings Fuel Co., and Melvin A. Routh of Lanark Coal Co., were named operator representatives on the Hastings committee. Miner representatives are to be named later to this unit.

William Nelson and John George Wilson of the Patton Clay Manufacturing Co., were named operator representatives on the Patton Safety Committee, while Mr. Butterbaugh was named to represent the U. M. W. At Emeigh, Joseph Paydock and Robert Thompson were named operator representatives. Two representatives will be selected for the miners on this committee.

Safety rallies will be held in each of the six communities, it was announced by Chairman Keenan. An advisory committee has been named to aid in the entire safety program for the district. This is composed of G. J. Nicholson, president of the Barnesboro Chapter of the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association; Richard Todhunter, Sr., and John J. Maholz, district organizer for the United Mine Workers.

An enthusiastic response to the safety program was given at last Friday night's meeting. Dates for the safety rallies in the various communities will be announced following meetings of the committees.

The safety program has been adopted throughout the coal fields of the district under the sponsorship of the National Safety Council to conserve manpower as a means of maintaining adequate coal production by keeping miners on the job.

AGED NICKTOWN LADY OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Mary C. Lieb of Nicktown, observed her 87th birthday anniversary quietly at her home Monday. In splendid health for her advanced years, the aged woman has twelve grandsons in the service.

Mother of 13 children, the octogenarian has 73 grandchildren, and 65 great-grandchildren. She writes a dozen letters a week to her grand-son servicemen.

The Nicktown woman was born on Jan. 31, 1857, in East Carroll Township, a daughter of John and Susan (Sharbaugh) Luther, pioneer settlers in Cambria County. Her husband, Adam Lieb, died in 1916. She is a sister of Michael J. Luther, Ebensburg, and Mrs. Emma Binder and Mrs. Ella Stevens, both of Hastings. A brother, William Luther, died two weeks ago.

Nine of Mrs. Lieb's children are living—A. A. Lieb, and Mrs. Rose Lambour, both of Carrolltown; Albert, Ebensburg; Louis, Cresson; Ray and R. G. Lieb, Mrs. Marie Soisson, and Mrs. Bertha Kirsch, all of Nicktown, and Earl, Indiana. The aged woman resides with the Kirsch family.

THOSE WHO MUST FILE TAX RETURNS

Even though they filed declarations of estimated tax in September or December, the following persons in general must file income tax returns on or before March 15th:

1. Every single person whose gross income in 1943 was \$500 or more.
2. Every individual married person whose gross income was more than \$624.
3. Every married couple whose combined gross income was \$1,200 or more.
4. Every person who paid or owed a tax on 1942 income.

Excepted from filing on March 15 are servicemen and others outside the country, and wives of servicemen outside the country if the wife's own income is less than \$1,200.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue advises all persons to file their returns early to determine how they stand. Many people will be about even with the government, a number of people will find they have a sizeable payment to make, and still others will find that the government owes them money.

HASTINGS YOUTH IS WAR CASUALTY

Staff Sergeant Urban G. Hupfer, of Hastings, who was a radio operator on a Flying Fortress, was killed in action over the European area on October 8, 1943.

He was born December 6, 1921, aged 22, attended St. Bernard's Parochial School and was a graduate of the Hastings High School in the class of 1940.

He was inducted into the Army Air Force Aug. 22, 1942, and was stationed at Clearwater, Florida, for his basic training. He attended a technical school in Chicago for 13 weeks and received a diploma as a radio operator and mechanic. He was then sent to Tyndall Field, Fla., to a gunnery school. He received his Wings and was promoted to Staff Sergeant in Blythe, Cal., and from there was sent to Dalhart, Texas, where he put in his required number of hours in the air. After he finished his training he received a furlough and was then shipped overseas the last part of August. He landed in England around the beginning of September. On October 20th, the War Department sent a telegram informing his parents that he was sent on a bombing mission over Bremen, Germany, on October 8th, and had failed to return. On Jan. 29, 1944, a telegram was received that he was killed in action on October 8th.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hupfer, and the following brothers and sisters: 1st Sgt. Clement N. Hupfer, who is stationed in India; Mrs. Robert Yeckley of Hastings; Helen, Gladys and Regis Hupfer, all at home.

A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated for the repose of his soul on Tuesday morning in St. Bernard's Catholic church, Hastings.

GRESSON SOLDIER REPORTED KILLED

Pfc. Paul G. Bishop, one of three sons of Postmaster and Mrs. Edward Bishop of Cresson, in the service, who had been listed as missing in action in Northwest Africa since December 24, 1942, was reported as killed in action in a War Department communication received by the Bishop family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop were informed early in January of last year that their son was missing and since that time had received no additional information. They believed he had been taken prisoner and had been unable to communicate with them. However the war department message shattered their hopes.

Brothers of the soldier in the armed forces are Staff Sgt. Walter, with the air force, and Cpl. Thomas Bishop with the medical corps.

Pfc. Bishop entered the service on Feb. 3, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and later was transferred to Camp Blanding, Fla. He spent several months at Ft. Benning, Ga., before being sent to England Aug. 1, 1942. He was sent to the North African theatre of war about four months after arriving in England.

BARNESBORO ROD AND GUN CLUB TO MEET

The Barnesboro Rod and Gun Club will hold its regular meeting at the Moose Building on Sunday afternoon February 6th, at 2 p. m. All sportsmen are urged to attend.

Patton Fire Company, Guests, Enjoy Annual Banquet Tuesday

About seventy-five members and guests were present at the annual banquet which was held by Patton Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, in the Firemen's Hall on Tuesday evening. A delicious meal, centering on chicken, filling, and all the trimmings, was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Firemen, who were commended on the fine repast they prepared, by those present.

Harvey J. Mulligan acted as the toastmaster. Remarks were made by the Rev. Ralph Krause, pastor of the Patton Methodist Church, and by the Rev. Father Alexis Horvath, O. S. B., pastor of St. George's Catholic Church.

MINE LEADERS OF DISTRICT SUPPORT WAR BOND DRIVE

Circular Letter Sent Out By the President, James Mark, Urging Locals Assist Cause.

Mine Worker leaders of District No. 2, are wholeheartedly behind the Fourth War Loan Campaign, and are assisting the National organization in every way possible in its promotion. President James Mark of DuBois, last week sent out the following circular letter to all Local Unions in District 2, urging on them the importance of the campaign. The text of his communication follows:

"The United States Government is now putting on a campaign which started on January 18th, to raise \$14,000,000,000 in government war bonds. Mr. Thomas Kennedy, International Secretary-Treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, has been appointed by the government as in charge of promoting the sale of War Bonds among the membership of the U. M. W. of A. I have been appointed Chairman of a War Bond Committee for District No. 2; Vice President Clarence Donaldson and Secretary-Treasurer Edward Sweeney has been appointed as my assistants, and as the United Mine Workers organization wholeheartedly indorses this campaign of war bond sales amongst our membership I am therefore taking the liberty of writing your Local Union and its members, requesting that every member of the United Mine Workers of America buy all the war bonds they can possibly afford. I am requesting them to do this, not only to help finance this war but also because it is a good investment for our membership, and buying as many war bonds as possible and holding them will be of great assistance to our members in the post-war period. We must raise the money to provide our soldiers with every sort of war implements in order that they can lick the enemy as soon as possible.

We are now entering the crucial stage of this war and are preparing to launch a desperate and tremendous assault against the Germans on the continent of Europe. Scattered along the far-flung battle-fronts of the world are millions of young Americans waiting for the signal to launch desperate offensives against the enemy, which are necessary for victory, and will be written in American blood at the cost of many American lives.

I am therefore requesting Local Unions to co-operate with local committees appointed for the purpose of selling these war bonds, and where no committees are in existence, I am asking the Locals to appoint committees and put on an active campaign. I am earnestly requesting your members to buy bonds, and MORE bonds, and do everything you can to put forth the Fourth War Loan Drive over the top for VICTORY.

Very truly yours, JAMES MARK, President, Dist. 2, U. M. W. of A.

The altar in St. Benedict's church at Carrolltown, is hand-carved Gothic art.

FORMAL OPENING LIN-DOL DRESS COMPANY

First National Bank Building, Patton, Pa. FRIDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 4th, Between 7 and 9 P. M.

The Public is invited to attend this opening and see for themselves Patton's newest industry in operation.

Ladies, this is your opportunity to EARN while you learn. Come on Friday night, and watch us operate.

EVERYBODY INVITED EVERYBODY WELCOME LIN-DOL DRESS COMPANY, PATTON, PA.

SPANGLER SOLDIER PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Stricken with pneumonia while serving with the army at Dow Field, Bangor, Maine, Cpl. Thomas Bytheway, 24, of Spangler, died last Thursday afternoon.

Spangler relatives were notified of the tragedy Friday, and remains arrived in Spangler on Saturday. The soldier is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bytheway.

Cpl. Bytheway had been in the hospital at the camp for some time prior to his death. However his condition was not regarded as serious until a short time before he died.

He entered the army 18 months ago and had been stationed at Dow Field for the last few months. A brother, Sgt. Robert, is serving with the army at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Besides his parents and the brother in the army, the soldier leaves these brothers and sisters: Mrs. Anna Johnson, Kane; Benjamin, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Sarah Melohic, Arcadia; John, Spangler, and Joseph, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at the Bytheway home and interment was in Rolls cemetery, near Hillsdale, Indiana county.

FIVE MILLION MEN OVERSEAS THIS YEAR PLAN OF MILITARY

Some of the Camps in the United States Will Be Discontinued, Stimson Reveals.

The Army expects to have about 5,000,000 men, or two-thirds of its forces, overseas by the end of this year and as a result will shut down many of its camps and stations in the continental United States.

Secretary of War Stimson disclosed this prospect the other day at a news conference at which he also warned against overoptimism over the successful new Allied landings in Italy. He said it is much too early to predict disastrous defeat for the Nazis in Italy, the most which should be said is that the Allied position is favorable, and a heavy battle likely will develop south of Rome.

The contemplated total of forces overseas by the year's end compares with about 2,500,000 at present and a total of 2,086,000 in the American Expeditionary Force of World War I.

In connection with the expansion of overseas forces, the army will comb over its personnel in the United States, picking out the youngest and physically best qualified for service overseas, and retiring to inactive service a number of older officers.

Stimson explained that the War Department has ordered physically qualified men in all branches of the service who have had more than a year's service at fixed stations or other activities in the United States reassigned to combat units "or mobile activities ultimately destined for overseas service."

First to be reassigned will be the enlisted men under thirty in accordance with their length of service in the United States. Next will come those over 30, with the youngest to be reassigned first. Passed over will be men who already have served overseas since Pearl Harbor and men who have highly specialized skills which cannot be used overseas.

"Replacements for reassigned enlisted men," Stimson said, "when necessary, will be made first from civilians, next by Women's Army Corps personnel, then, in order, by men permanently disqualified for overseas service, men who have served overseas, recently inducted men with physical handicaps, enlisted men with less than 12 months' service in fixed installations in the United States."

HOPPEL IS NAMED TO DEMOCRAT POST

David Lawrence, chairman of the State Democratic Committee, Monday appointed George C. Hoppe of Patton as a member of the state credentials committee.

Democratic state leaders will meet Friday in Harrisburg to select a slate of candidates for various state and federal offices to be filled next fall.

The first Union soldier killed on Pennsylvania soil during the Civil War—the furthest inland point reached in at Greencastle marks the site of his grave.

DEMOCRATS MEET TO LAY PLANS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

Leaders of Three Counties Gather at Indiana to Consider the Congressional Field.

Important plans for the Congressional election next fall were mapped out at a meeting of Democratic party leaders from Cambria, Indiana and Armstrong counties, Sunday afternoon in the Moore Hotel, Indiana.

Approximately 50 Democratic leaders, headed by the county chairmen and state committeemen from each of the three counties, which comprises the new 26th Congressional district, attended the meeting to draft plans for his coming election.

John R. Torquato, chairman of the Cambria Co. Democratic Committee, presided during the meeting. Among the names of potential Democratic candidates for representative from this district, now represented by Harve Tibbott, of Ebensburg, submitted to the organization for consideration, were Eddie Mcloskey, Robert Clark, Jr., John A. Conway, Attorney Charles J. Boyle and Hiram G. Andrews, all of Johnstown; Dr. C. E. Overberger, Barnesboro; George C. Hoppel, Patton; Attorney William McGuire, Johnstown, and Dr. John Stewart, Marion Center, Indiana Co.

It was generally agreed that the Democratic leaders of the three counties would select one of the persons suggested and recommend that the various county democratic organizations support him as the party's representative.

During the meeting Chairman Torquato was asked if the Cambria Co. organization would indorse the incumbent assemblymen and state senator for reelection, but the chairman declined to commit himself in an official capacity.

However he did say: "Not as the county chairman, but personally, I feel that State Senator John Haluska and Assemblymen Michael Chervenak, Albert O'Connor and Thomas Owens should be returned to their respective offices due to the fact that they voted 100 per cent for the party and for all social and labor legislation that has been beneficial to Cambria county."

In an address John Ghizzoni, Homer City, a member of the International Board of the United Mine Workers of America, declared that any Democratic candidate from outside of Cambria county would be defeated.

"The Democratic party," he declared, "should select a good, reputable candidate from Cambria County and give him all the support possible." The mine official declared that any person outside of Cambria County probably would not get an even break against a strong Republican.

Chairman Torquato informed the assemblage that State Democratic Chairman David Lawrence and U. S. Senator Joseph F. Guffey would support any man the organization selects for its congressional candidate.

Among the other leaders attending the meeting were Mrs. Harry Stoffel, Indiana county, Democratic chairman; Roy Houser, Armstrong county chairman; Glenn T. Black, state committeeman from Armstrong county; Earl Lieb, state committeeman from Indiana county, and Geo. C. Hoppel, state committeeman from Cambria county.

DRAFT BOARDS TOLD TO CONSIDER MINER

Pennsylvania Selective Service headquarters Monday directed local boards to give serious consideration to give serious consideration to deferment of all qualified anthracite and bituminous coal workers—regardless of age or family status—during the next ninety days, to avoid a serious coal shortage.

"This emergency is temporary," declared State Director Richard K. Mellon. "On May 1, 1944, the entire coal mining situation in Pennsylvania will be reviewed to determine if the relaxation of these selective service emergency measures would be justified.

"Meanwhile it is urgent that each local board in Pennsylvania give the fullest possible support to all efforts designed to maintain coal production at present levels for the coming three months."

Col. Mellon relayed to local boards a communication from national headquarters which stated in part: "The Sold Fuels Administration for War advises that critical manpower shortage exists in both anthracite and bituminous coal mining activities. It is stated that by April 1, 1944, the nation's coal socks will be reduced to a 24-day supply compared with a 45-day supply as of April 1, 1943. Present estimates indicate a shortage of 65,000,000 tons this year if present trends continue."

A. F. Guthrie, 54, of Cresson, a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was seriously injured early on Monday morning when he was jolted from a coal car while the train crew was placing cars in the Cresson yards. Mr. Guthrie was thrown under the car and both of his legs were crushed. He was taken to the Altoona hospital.

LOCAL DATES SET TO GET INCOME TAX AID

Sheldon C. Schettig, zone deputy collector of the internal revenue department, will be at the following places, on the dates specified, to assist taxpayers in their income tax reports. In all cases the hours will be from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Ebensburg, on Feb. 2, 11, 18 and March 1 and 15, at the Post Office Building.

Barnesboro, on Feb. 3, 14 and 21, and March 2 and 14, at the Bank Building and McCormick Hotel.

Carrolltown, on Feb. 4 and 24, and on March 9, at the Bank Building.

Colver, on Feb. 26 and March 10, at Miners Hall.

Elmora, on Feb. 7 and March 4, at Miners Hall.

Gallitzin, on Feb. 8 and 22, and on March 8, at Borough Building.

Patton, on Feb. 9 and 23, and March 6, at Borough Building.

Spangler, on Feb. 10 and 29, and March 6, at Borough Building.

Emeigh, on Feb. 12, and March 11, at Miners Hall.

Hastings, on Feb. 15 and 28, and March 13, at Borough Building.

Cresson, on Feb. 16 and 25, and March 7, at Borough Building.

Marsteller, on Feb. 17th, at Miners Hall.

Blandburg, on Feb. 5th, at Gunther's Hotel.

Revloc, on Feb. 19th, at Miners Hall.

COLVER AND REVLOC PLAN MINE SAFETY

An accident prevention program for Colver and Revloc coal operations will be advanced by operators, miners and mine inspectors at a meeting on Friday evening in the Colver Miners' Hall. Selection of committees at the Ebensburg Coal Co. mine in Colver, and the Monroe Coal Mining Co., Revloc, was announced Tuesday night by Samuel Cortis, mine inspector for the 10th district.

Colver appointees are T. L. Aitken, superintendent; Dan J. Sullivan, foreman, and Walter Angert, safety director, as company representatives. Representing the miners are Andrew Machuta, Fred Canoni and James Sloan, president, vice president and financial secretary, respectively, of Colver Local Union No. 860, United Mine Workers.

The Revloc Safety Committee comprises Lewis H. Ripley, superintendent; James Adams, safety director, and Thomas Coughlin, mine foreman, representing the management; and union representatives are James W. Brown, president; Walter Black, secretary and Valentine Yulius, committeeman of Local No. 850.

C. J. Dalzell, U. S. Mine Inspector, and Bernard Timms, of Barnesboro, U. M. W. organizer, will be in attendance at Friday's meeting.