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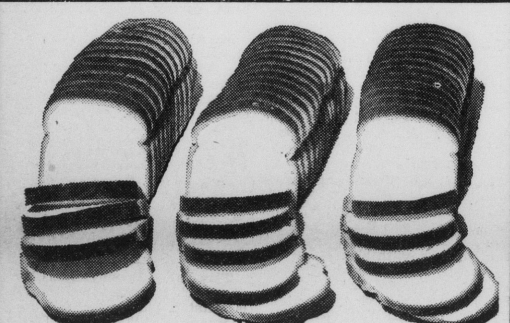
EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT

The people of the Central Pennsylvania section this week again see the miners back in the pits, and are thankful, just as the average miner, too, is thankful. During the past few weeks there has been a lot of hectic action in Washington and over the Nation. The railroad strike brought things to a climax, and hasty and disastrous legislation was brought to the fore. Things are cooling down some now, and some of the folks at home are of the opinion that while that contract expired a "cooling-off" period in labor strife, they are pretty much in need of a "cooling-off" period themselves.

What the general public has not taken into consideration, it seems, is that John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers do not work without a contract—at least not in peacetime. When that contract expired a couple of months ago they automatically ceased working. That isn't what one could honestly call a strike.

In most all the radio and news comment, the fault was placed on the miner—the operator seldom was mentioned. The general public, in some sections, seemed to take the same stand. The miner was to blame. Yet the coal operator was the main cog.

When the Mine Workers signed a contract with the government last week, after the government had taken over the mines, those terms were drawn up by the U. S. Government and the United Mine Workers—not the operators and the mine workers. Apparently,



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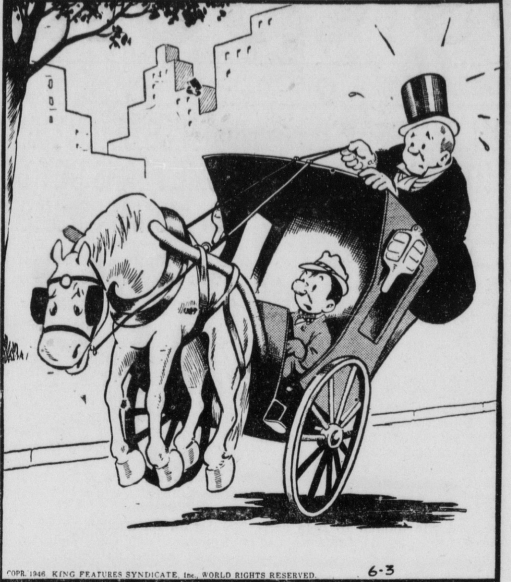
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that were stifled merely because they didn't want to put themselves in any unpatriotic position during the war years.

When it comes down to the fine point, who was directly responsible for the great achievements made in war production that the Nation met for not only its own needs but also for those of our allies? It was the remarkable and even miraculous achievement of labor. The coal miners, particularly, showed that they were behind Uncle Sam to the limit, and the coal kept pouring out of the bowels of the earth to meet the great demands imposed upon them. Coal was the basic need for war. It was required for steel and for most everything—the United Mine Workers of America met this demand—and more.

And the United Mine Workers of America did all this with greatly depleted ranks. Thousands upon thousands of its younger and most productive workers were in the armed forces, and even the older miners, some long retired, returned to the pits to meet the call for coal made by their country. In those days of need, John L. Lewis and the miners, in the spirit of patriotism, did at times work without a contract, even though that was not traditional policy, but was done because of the war. There is no war now. The miners themselves displayed in this section that they wanted a contract if they were to work. They wouldn't return to the pits even when a "truce" was declared by their leaders.

True, there have been some wildcat strikes, and maybe there will continue to be some—even with a contract. But such strikes are the exception and not the rule. Regardless of how energetically some newspapers and some folks blast John L. Lewis for most every trouble that comes along in the coal industry, once he signs a contract he keeps it. The United Mine Workers of America are outstanding in labor circles for their adherence to what they have agreed to do.

But all are glad the mines again are working. We are all glad the miners have made gains. We all should know that they as yet have not made all the gains in working conditions to which they are entitled. Even John L. Lewis signs a contract we also know that he will keep it in good faith, and that he, in like manner, expects the government, or the mine owners, as the case may be, to keep their end of the deal in the same good faith.

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The Boy Scout movement is on the upswing in Cambria County, and it should be thus. There's a lot of things that membership in a Boy Scout troop does for a boy, and all those things tend to make him a better boy and a better citizen. Over the week end troops of the north county P. C. A. held a camporee near Patton, and the program carried out was interesting. The boys had to rough it a bit, but that's all part of the Scout program. A Boy Scout isn't a sissy. He's a regular American boy, and as he advances in Scoutcraft he becomes consistently prouder of his achievements.

There are a lot of adults who put in a lot of time and hard work, too, without remuneration, to help the boys in the Scout movement. Heading this list is the Scoutmaster. We have them in every community where there are Boy Scouts. We have had them in Patton for a long time. Too few people give them the credit they deserve, but mostly through their own love and the work they are doing, and the help they are giving the community's boys, they carry on. Our hats are off to them.

NICKTOWN NEWS

By ROSEMARIE HUBER

The Nicktown Ball Team held a round and square dance at St. Nicholas' Hall Saturday night. Joseph Killings of Latrobe was a visitor over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kirsch are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Tuesday, May 21, in the Miners' Hospital, Spangler.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and family of Tyrone were recent week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith.

Miss Mildred Natcher and Miss Clare Lanzendorfer of Pittsburgh were week end visitors here recently.

Mrs. Agnes Feighner and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lochard of Ebensburg and Paul McDevitt of St. Benedict were visitors recently at the Urban Kline home here.

BRIDAL SHOWER HELD FOR MRS. MARGARET COONEY

A surprise bridal shower was held in honor of Mrs. Margaret Cooney, the former Margaret Soisson who became the bride of Joe Cooney of Carrolltown last Saturday, at the C. B. Soisson home recently by Mrs. Fred Ludwig.

The church was served and Mrs. Cooney received many beautiful and practical gifts.

Among those present were: Misses Eileen Kirsch, Grace Lieb, Mary Lou Soisson, Rosemarie Huber, Julia Lieb, Mary Lou Soisson, Mary G. Kline, Sue Soisson, Lucille Kirsch, Mary Lou Parish, Peggy Cooney, Joe Cooney, Mesdames John Nealer, J. Herman Lieb, Bob Kline, Fred Ludwig, Merle Parrish, Stanton Duman and Edward Augustine.

MAY CROWNING HELD AT ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

A May Crowning was held Sunday afternoon, May 26, in the St. Nicholas Church here by members of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Miss Mary Grace Kine was chosen as May Queen, and was attired in white, as were Judy Gosh, crown bearer, and Jean Fresh and Mary Lou Soisson, attendants.

Corine Weiland and Annette Kirsch were flower girls; Mary Lou Parrish, Delrose Agler, Donna Pfister, Winifred Lieb, Julia Lieb and Virginia Kline all wore blue gowns and the remainder of the sodality girls wore white.

A procession, during which several hymns were sung, took place from the school to the church. The crowning was followed by Benediction.

JOSEPHINE LANZENDORF BRIDE OF LOUIS DUMAN

Miss Josephine Lanzendorfer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Lanzendorfer, and Louis Duman, of Nicktown were united in marriage by Rev. Father Bertrand McPadyen, pastor of St. Nicholas Church, Cambria, on Monday, May 27, at 9 a. m.

The attendants were Miss Luella Lanzendorfer, sister of the bride, and Raymond Duman, brother of the groom.

The bride was attired in a white satin and chiffon gown and wore a tiara with a finger-tip veil. Her sister wore a blue net and crepe dress with a matching finger-tip veil. Both carried bouquets of fern and spring flowers.

GOLVER JOTTINGS

By MARGARET YANOSKY

Storekeeper 3rd Class Frank Dilick has been discharged from the Navy after serving for two years. The sailor saw action in the South Pacific.

Word has been received here of the birth of a baby boy, John Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas. The child was born in St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland. Mrs. Lucas is the former Miss Mary Mison.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dilick, Frank Dilick and Mrs. Joseph Certo and daughter, Johanna, were recent guests at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mison and Miss Margaret Yanosky of this place were recent week end visitors at the Thomas R. Yanosky home in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. John Messersmith and granddaughter, Jackie, of Connecticut recently spent a few days at the John C. Luther home here.

MAY CROWNING CEREMONY HELD AT CATHOLIC CHURCH

May Crowning ceremonies were held at the Roman Catholic

BAKERTON BRIEFS

By AGNES POLITES

Mrs. Agnes Jones of Baltimore is visiting relatives and friends in town.

Miss "Jo" Columbus has returned from a vacation trip to Bridgeport, Conn.

Miss Helen Kontitsky has returned from New York City, where she spent three weeks vacationing among relatives and friends.

Miss Irene Polites and Mr. Tom Sherwood and son, Norman, recently motored to Akron and Cleveland, O. On their return trip they were accompanied by Mrs. Sherwood, who had been a patient at the Cleveland Clinic.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Lamont included Miss Nadine Zugra, Lancaster, and Miss Mary Katherine Dostel of Conemaugh.

Mrs. John Brunner of Altoona spent some time with her mother, Mrs. Anna Tucker.

Quentin Rowland of Patton was a business caller in town last week. Mr. and Mrs. John Stoltz of Indiana visited relatives here last Sunday.

Joseph Kline of McClure, Pa., who served overseas in the same medical outfit as Paul Lamont, called at the latter's home recently.

PAULINE (SPONSKY) URDA IS HONORED AT SHOWER

Friends and relatives gathered at Sterling Hall recently to honor Mrs. Pauline Urda, the former Pauline Spensky, who became the bride of Stephen Urda last Saturday, with a miscellaneous shower.

Mrs. Urda received many useful and beautiful gifts. Among those present were:

Mesdames Alphonse Roach, Paul Cymbor, Joseph Cymbor, Thomas Ager, Gene Businis, Jude Noel, Regis Davenport, William Gelsosky, Valentine Panek, Paul Stefank, John R. Spinsky, Bernard Spinsky and Sylvester Spinsky.

Misses Alma Regan, Jennie Stefank, Berneta Bonfill, Camilla Murphy, Colletta and Vivian Panek, Betty Valley, Eileen Farabaugh, Dorothy Wentz, Edith and Evelyn Strong Mary Hovan, Clare Cymbor, Agnes Polites, Rose Columbus, Rita Regan, Magdalene and Alice Panczak, Gene and "Jo" Galczynski, Katherine Maimone.

Misses Ethel Christoff, Dorothy Gallagher, Pauline Yarko and Magdalene and Lydia Spensky, all of Bakerton; Mary D. Martucci, Hastings, and Ann Zdynak, Barnesboro.

Heads 'Chests'



CHAIRMAN of the University of Pennsylvania trustees, Dr. Thomas S. Gates has been named to head the Community Chests of America. He will lead the national promotional effort for 849 Community Chests in the U. S. and Canada during their fund-raising campaigns to be held next Fall. (International)

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