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Coal Will Come to Fore

We who live in this area of Pennsylvania that is so dependent upon the need and production of bituminous coal may be prone to view with some alarm the inroads that other fuels have been making over the nation. Looking at so many diesel locomotives pulling a heavy load over the Pennsylvania Railroad, for example, has a rather sickening effect on so many of us whose prosperity rises and falls with the coal market, and the pay envelopes of the miners.

But in the longer perspective, maybe coal has a market that will outlast all present-day fuels, when science works out some problems that are nearing solution. Out in Missouri the other day two synthetic oil plants were dedicated. The oil is derived from coal, and naturally the production from these experimental units is limited. It will still take a lot of research, and a lot of capital for construction of coal-to-oil plants.

However, a real start now has been made. Gasoline and fuel oil actually are being produced synthetically, and at a cost that compares not too far out of line with the refined products from crude petroleum. A gallon of gasoline refined from fuel oil costs about seven cents to produce now. Engineers have estimated the cost per gallon of synthetic gasoline at 12 to 14 cents, before credit is allowed for by-products. With these figured out, the synthetic gasoline, even today, possibly could be produced for eight cents per gallon.

That doesn't look bad for an unlimited coal market for the foreseeable future. Further development, together with mass production methods to be gained from large commercial plants, some day will drive this cost down to compare favorably with present production figures. But additional research and development of the synthetic fuel process is required for a really much more important reason. The United States has nearly half of the world's coal. In time of emergency this reserve can be considered as an important stockpile of petroleum products, which are so vital in today's world.

In this respect surely Northern Cambria Co. is definitely in the picture. In the future, when oil-from-coal grows to a giant new industry, even Patton with its presently unworked rich coal veins will benefit from the march of science. Our coal deposits presently are lying dormant because of mining costs. It will not always be thus. These plants out in Missouri are merely forerunners of development of an industry which will increase the security of all of us here in Northern Cambria Co., as well as most of Western Pennsylvania, in a prosperous and stable future.

An Election Comes Along

While major party leaders probably are eyeing next fall's election on a large countywide level, hundreds of other individuals are diverting attention to their respective neighborhoods. As a background for the balloting on major offices next fall, possibly 2,000 people will become candidates. They will seek minor offices in the various Cambria Co. political subdivisions.

As many as 1,000 people alone may be nominated for positions as election officials in Cambria Co.'s 178 voting precincts. The major offices to be filled, of course, are those of judge and sheriff, both county offices. Also to be elected in the county are two jury commissioners—one from each major party. Party candidates will be selected at the Sept. 13 primaries with the general election Nov. 8.

Added importance is given to the September primaries as a special election will be held the same date to name a successor to the late Robert L. Coffey, representative from the 26th Pennsylvania Congressional District, who was killed in an airplane crash Apr. 20.

Three important dates will precede the Sept. 13 voting. June 25 is the first date for candidates to begin collecting petition signatures. July 23 is the last day on which voters may register to be eligible to vote in the primary. Two days later—July 25—is the last day for candidates to file their petitions.

While Democratic and Republican leaders line their sights on the major office fights, individual battles will be brewing in the county's 30 townships and 32 boroughs. Officials are to be elected in each of these 62 subdivisions as well as some of Johnstown's 21 wards.

In every election district an election judge, majority inspector and minority inspector are to be selected—254 persons. In addition, residents of some boroughs will cast ballots to fill local offices. As many as nine positions are to be vacated by the end of the year in some of the county's townships. The boroughs generally will elect a justice of the peace, two school directors, an auditor, burgess, tax collector, constable and four council members. This lineup will vary depending upon the size of the borough and other vacancy factors. Some boroughs, for instance, will elect two justices of the peace.

In most cases, the townships will elect justice of the peace, two school directors, an auditor, three road supervisors, constable, tax collector and assessor. In districts where one party predominates and nomination is tantamount to election, most activity will take place during the primary election. Others will go to a finish fight in the general election.

Some boroughs regularly turn up with hot contests for the local offices. In others it is not uncommon for an individual to be nominated on Republican and Democratic tickets without making a particular effort to land either nomination. At any rate, there'll be a lot of names on ballots that won't generally be heard mentioned in the pre-election discussions.

Theme of the Times

These are days of springtime and of the spirit of cleaning up around one's premises; days of gardening, days of optimistic thinking, because with pleasant weather ahead it's hard to be pessimistic. There are many folks who annually view springtime as a time for rejuvenation of their properties and belongings—but there are some fewer numbers who care no more about the spring season than any other season for improvement of any kind. You see them here in Patton, and you see them in most every community. They are the chaps who have an eyegore sticking in an area of beauty. Seldom can they be regarded as community-spirited citizens.

However, have you ever noticed that in many instances the idea of clean painted buildings becomes contagious. Maybe the Peter Tumbledown neighbor does become conscious of the fact that he is marring the beauty of the neighborhood, and suddenly springs into some action of his own accord. When one man assumes leadership for the eye of his neighbors, he many times is imitated. Clean up, paint up, fix up, and you'll be surprised what your initial movement may create.

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Band Boosters Plan Card Party for June 1

The Spangler Band Boosters held their regular meeting on Monday evening of this week at the High School. Plans were made to hold a card party on June 1 at the Fire Hall, but are not complete at this time. The band uniforms have been ordered and will be here in time for the next school term. The next meeting will be held on the second Monday in June.

Alumni Group Planning Varied Summer Activities

Mary Margaret Planagan, president of the Spangler High School Alumni Association, announced a program for summer activities for the alumni unit at its meeting last Sunday in the local High School. On June 3 the association will welcome the graduating class of 1949 at a dance in the school auditorium. Music will be provided by the Spangler High Swingers.

A three-act comedy will be presented by the alumni in July. The next meeting will be at 8 p. m. on Tuesday, June 21, in the school auditorium. A special meeting of the executive council will be held tonight at 8 p. m. in the high school.

Mrs. Sue Kutsor Feted On Birthday Anniversary

A birthday party was held in honor of Mrs. Sue Kutsor last Thursday by the pinocle club. A lunch was served and all reported a good time. Those present were: Mrs. Charlotte Fenello, Mrs. Francis Fallone, Mrs. Mary Palone, Mrs. Aldine Mastossi, Mrs. Rose Mastossi, Mrs. Florence Luddini, Mrs. Hanna Coli, Mrs. Rose Certo and Mrs. Josephine Fannaro.

Edith Temple entertained her cinch club on Tuesday evening. A lunch was served and prizes were awarded to the winners. Mr. and Mrs. John Castonia visited in Somerset this past Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sallego were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tindiglia. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Idle of Akron, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shope of Clearfield visited on Sunday at the home of Mrs. Annie Deml.

Mrs. John Stine of Altoona



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spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Mary Falger. Joanne Lovette of State Teachers College, Indiana, and Danny Lovette, student at Junior Pitt in Johnstown, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Lovette.

Wm. Folger and family of Punxsutawney visited relatives in Spangler on Sunday.

Preston Plouse of Pittsburgh spent Monday here among relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kirach of this place spent the week end in Newton Falls, O., visiting among friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Derricott of Reading were Saturday visitors at the Thomas Greene home.

Mrs. Andrew Black, Geo. Black and Mrs. Elizabeth Morrissey and granddaughters, Darlene and Dolly, were visitors at the Thomas Greene home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hancherick of Ebensburg were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Malicky.

Visitors at the home of Marcellus Miller Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ray Price, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boothman, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Yarnall of Alverda, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gregor of Hastings.

Richard Green, Jim Brazill and Ed Ebersberg were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Altona calls Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Greene were Sunday visitors in St. Benoit, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Miller.

The Joint Bible School of the local Methodist and Presbyterian church will open Tuesday, May 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fenello visited relatives in Altoona on Sunday.

MARSTELLER

Mrs. Henry Hoak is a surgical patient at the Miners' Hospital in Spangler.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reed and daughter of Johnstown visited with Mrs. Reed's mother, Mrs. James Laird on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dietrick and daughter, Sally of Saltsburg, Pa., visited on Sunday at the Jack Davidson and Kenneth Taylor home.

James Laird of Wilkes-Barre visited on Sunday with his family here.

Mrs. Wm. Woodsie attended the Ladies Aid meeting at the home of Mrs. Ross Johns of Garmentown on Tuesday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schrock and Mr. and Mrs. Walter McColland and son of Johnstown visited at Idlewood Park last Sunday.

Mrs. Lewis Fowler and Mrs. Doyle Hutton and Mrs. Rose Burley and son, Donald, attended the funeral of Mrs. Emma Dixon last week.

Week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edith Patterson were Mrs. James Bennett and daughter, Alice and Mrs. Elize Keith and granddaughter, Patricia Lee and Mrs. Joseph Reminger and Herman Reminger.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Good and son of Nicktown visited on Friday evening with Mrs. Edith Good.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and children of Altoona and Mrs. John Miller and grandchildren of Bakerton visited Friday evening at the Lewis Fowler home.

A birthday party was held in honor of Shirley Jones fourth anniversary at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jones.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church held their meeting in the dining room of the church one evening last week. Lunch was served by Mrs. Lewis Fowler and Mrs. Wm. Woodsie.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hicks and family of Barnesboro visited on Sunday at the Wm. Woodsie home here.

Mrs. Joe Pellas and Mrs. Paul Pellas and children of Spangler visited recently at the home of Jack Davidson and Kenneth Taylor.

Mrs. Rose Burley visited in Spangler recently.

Mrs. Doyle Hutton visited in Johnstown recently where her husband is a patient in the Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fowler visited in Altoona last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hamwell announced the birth of a daughter born on May 13 in the Miners' Hospital in Spangler.

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Mr. and Mrs. Natal Good and daughter, Carol Ann, motored to Akron, Ohio last week end. Accompanying them back was Mrs. Katy Good, who had been visiting there with her son Olen Good.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss Peel of Commodore visited on Sunday at the John Peel home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stonsick of Hellwood visited on Sunday at the Harold Peel residence in town.

Mrs. Reno Calveti and son, of Allport visited recently in town at the Peter Hernetta home.

HASTINGS

James Stittle, student at Indiana State Teachers' College, was a week end visitor at his home here.

Fatty Strittmatter was a caller in Carrolltown on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cavallo, formerly of Erie, Pa., have taken up residence in Hastings.

George Kolonay of Pittsburgh spent the week end at his home here.

Mrs. John Dominic and Mrs. James Dally of Trafford visited among relatives and friends here on Sunday.

Mrs. Lea Dubetsky, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Edith Stoneberg were visitors in Altoona on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Boring were visitors in Bellwood Thursday with the lady's sister, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Strittmatter and daughter, Anne, of Tuckahoe, N. Y., are spending this week among friends and relatives in Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele Clark of Cherry Tree were callers in town on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stevens of Washington, D. C., visited friends here on Saturday.

Bakerton

The Bakerton Teen Age Club raised \$25.00 and donated it to the Cancer Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Crimaldi have completed arrangements for a trip to Italy. They plan to sail from New York at the end of the month and remain in Italy for three months where they will visit Mr. Crimaldi's mother and family.

Camilla Murphy, Virginia Irvin and Frances Conway of Pittsburgh, spent Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Custer and son, Danny, of Hershey, were last week end guests at the home of Ruby Williams.

Ellsworth Sponky of Detroit, Mich., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sponky.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wentz and Paul Flora spent the week end in Canton, Ohio. They were accompanied on the return trip by Mr. Wentz's mother, who will visit at the Wentz home.

Week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce James were: Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Byron of Ford City and Mrs. Pike Stinson of Byrnedale.

Paul and LeRoy Schilling of Washington, D. C. spent the week end at their home here.

Lydia Sponky and Betty Obel of Pittsburgh spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sponky.

Mrs. Isidore Nedimyer visited relatives in Pittsburgh over the past week end.

Bill Gemas of Johnstown was a visitor last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Rocco.

Mary Ann Blacklock of Ebensburg spent the week end here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mastram Jr.

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