

TEST LOOMS ON RIGHTS OF MINE AIDES IN COUNTY

Union Asks National Labor Relations Board for Recognition at Two Pits.

Spurring its fight for union recognition for foremen in the Cambria coal region, the United Clerical, Technical and Supervisory Employees has asked the National Labor Relations Board for bargaining rights at two Cambria Co. mines.

Charges have been filed with the labor board on refusal of Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corporation to recognize the union as an appropriate bargaining agency for foremen and other supervisory workers.

This procedure is the first step in petitioning the NLRB for bargaining recognition. Following an investigation the board probably will order a hearing and if the union is certified an election may be scheduled.

John McAlpine, president of the supervisory union, affiliated with the United Mine Workers of America's District 50, stated that he is asking bargaining recognition in the charges filed with the board for foremen at the Marsteller and Ehrenfeld mines of the company.

The charges filed with the board are expected to set the stage for a test case on whether the union will be granted NLRB recognition for supervisory workers in the mining industry.

It was learned that recent conferences held between the operators and union on the foreman question but these broke down and the union is continuing its fight for recognition through the government labor channels.

Coal operator groups, including representatives from the Cambria Pennsylvania Operators' Association, met with McAlpine and U. M. W. President Lewis in New York to discuss the foremen situation, it was disclosed.

Union officials stated a proposal of the operators to grant recognition to all but assistant foremen was turned down and the negotiations broke up.

McAlpine stated that clerical workers in the mining industry are grouped into different units from the supervisors and have been granted separate charters. The two groups are governed by separate laws, he specified.

The union is awaiting a decision from the National Labor Relations Board on a petition for recognition for clerks in the accounting department of individual collieries at Johnstown which was conducted several months ago in that city on the union's application for bargaining rights.

McAlpine announced that he forwarded a request last week to the War Labor Board for granting of grievance machinery for the union. The WLB granted grievance machinery and limited seniority rights to three foremen's groups, while emphasizing it was not compelling the companies involved to recognize the unions or bargain collectively.

COLVER YOUTH IS EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY

Bruno Marconi, 19, of Colver, was exonerated of any criminal negligence in connection with the death of Miss Verne Medreski, 19, of Strongtown R. D. 1, by a coroner's jury last Thursday night in the Ebensburg courthouse.

Miss Medreski was injured on July 25th when she leaped from a car operated by Marconi. The accident occurred on the Ebensburg-Carrolltown road near the Ebensburg fair grounds. The girl died on July 27 in a Johnstown hospital, the result of a basal fracture of the skull.

Testifying in his own behalf, Marconi declared that he and the girl were driving slowly along the road when the girl suddenly declared, "I'm going to jump out." "I thought she was kidding and said 'go ahead,'" Marconi told the jury. He said that a moment later he heard the door slam and the girl disappeared in the darkness. Marconi testified that he turned the car around and found the girl lying along the road. He removed her to the office of an Ebensburg physician who ordered her rushed to the hospital.

Evelyn Little of Twin Rocks, told the jury that she and Marconi, Miss Medreski and Peter Tanda, Colver, owner of the car, were in a tap room in Ebensburg, when the Medreski girl asked to go for a ride with Marconi. They left the tap room only 15 minutes before the accident, she declared. Peter Tanda informed jurors he had a date with the Medreski girl and that she told him she would get another girl for his friend, Marconi. However, when Tanda and Marconi arrived at the Medreski home only Verne was there.

COUNTERFEIT RED STAMPS REPORTED

The Food Department of the Rationing Division of the Altoona District Office of Price Administration has just announced that there is prevalent in our district counterfeiting of red stamps, and cautions retailers to exercise careful scrutiny in accepting red stamps from purchasers.

Red point counterfeited stamps are plainly noticeable since legitimate ration books have stamps appearing in series down the strip—for instance 8-5-2-1, whereas counterfeited stamps have been made in a complete strip of 18, 28, 38 and 88.

When counterfeit stamps are accepted by retailers and turned over to the local banks for deposit, same are forwarded by the banks to the Regional Verification Center in New York, at which time they are carefully viewed under special lamps for validity.

When same develop to be counterfeit, retailers allowable inventories are reduced in equal quantity. As a result, retailers may find their inventory is certified an election may be scheduled.

DOOM OF JAPAN BY ATOMIC BOMBS SOON A REALITY

New Weapon More Powerful Than Twenty Thousand Tons of TNT.

The most terrifying engine of destruction ever devised by man—an atomic bomb carrying the explosive force of more than 20,000 tons of TNT—was turned loose against Japan Sunday as American airmen opened a "surrender or else" assault against the enemy homeland. President Truman revealed the biggest and best kept military secret of the war—the release of atomic energy and said that the awesome weapon was the nation's answer to Japanese rejection of the Potsdam surrender ultimatum.

In what amounted to a new ultimatum, the President warned: "If they do not now accept our terms, we expect a rain of ruin from the air, the like of which has never been seen on earth.

So mighty is this super-bomb that a single bomb carries the combined destructive power of 2,000 tons of TNT. It is capable of a capacity of ten tons of bombs each. Its force is more than three times greater than the effect of the greatest aerial attack in history—6,632 tons dropped by 820 Super-Fortresses on Japan Aug. 2.

Germany was devastated by a super-bomb and yet the greatest single attack saw only some 1,200 B-17's taking part. The atomic bomb carries enough destruction to equal the bomb load of 3,300 heavy bombers used against the Reich.

If 500 average sized freight cars each loaded with TNT, were dropped on Japan, the effect would not be as great as the havoc wrought by a single atomic bomb.

Until now, the biggest bomb in history was the British earthquake bomb weighing 11 tons and capable of gouging out a crater 120 feet deep in diameter and 35 feet deep. On that basis—all things being equal—the new bomb conceivably might blast open a valley on the earth's surface 48 miles wide and 14 miles deep.

The first of the bombs was exploded last month in an experiment on a New Mexican desert. The first to drop on Japan went down on Hiroshima, a highly important Japanese army base on the home island of Honshu. The damage will probably stagger the imagination.

It should prove of tremendous aid in shortening the war with Japan. It is a terrible weapon to think of. In view of what can happen to all mankind in some conflict of the future!

It can likewise change mankind's mode of living to great advantage if used in the right manner.

KIBLER REUNION AT ST. LAWRENCE FETE

The annual St. Lawrence picnic, as noted in last week's paper, will be held in the picnic grove in St. Lawrence next Sunday, August 12, and committees in charge are planning for a large crowd. Chicken noodle and beef dinner and supper will be served, dinner to start at 11 a. m., and supper at 4:30 p. m.

ST. AUGUSTINE TO HAVE PICNIC SOON

The congregation of St. Augustine's Catholic church at St. Augustine are preparing for their annual picnic, which will be held on Sunday, August 19th. Feature of the event will be excellent meals, with dinner service starting at 11:00 a. m., and supper service starting at 4:00 o'clock.

Folks need no introduction to the excellence of the St. Augustine meals, and the affair promises to agreeably satisfy all the palates of patrons.

There will be various games and amusements, and dancing will also be on the cards, with good music. Plan your day on August 19th, to be spent at St. Augustine.

LOCAL DOCTORS IN THE SERVICE

The Johnstown Tribune of last Friday evening gave an interesting account of Cambria county physicians serving in the armed forces with a detailed sketch of each, and the following concerning doctors from this section were noted:

"In the Pacific Theater of War for the past year, Capt. Richard C. Murray, of Patton, is now on duty with the Army Medical Corps on an island in the Philippines. The young physician was commissioned upon graduating from Jefferson Medical College in 1942, and was called for active service upon completion of his senior internship at Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia.

Capt. David H. Coffey of Patton, is taking a special course at present at the adjutant general's school at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. Prior to his assignment to the school he had been engaged in general hospital work at various camps in the States. The physician has been a member of the Army medical corps for the past two and a half years.

A former practicing Hastings physician—Capt. George E. Dvorchak—is serving as a medical officer with the Army in the Philippines. He has been helping care for Yank casualties in the Pacific for the past two years. Dr. Dvorchak, a son of John Dvorchak, of Patton, was commissioned and called for active duty in March of 1941.

MANY POSTMASTERS ATTEND MEETING

Joseph J. Lawrence, of Washington, D. C., third assistant postmaster general, explained new postal laws and regulations to about 150 postmasters from the 26th Congressional district at a meeting on Thursday night in the courthouse at Ebensburg.

The new classification bill pertaining to salaries of postal workers was discussed in detail by the group. A. M. Schettig of Ebensburg, postmaster director of the district, presided. Talks were given by Ramsey S. Black, Pennsylvania state treasurer and former third assistant postmaster general; Stephen A. Bodkin, Pittsburgh postmaster; Dr. J. W. Manon, president, and Charles W. Puskar, secretary of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters.

THREE JAILBREAKERS ARE CAPTURED

Three youths who broke out of the Cambria county jail recently after overpowering the turnkey, were captured on Wednesday last week by Chief of Police Jake Irwin.

Returned to their cells were Wm. Irwin, 19, Brookville; Oliver C. Best, 16, of Clearfield, and William D. Cartwright, Woodland. They were captured in a stolen automobile.

The trio had been jailed in connection with a series of gasoline station hold-ups. According to information obtained from Clearfield the three youths attacked Turnkey Bert Kyler, when he opened a door to place a trusty in the exercise yard. Kyler, who was the lone warden at the jail, was unable to pursue the youths and called state police. It is believed the youths waded a river and procured the car in which they were nabbed.

Gets Purple Heart.

John M. Palka, Elmora, has received the Purple Heart Awarded his son, John E. Palka, fireman's mate first class, who was wounded Feb. 28, at Iwo Jima. Another son, Tech. Sgt. Lewis, Jr., also holds the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Three other brothers are in service—Sgt. Anthony H. Chester with the Marines on Okinawa, and Fred, boatswain's mate with the Navy in California. Another brother, Ben, has been discharged from service with 114 points.

ST. FRANCIS GRADUATE IS GENERAL'S AIDE

Marine Captain James Limegrover of Wilkensburg, a graduate of St. Francis College, Loretto, has been named aide-de-camp to Maj. Gen. John Marston, commanding general at Camp Lejeune, N. C. In the service since March, 1942, the Marine officer is a veteran of 25 months of overseas duty. He was valetudinarian of the 1942 class at the Loretto college and was prominent in many school organizations and activities.

RUSSIA ENTERS WAR AGAINST JAPANESE

Russia is now in the war against the Japanese. Coming at a time when the Nips have felt the universe has been falling upon them, truly their big headaches are now terrible ones.

At 8 P. M. Wednesday, our time and 10:30 P. M. Moscow-time, the Soviets cast the die. Probably the Big Three in meeting at Potsdam several days ago had planned this.

There is every reason to believe that Marshal Stalin knew that the Atomic Bomb that was to drop on Japan shortly after the conference ended.

Likely, too, the time had been set, as well, for the next reaction on the Axis mainland should not be necessary. It is a well known fact that the Russians have had an army of half a million along the Manchurian border for years, and since the end of the European war

none but the Soviets themselves know how that army has been augmented. But it stands to reason that powerful armies and equipment have been deployed there for the past three months in anticipation of what happened Wednesday.

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SENATOR HALUSKA CRITICIZES MARTIN ON RECENT TALKS

Harrisburg.—Senator John J. Haluska, Cambria County, wants to know why Governor Edward Martin is so much concerned about "Tax Reform" when he speaks at county fairs and so forgetful about the matter when he talks to the Legislature. The Cambria County Senator is also wondering why the Governor didn't present his recently announced ten-point program to the legislature instead of waiting until the legislature adjourned and then presenting it before county fair audiences.

In a statement issued by the Democratic State Committee, Senator Haluska says: "Governor Martin, speaking recently at the Seisingrove Fair, said the Commonwealth's tax structure should be reconstructed. Our tax laws, he insisted, should be reformed. That sort of talk has been current at Harrisburg for years.

"The Democrats under Governor Earle imposed some new taxes as emergency measures, but they didn't say their new taxes were part of a reform program. Governor James didn't do anything about taxes—except copy the Democrats. Governor Martin could have been excused for not having a 'tax reform' program when the Legislature met in 1943, but if he has a program ready when the Legislature met this year, he didn't have one then, but apparently he has one now. The Governor should know that laws are not enacted at fair grounds. He may not have a majority present when he speaks at a fair, but he did have a majority when he spoke to the General Assembly.

"If the Governor has an important ten point program in mind that he entered the armed forces, the legislature was in session, and he's serious about it, why doesn't he call the Legislators back into session and put his ten point program across? If some of his Republican friends ran out on him the Democrats would help him—if he had a good program.

"However, 'tax reform' at county fairs only seems to be the Governor's present notion.

GIRLS ON STRIKE AT BARNESBORO

Demanding a higher minimum hourly wage scale, more than 300 employees have staged a work stoppage in the Barnesboro plant of the Phillip-Jones Corp., manufacturers of men's shirts.

Workers, who left their jobs on Friday, and have since refused to return to their machines, have asked the management for a guarantee of 65 cents per hour for a 40-hour work week.

It was pointed out that the employees, mostly girls, and women, have been granted all of the wage increases authorized by the War Labor Board. The girls, however, have requested that the management appeal to the Regional War Labor Board for authorization to establish a minimum hourly wage scale.

The girls claim that they are paid for piece work and that there is a wide difference in the earning capacities of the various workers. A special meeting for all workers was held for Thursday afternoon in the Barnesboro Miners hall. Union and company officials hope that the controversy will be settled during the meeting and the girls will return to their jobs Friday.

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NORTH CAMBRIANS DRAWN ON JURIES

Northern Cambria county residents drawn for jury service for the September term of court at Ebensburg, are as follows:

Grand Jury: John Chidson, Coupon. Edna Davis, Barnesboro. Naomi Fees, Carrolltown. Alphonse Kelly, Hastings. Sara Westover, Barnesboro.

Petit Jury: Margaret Altimus, Nicktown. Thomas A. Bradley, Allegheny Township. Margaret E. Brader, Hastings. Mike Buck, Carrolltown. Eileen Barclay, Ashville. Angela Chernisky, Spangler. Amy Commons, Hastings. Lillian Douglas, Chest Springs. Mae Daugherty, Loretto. Michael Farabaugh, Carrolltown. Gilbert Farabaugh, East Carroll Township.

Reforestation, Hastings. Alma Gould, Spangler. Margaret Holt, Ashville. E. Paul Hoover, East Carroll Township. Georgia Lidwell, Ashville. William Maher, Hastings. James Regan, Bakerton. Gladys Stewart, Spangler. Louis Tronzo, Spangler. Michael Timko, Colver. Mary Wright, Ashville.

Traverse Jury: Mary Bennett, Barnesboro. Alma M. Burgoon, Hastings. Samuel Butterbaugh, Ambsry. Josephine Deringer, Patton. Angelo Dotto, Flinton. Elizabeth Fadale, Barnesboro. Mildred Gooderham, Patton. Curtis Glass, Fallentimber. Anne Hasenstab, Patton. Etta Karlheim, Chest Springs. Albert Koval, Hastings. Sue E. Kirsch, Hastings. Fren Lutz, Loretto.

Discharged: Sgt. John Zrioka, Barnesboro. Pfc. John Gornish, Elmora.

JOHN L. LEWIS ON EUROPEAN JOB?

Newspapers over the week end carried an Associated Press story from Moscow, stating that the name of John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers of America, is being mentioned in circles in Moscow in connection with an important job in Europe.

No details were available. Lewis, who is now in Alexandria, Va., declined to comment on the report.

HASTINGS SOLDIER IS LISTED AS KILLED

Pfc. Edward R. Stoneberg, 27 years old, of Hastings, father of a young daughter, was killed on April 10th while battling the Germans in the Western front. The Hastings soldier was serving with the 15th Engineer Battalion of the First Army when he made the supreme sacrifice.

The soldier is married to the former Florence Swenson, who is now residing in Montclair, N. J. His daughter is Koren Lynn Stoneberg.

Pfc. Stoneberg, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Stoneberg of Hastings, attended Hastings High School. He entered the armed forces in March, 1941, and trained with an engineer outfit in Fort Belvoir, Va. The soldier was assigned to overseas duty in Dec., 1943, and was located in Northern Ireland until the invasion of Normandy.

Besides his widow, daughter and parents, the soldier leaves these brothers and sisters: William, Hastings; Norman, with the Navy; Mrs. Helen Notes, Wanamassa, N. J.; Mrs. Alma Lecorchick, Barnesboro, and Mrs. Ruth Woodley, Hastings.

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BISHOP PARDUE TO BE AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bishop Pardue, head of the Pittsburgh Diocese of the Episcopal Church, will come to the Trinity Episcopal Church, in Patton, next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. This will be the Bishop's annual visit to the Patton congregation.

Gallitzin to Buy Truck.

Tentative plans for the purchase of a new fire truck were discussed at a meeting of the Gallitzin Volunteer Fire Company on Tuesday night. An invitation will be extended to representatives of fire truck manufacturers to attend the next meeting which will be held Sept. 4.

COUNTY FIREMEN HAVE SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION TIME

First Tournament Day in Three Years Is Observed Also at Nanty-Glo.

Last Wednesday and Thursday were annual convention days for the Volunteer Firemen's Assn. of Cambria Co. and vicinity, and the Ladies' Auxiliary bodies at Nanty-Glo, and likewise marked the first time in three years that a second day was added to the festivities, with a parade.

Thomas Woodring, Nanty-Glo fire chief, was elected president of the association for the coming year, succeeding Robert Whalen of Spangler. Clymer was selected as the convention site for next year by a 107-88 margin over Gallitzin.

Following a heated controversy among the delegates of the thirty-three companies represented, a proposal which would have barred county assistance to Johnstown, tied on the floor. County firemen had charged lack of cooperation from the city during a recent drowning near South Fork.

Also named to office during the men's session were William Leary of Patton, first vice president; Robert J. Kenney, of Cresson, second vice president; A. E. Baker, Hastings, secretary for his 22nd consecutive term; Theodore Ott, Patton, treasurer.

Mrs. Evelyn Gaston of Clymer was elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary; Mrs. Helen Vasbinder of Clymer, first vice president; Mrs. Marie Brown of Clymer, second vice president; Mrs. John Whalen, Spangler, secretary, for her 14th consecutive term. Directors named were Mrs. Maude Farabaugh, Carrolltown; Mrs. Justina Mook, Dale; and Mrs. Margaret Linn, Portage.

During the convention three new auxiliaries were accepted into the membership, namely Jackson Twp. Cover Hill and West Taylor. It was also announced that during the year Daisytown Fire Co.'s auxiliary was granted an initiation membership of the county organization.

Installation of auxiliary officers will be held at the October meeting in Beaverdale. Auditors named for the year are Mrs. Agnes Luiza, Mrs. Charlotte Clark and Mrs. Margaret Linn.

Nineteen fire companies competed for the \$275 in prizes on Thursday in the parade. Conemaugh Volunteer Fire Co. carried off the lion's share of the prize money. The firemen won first place for the best appearing apparatus and for the most men in uniform. In line of march, Vintondale won second for the best appearing apparatus and Scalp Level was given first prize for the best appearing pumper. Windber won first for the best appearing apparatus other than pumper. Coalport won the prize for coming the longest distance. The Black Lick Valley Band was judged the best band in the parade. The Darktown Brigade Award went to Ebensburg.

FARM OFFICE LISTS SERVICES AVAILABLE

Three services are now available to eligible family-type farmers including veterans in Cambria and Indiana counties through the Farm Security Administration office in the Courthouse annex in Ebensburg.

According to FSA supervisor George E. Ardery, these services are as follows: Operating loans—These loans are made for almost all farm and home needs which will help families increase production; improve soil, building and home conditions. Loans are repayable in one to five years at five per cent interest. At present over 100 farmers in Cambria and Indiana counties are finding these loans helpful.

Group loans—These are community service loans made to two or more farmers to buy heavy machinery, pure bred sires, etc. These loans are usually repayable from three to five years at 5 per cent interest.

Farm ownership loans—These loans are made under the terms of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act of 1937, which provides 100 per cent loans to enable tenants, sharecroppers, and farm laborers to buy farms of their own. Loans are repayable over a period of 40 years at 3 per cent interest. Similar loans are also made to small landowners to buy additional land for making a family-type farm unit.

Another phase of farm security administration is technical guidance. FSA is not merely a lending agency. Educational assistance is tied in with money lending by developing farm and home plans with each family each year. In so doing, each family receives suggestions from the supervisor on improved farm and home practices which will yield to greater yields in crops, more profit from livestock, improved soil and buildings production of the farm around farms by food supply, better health through sanitation, safe water and proper diet.

Gets Cambria Post.

Robert T. Ingram, Johnstown, was appointed to the Cambria Co. Assistance Board last week by Gov. Edward Martin, to replace V. W. Adams, Johnstown, whose term expired.