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MINE WORKERS AND OPERATORS EXTEND CONTRACT TO WORK

Pay Will Be Retroactive to First
of Month and Case Will Be
Given WLB Immediately.

The War Labor Board late Saturday night ordered mine operators and the United Mine Workers to continue production of soft coal under their old wage contract which expired at that time. To avoid any shut down the order was that the existing contract be extended indefinitely, with money provisions of the new contract to be retroactive to April 1. The case of disagreement will be presented to the War Labor Board immediately.

The board issued its order after a brief executive session which in turn followed an open hearing. The four industry members of the board dissented on the retroactivity question. They followed the lead of the operators who said at the hearing that indefinite retroactivity would subject them to an unknown financial burden. They wanted a 30 day extension. The board directed the operators and miners to report to it next Saturday on the results of their further direct negotiations, or earlier if the negotiations are ended.

In the case the negotiations break down, as is expected, the board said it would call a hearing when the disputants could present their sides of the case. Then the board will issue a directive settling the issues in dispute and laying down the terms of what will in effect amount to a new contract. Any money benefits will be retroactive to April 1st.

UMW President John L. Lewis said the miners were willing to accept the board's order but that they "must await the decision and acceptance by the operators of the board's order, and execute with the operators a stipulation whereby the operators accept financial responsibility for fulfilling the retroactive obligation contained in the WLB order."

The operators also announced their acceptance "without qualification" of the board's order. The problem of a guarantee for payment of retroactive money benefits was submitted to an operators' meeting.

Mr. Lewis urged that the operators pay to the Government in escrow 15 million dollars. That, he said, represented the 30-cents-a-ton increased costs of one month's operation under the compromise contract proposed by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins. The UMW accepted her proposal early last week, but the operators rejected it.

Two years ago, Mr. Lewis said, the operators and Government agencies failed to "redeem the Government's pledge" that the miners would be paid retroactive wage benefits due them if they continued work while a new contract was being negotiated. Despite the UMW's request, he said, retroactive benefits were arbitrarily cut to a flat \$40 per miner.

"That unfortunate experience burns deeply into the hearts of the miners," Mr. Lewis said. "We are compelled to raise the question of financial responsibility to pay the retroactive pay."

Charles O'Neill, speaking for the operators, denied the operators had fallen down on the agreement and said the agreement on retroactive pay two years ago had been between the Mine Workers and Harold Ickes, secretary of the interior. He said the operators would pay their bills.

Mr. Lewis replied that under normal circumstances the miners could accept this promise "because if they (the operators) didn't make good the miners would simply stop work."

"They can't do that now," he added. "The miners have been disarmed. They can't do that now without inconveniencing the public and harming the war effort. They won't do that."

All 18 UMW demands for a new contract, including 10-cents-a-ton in royalty for health and insurance benefits for union members, are before the WLB. It is believed, however, that if the parties are granted more time for negotiations, they will hammer out a new agreement embracing substantially the terms of settlement as proposed by Miss Perkins.

Late Sunday the following telegram was sent to all U. M. W. local unions except the locals of the Canadian and anthracite districts:

"The mine workers' negotiating committee has accepted request of Secretary of Labor and War Labor Board to continue mines in operation pending further negotiations for a 30-day period from April 1 on the basis of the wage agreement which has just expired, with the understanding that any increase in wage rates or other considerations will be computed retroactively from Apr. 1, 1945. We strongly urge members of all local unions to comply at once with this request and continue mines in operation. Joint wage negotiations will be resumed with operators Monday Apr. 2, at 11 a. m."

CRESSON TO HAVE SWIMMING POOL

Members of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 188, Cresson, have made plans to sponsor a community swimming pool and have named Clarence R. Tobin as chairman of the project. Tentative plans call for a cement pool 75 by 160 feet. It will be located between 5th and 6th Streets, just below the athletic field. The water for the pool will be purchased from the borough.

Other organizations and the business men of the community will be asked to support the project.

MARTIN PAVLOCK DIES OF WOUNDS

Tech. Sgt. Martin Eugene Pavlock, aged 26, son of Councilman and Mrs. Martin B. Pavlock, of North Barnesboro, died on March 14th of wounds received in action in Germany. The War Department notified his family. He was a member of the "Phantom Division" of the Third Army.

The soldier worked for the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corporation at Marsteller before going into the service on July 17, 1941. He was born in Barnesboro on Jan. 18, 1919, a son of Martin and Mary (Ambro) Pavlock and graduated from the Spangler high school in 1936. Besides his parents, he leaves two brothers and two sisters—Cornelius with the Coast Guard in the North Atlantic; Althea, Dewey and James, at home. The deceased was a member of St. Edward's Catholic church.

COUNTY PLANS FOR PRIMARIES

Four county and numerous borough and township offices, as well as five city offices in Johnstown, will be contested in the June 19th primary election, according to announcement by the Cambria County Commissioners.

County offices which will be contested are the judge of the orphans' court, now held by Judge A. A. Nelson; Sheriff Patrick Farrell's post, and two jury commissioner posts. In the case of the jury commissioners, the nomination at the primary is tantamount to election, as each party nominates one candidate, and two are elected in the fall.

In the boroughs there will be elections of tax collectors, burgesses, assessors, auditors and school directors, and townships will nominate persons for positions of auditor, supervisor, tax collector and assessor.

RULE ON FOREMEN IS SIGNIFICANT TO THE MINE WORKERS

Packard Motor Company Must
Recognize the Officials' Union,
NLRB Decides.

Considerable significance to the district coal mine supervisory workers' fight for union recognition is attached to a decision handed down this week by the National Labor Relations Board.

Rejecting company arguments that foremen are part of management, the NLRB ruled, 2-1, that employers are required to recognize and bargain with foremen's unions.

The decision was made in the Packard Motor Car Co. dispute and an election was directed to be held within the next 60 days among supervisory employees in the plant.

Strike elections were conducted at nearly a score of district coal pits last year by the United Supervisory, Technical and Clerical Workers, a UMW affiliate, in the foremen's campaign for union bargaining.

At the present time the union is awaiting a decision on clerical employees of Industrial Collieries Corp. and the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Co. in a case filed with the National Labor Relations Board by the union.

The union also is awaiting a War Labor Board decision on hearings conducted among several coal companies, including the Rochester and Pittsburgh, in Indiana county.

RECEIVES PROMOTION.

Second Lt. Cora Overberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Overberger, Hastings, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. Lt. Overberger is serving with the Eleventh Evacuation Hospital in France. She has been overseas the past two years and has served in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Lt. Overberger received her commission in June, 1941, and was the first Hastings girl to enter the armed forces.

—Keep buying War Bonds, Stamps.

NORTH COUNTY BOY SCOUT LEADERS PLAN FINANCE CAMPAIGN

Meeting Held Recently in Baker-
ton Arranging for Drive Late
This Month.

At the monthly meeting of the Northern Cambria District of the Robt. E. Peary Council of the Boy Scouts of America, held in the Baker-ton Public School recently, plans for the 1945 finance campaign were announced. Fred E. Buck of Carrolltown is finance chairman for the district. Mr. Buck announced that the Admiral Robert E. Peary Council Finance campaign would begin on April 22nd and run through May 4th. The goal for the entire council territory, which comprises all of Cambria county, all of Somerset county, and parts of Indiana and Westmoreland counties, is \$21,000 of which \$10,500 is given by the Johnstown Community Chest, and \$10,500 must be raised in the wide, four county area outside the Chest.

Community chairmen for the drive to be announced later.

A question by Mr. Brown of Barnesboro, as to where the money goes, was answered by a breakdown of the budget presented by J. H. Keller, Executive of the council. V. J. Gonnella followed up by showing where each item of the budget eventually helps every boy in every troop in the North Cambria district, through a more satisfactory experience in Scouting.

Mr. Keller pointed out these facts concerning finance campaigns: Campaigns give us wonderful to "sell" Scouting to more people. It also provides us with a recruiting tool by pointing out the capabilities of men who work on the drive. We should secure the use of these men for year-round service to the youth of their respective communities.

No Boy Scout to be used in the solicitation of funds.

Scoutmasters should not be asked to collect money. They have a job to do.

No money to come from the Troop treasury. This is for the use of the Troop themselves.

No money raised by public solicitations to go into the Troop treasury. Money so raised is for the operations of the council.

CRESSON BOARD CALLS UP MEN FOR SERVICE

The following named men, from Local Board No. 1, Cresson, Pa., have been called for induction for the month of April.

Zenal Francis Shope, Flinton; Wilmer Conrad Rickard, Fallentimber; Stanley Andrew Batkiewicz, Hastings; Joseph Borek, Cassandra; Dea Riddell, Barnesboro; Albert Selkow, Philadelphia; Henry Leroy Woodley, Barnesboro; Benedict David McCartney, Cresson; Lewis William Descanio, Ashville; Earnest Frank Galat, Cresson; John Lloyd Dubis, Cresson; George Anthony Storm, Patton; Thomas James Kapusta, Lilly; Henry Louis Vezza, Patton; James Paul Cence, St. Boniface; William Francis Westrick, Hastings; Earl Frederick Selfridge, Patton; Adrian Augustine Craver, Cresson; Frank John Kawtoski, Jr., Lilly; James Samuel Lee, Lilly; Brian Paul Puglise, Lilly; Edwin Francis Anna, Hastings; Charles Bernard Morelli, Hastings; Vincent Paul Kapusta, Lilly; Jacob Francis Skura, Lilly; Stanley Simon Kava, Jr., Flinton; George Richard Crowell, Patton; Paul Francis Beck, Cassandra; Roy Wilson Irwin, Hastings; Norris Legros, Jr., Hastings; Raymond Joseph Gill, Dysart.

Pfc. O'Donahue entered service in April, 1941, and was sent overseas last October. He had been serving with an Infantry Unit.

He is the father of three children, Bonnie, John and Michael. The soldier has three brothers in armed forces: Sgt. George, who is stationed at Leyte, Petty Officer 2c Michael, who is serving somewhere in the Pacific, and Coxswain Daniel, serving in the Atlantic.

VETERAN U. M. W. A. MEMBER OF HASTINGS, PASSES AWAY

Frank M. Simon, 65, of Hastings, father of three sons, all of whom are serving in the armed forces overseas, died at 4:45 a. m. Monday in Doctors Hospital, Washington, D. C., after an extended illness.

Surviving are his widow, the former Elizabeth Maley, and six children—Mrs. Mary Jane Hurst, Trenton, N. J.; Mrs. Dorothy Lang, Trenton, N. J.; Mrs. Agnes Williams, Washington, D. C. Pfc. Francis, with the Army in the Philippines; Pfc. Warren with the Army in France, and Edward, seaman first class with the Navy in the Admiralty Islands.

Mr. Simon was a brother of Mrs. Susan Hadley and Mrs. Christine Plassard, both of Emeigh; Philip, Youngstown, O.; Peter, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Elizabeth Trexler, Patton; Mrs. Laverne Watson, Grove City; Mrs. Anna Lann and Mrs. Mary Lann, both of Akron, O., and James Simon, Johnstown. There are 13 grandchildren.

The deceased was a member of Hastings Local 293, U. M. W. A., and of the Hastings Methodist Church. Friends are being received in the residence on Spangler Street. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Friday in the Hastings Methodist Church by Rev. Henry B. Reiley, Jr., minister. Interment will be in Union Cemetery, Hastings.

—Do your part in helping to win this war. Buy War bonds and Stamps.

ORGANIZATIONS PLAN TO HONOR GENERAL PATTON

Arranging Tribute for Military
Genius on Return
to States

"Welcome home, Gen. George Smith Patton," is the greeting the residents of the Cambria Co. community of Patton hope to extend personally to the renowned military leader after the war.

Members of the borough Council, the Eagles and Moose clubs and like groups already have inaugurated plans to stage an epochal homecoming celebration to honor the U. S. Third Army commander, it was revealed Tuesday evening.

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Harrisburg, the State Senate Monday commended residents of Patton for their "patriotism and loyalty in planning the affair."

A resolution sponsored by Sen. John J. Haluska (D-Cambria) and adopted unanimously by the lawmakers said the county borough named for its founder, John Patton, plans to pay homage to Gen. Patton and to invite the President of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to take part in this outstanding occasion.

Sen. Haluska made the statement to a Johnstown paper that it is his belief that John Patton, the founding father, and Gen. Patton, the much-fabled military genius, are related.

An investigation is under way to determine the accuracy of these claims, the senator said.

In any event, the town of Patton plans to go ahead with plans for staging the celebration for the World War hero bearing its name.

Senator Haluska pledged that he, personally will bend every effort to have the general on hand, as well as other dignitaries.

An interesting sidelight is the fact that daily the postmaster of Patton, George A. Lehman, receives an average of 40 requests for postmarks of the community—postmarks bearing the inscription, "Patton," the same sobriquet as is borne by the illustrious Army head who is spearheading the lightning thrusts into the very heart of Germany.

PATTON MAN IS GERMAN PRISONER

Pfc. John O'Donahue, 23, who had previously been reported as missing in action in Germany since December 21st, is a prisoner of the Germans, according to cards received by his wife, Mrs. Mary (Agypt) O'Donahue and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Donahue. The cards were received on Tuesday.

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PVT. WANCHISN, HEIL- WOOD, SERIOUSLY HURT

Mrs. Anna Wanchisin, of Heilwood, has been notified that her son, Pvt. John Wanchisin, was wounded seriously Jan. 27th in Belgium. He was reported wounded about the head. He entered the service Feb. 17, 1942, and trained in Fort Benning, Ga., before going overseas with an engineering outfit.

Three brothers are in the armed forces, Charles, Andrew and Peter. Before entering the army Pvt. John was employed by the Red Lands Coal Co.

'SAFER LIVING' DRIVE IN COUNTY PLANNED

Final plans have been completed for the "education for safer living" instructors' courses in Cambria Co. April 9th through April 20th, Red Cross officials have announced.

Many of the schools in Cambria County will be represented by faculty members who are enrolling in order to become eligible to teach accident prevention and first aid in their respective class rooms.

Emphasis is placed on the fact that the American Red Cross has assumed the responsibility for training personnel to care for many of the persons in the battle area. In addition, it is enlarging its safety program to provide for those at home.

A drive is under way to enroll all persons who previously had any first aid training in new first aid classes.

SALARY INCREASES OKAYED BY COURT

Judges Ivan J. McKenrick and Geo. W. Griffith last week signed an order increasing the annual salary of Mrs. Lola M. Bennett, chief probation officer, from \$2,700 to \$3,200, effective April 1st.

The judges also increased the salary of Mrs. Emma Radebaugh, investigator and secretary in the office of the probation bureau from \$135 to \$150 a month, with additional allowance for travel.

The salary board approved a monthly salary of \$115 for John Neelan, herdsman at the Juvenile Home farm; \$90 monthly for Mary Helen Daugherty, assistant matron at the home, and \$66 monthly for Mrs. Emma Zollner, a new employee at the home.

NINE STUDENT NURSES CAPPED AT SPANGLER

Nine girls received their caps at exercises held last week at the Nurses Home of the Miners' Hospital at Spangler. Miss Margaret John, instructor of nursing arts, and Jovita Wirtner, science instructor, capped the student nurses. Miss Alice Seehan of Duquesne University, delivered the principal address.

The members of the class who began their studies last September, are Misses Lavinia Baker, Rita Kline and Miriam Young, Hastings; Ruth Graffius, Garmantown; Wanda King, Westover; Rita Ross, Ebensburg; Ruby Shovelstull, Spangler; Eleanor Thomas, St. Boniface, and Pauline Vesnesky, Bakerton.

EBENSBURG SEABEE DEAD IN PACIFIC

Casper W. Tomasetti, 24, Ebensburg, was killed while serving in the Pacific theatre of war as a shipfitter third class in the SeaBees.

His mother, Mrs. Rosie Tomasetti, said she believed he lost his life during the invasion of Iwo Jima. She was informed that he was assigned to the Fourth Marine Corps Division.

He entered the service August 16, 1943, and went to the Pacific Area in Mar., 1944. A brother, William Leonard, 26, is serving with the Army in England.

GORDON BAKER RECEIVES WOUNDS IN GERMANY

Pvt. Gordon Baker, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Baker of Patton R. D., was wounded March 18 in Germany, according to word received by his parents.

He entered the service August 7, 1944, and went overseas last February after serving in Texas. Prior to entering the service he worked with his father on the farm.

Two brothers are serving with the armed forces overseas—Cpl. Earl, with the A. A. F. in England, and Pfc. Walter, with an infantry division somewhere in the Pacific theater of war.

—Between thirty and forty million Europeans are said to have been displaced from their homes because of the war.

ELECTION CALENDAR FOR YEAR POSTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS

Includes Change Under Act; Primary Comes in June, Election Sixth of November.

The complete election calendar for 1945 was announced last Friday at the office of the Cambria County Commissioners. It includes changes made by Act No. 17, which provides that counties shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth in the sum of not more than 40 cents per official military ballot mailed or delivered.

The calendar follows:

Mar. 10—First day to secure signatures on nomination petitions.

April 9—Last day to file nomination petitions.

April 16—Last day to withdraw nomination petitions or to file objections to petitions.

April 24—Last day, if possible, for Court of Common Pleas to render decision in cases involving objections to petitions.

May 12—Last day for county election boards to mail military ballots for primary.

June 14—Last day for county election boards to post military file before primary.

June 19—Primary election; polls will remain open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.

June 22—Return board meets at noon to canvass and compute the vote cast at the primary.

June 26—Military ballots must be received not later than 10 a. m. this date to be valid.

July 9—Last day for the county boards of election to file primary election returns with the secretary of the Commonwealth; also last day to file petitions to contest the nomination of any candidates nominated.

July 19—Last day for candidates for nomination and treasurers of political committees to file expense accounts for expenses incurred for the primary, and for county boards of election to file with the secretary of the Commonwealth requests for reimbursement of military ballots mailed for the primary.

July 24—Last day for candidates nominated at the primary or by nomination papers, to withdraw; also last day for candidates nominated at the primary election by write-ins or by stickers to pay filing fee, otherwise the offices will be declared vacant.

Aug. 3—Last day to file substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by withdrawal of candidates nominated at the primary or by nomination papers.

Aug. 8—Last day to petition court for an audit of expense account for the primary.

Sept. 29—Last day for county boards of election to mail military ballots before municipal election.

Nov. 1—Last day for county election boards to post military file before municipal election.

Nov. 6—Municipal election; polls will remain open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Nov. 9—Return board meets at noon to canvass and compute the votes cast at the municipal election.

Nov. 16—Military ballots must be received not later than 10 a. m. on this date to be valid.

Nov. 26—Last day for county election boards to file municipal election returns with the secretary of the Commonwealth.

Dec. 6—Last day for candidates and treasurers of political parties and committees to file expense accounts for expenses incurred for municipal election; also last day for county election boards to file with secretary of the Commonwealth requests for reimbursement of military ballots mailed for municipal election.

Dec. 26—Last day to petition the court for an audit of expense accounts filed for the municipal election.

FRANK BROWN IS ON SOFTBALL TEAM

Headquarters, 13th AAF, Southwest Pacific—Corporal Frank Brown, son of Mrs. Harriet J. Brown, 801 Beech Avenue, Patton, is a member of the softball team of his signal unit of 13th AAF Service Command in the Southwest Pacific.

The corporal entered the Army in August, 1942, and he has been overseas eight months. He has been awarded two Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

In civilian life, Corporal Brown was a cook at the Hotel Roosevelt, Pittsburgh. He was graduated from Patton High School in 1930.

OPL. RICHARD DILLON OF PATTON WOUNDED

Cpl. Richard Dillon, son of Mrs. Rhoda Dillon, of Patton, was wounded on March 14th in Germany while serving with the engineer corps. He entered the army two and a half years ago and has been overseas for fifteen months.