

Soldier Bonus Big Question On November Election Ballot

Veterans Organizations Laying Plans for Drive

The emphasis is on the \$500 million soldier bonus in Pennsylvania's short local election campaign, opening last week.

The biggest bond issue ever proposed in the Keystone State kept pretty much in the background during the primary campaign. But with party candidates nominated the question comes up for a full-dress discussion during the seven-week election campaign.

Veterans' organizations which conducted voter registration drive this summer, planned to renew that campaign for the Nov. 8 election when the bond issue will be decided at a statewide referendum. The registration lists will be open to Oct. 3.

The big bond issue, already approved by the 1947 and 1948 sessions of the Legislature calls for a maximum payment of \$500 to 1.3 million veterans of World War II. This is on the basis of \$15 monthly for overseas service and \$10 monthly for home service.

Financing of the bond issue, if approved by the voters, will be a job for the 1951 Legislature, unless a special session is called in 1950 for the purpose.

With an eye on the calendar both Democratic and Republican organizations across the state buckled down to the job of getting the voters to elect a slate of candidates picked in Tuesday's primary election.

It will be next week before the real campaigning gets under way. That will allow only seven weeks for the candidates to talk with the voters. But the Legislature, in fixing the September date for local primary elections in odd-numbered years, figured local candidates didn't need as much time as those running for statewide offices in even-numbered years.

One statewide contest is at stake in November, judge of the State Superior Court, but judicial candidates traditionally conduct quiet campaigns. Judge Harry M. Montgomery, Democrat of Allegheny County is seeking to unseat Judge William E. Hirt, Republican. Both were nominated without opposition in the primaries.

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Gallitzin Miner Retires from Pits After 45 Years

William Price of Gallitzin has retired to his hobbies of raising chickens and collecting stamps after 45 years at the coal mining trade.

He laid down his tools June 24 to end a career which began in the coal fields of England at the turn of the century.

Mr. Price was born in Great Britain Nov. 4, 1884. He took his first job picking honey for an English mining concern when he was a lad of 13.

Later he worked as a digger in the mines at Rushaw, near Walsaw, Staffordshire, England.

He left his native land in 1910 to come to America. Mr. Price first settled in Indiana, moved on to Jerome and finally made his home in Gallitzin in 1924.

The veteran miner spent the past 25 years in the employ of No. 10 Mine of Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp. During that time he held down a number of jobs—digger, loader, machine operator, etc.

Although he has not been back to the land of his birth since striking out for the states, Mr. Price has fond memories of his experiences in Britain.

He tells of the old-fashioned mining methods that were in vogue in those days, the hardships, the hardships, etc.

However, Mr. Price concedes that fortune smiled on him in that he worked almost half a century at his trade without becoming involved in a single lost-time accident.

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Motorist Injured Thursday In Crash Near Cherry Tree

Robert Stuart, 21, of Cherry Tree was admitted to the Miners' Hospital in Spangler last Thursday evening for treatment of injuries suffered in a traffic accident. He told authorities his car was forced off Route 219 near Cherry Tree. He sustained injuries of the shoulder, hip and knee.

\$30,000 Fire Loss At Ebsenburg As Huge Truck Burns

Molten Asphalt Blaze Of Undetermined Origin

Loss that might reach \$30,000 resulted from a huge blaze Friday afternoon in Ebsenburg when a huge tank truck used in hauling hot asphalt for a highway job caught fire. The truck was destroyed, along with about 1,300 gallons of molten asphalt.

The fire started about 5 p. m. while the hot paving material was being piped from a railroad tank car into the tank truck for transfer to a road project on Route 422 between Ebsenburg and Revloc. The asphalt was being used to underseal the concrete paving of the highway.

Officials of the Highway Dept. have been unable to determine what caused the fire. The asphalt was heated in a tank car and kept hot by a heating device in the truck.

The huge vehicle is one of three similar machines owned by Charles McIntosh of Virginia, an asphalt distributor, being used on road projects in this county. The last of the carload of asphalt was being transferred to the truck from a railroad car when the blaze broke out.

The Dauntless Fire Co. of Ebsenburg was called to the scene but the flames ruined the big truck and most of its cargo before they were brought under control. The other two trucks were not at the scene of the fire.

The cab of the truck was destroyed, the tires burned off and the chassis badly warped by the intense heat. The paving also was destroyed.

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Miss Betty Lantzy Weds Nicktown Vet

Miss Betty Lantzy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lantzy of Spangler, became the bride of Elto Krumenacker, son of Gilbert Krumenacker of Nicktown at 9 a. m. on Monday of this week in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Spangler. Rev. Father John R. Reichert performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Joanne Lantzy, cousin of the bride was the maid of honor. George Krumenacker, was his brother's best man.

A wedding dinner was served in Wissingers' Inn in Ebsenburg and a reception was held at the Lantzy home.

Following a wedding trip to New England States the couple will reside in Nicktown.

Mrs. Krumenacker is a graduate of the Spangler High School and Indiana School of Nursing, Indiana. She is employed at the Indiana Hospital as a nurse. Her husband, also a graduate of the Spangler High School is an army veteran of World War II, having served in the ETO. He is associated with his father in the lumber business at Nicktown.

Eileen Ratchford Bride At Gallitzin

Miss Eileen Ratchford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ratchford of Gallitzin, and Thomas Yeckley, son of Mrs. Charles Yeckley of Gallitzin, were married at 8 a. m. Saturday, Sept. 3, in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Gallitzin.

Rev. Father Paul A. Lenz, Gallitzin, a close friend of the newlyweds, performed the single-ring ceremony. The wedding marked the first nuptial mass celebrated by the young priest who was ordained Apr. 2 in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. He has not yet been assigned to a parish.

Margaret Ratchford sister of the bride, and Herbert Frazier, nephew of the bridegroom, attended the couple. Miss Ratchford was given in marriage by her father.

Donna Back presided at the organ. A wedding breakfast and reception were held at the bride's home. After a honeymoon in Pittsburgh, the couple plans to reside at 813 Quarry Street in Gallitzin.

The bride is a graduate of the Gallitzin High School and attended Mt. Aloysius Junior College, Cresson. She now is employed by Public Shirt Factory in Gallitzin. Her husband is a graduate of the same high school and now is attending Penn State College.

Gallitzin Church Is Wedding Scene

Miss Lena Michaelangelo, daughter of Mrs. Elsie Michaelangelo of Gallitzin and Thomas Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Cooper of Gallitzin, were united in marriage at a nuptial mass at 8 a. m. last Saturday.

Rev. Father James S. Kirkpatrick, assistant pastor, performed the single-ring ceremony in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Gallitzin.

Virginia Michaelangelo, Washington, D. C., sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Richard Cooper was his brother's best man.

A breakfast for the bridal party and relatives was held in the Horseshoe Trail Tavern in Gallitzin. After a wedding trip to Washington, D. C., the couple will reside at 813 Quarry Street in Gallitzin.

The bride is a graduate of the Gallitzin High School and later graduated from the Hammond School of Beauty Culture in Altoona. Her husband, a marine corps veteran, is also a graduate of the Gallitzin High School and later graduated from the Pennsylvania State College. At present he is employed as an accountant in the Simms Jewelry Store in Altoona.

—It's a tragedy when a man loses his best friend simply by marrying her.

St. Francis College To Open 102nd Year Tuesday, Sept. 27

St. Francis College, Loretto, will open its 102nd academic year Tuesday, Sept. 27. The college, founded in 1847 by the Franciscans, has prepared a six-day orientation program and registration to signal the opening of the fall semester.

Rev. Thomas Callan, TOR, head of the English department, will be celebrant at a solemn high mass marking the official opening of the school year on Tuesday, Sept. 27. College president, Rev. Adrian J. M. Veigie, TOR, will deliver the sermon.

Tuesday, Sept. 20, Freshman orientation will begin and will last for three days. Following a number of welcome gatherings, new students will be treated to a theatre party, a two-day tour of the college area, a skating party, a fraternity open house, and a Freshman welcome dance.

A series of pre-class exams has been scheduled, with tests in English and mathematics given in addition to the series of advisory conferences to be held with each new student to aid them in planning their course of study. Engineering, teaching pre-law, pre-medicine and other arts and sciences.

Registration for non-resident upper classmen will take place on Sept. 22 and 23, and on the 24th all Freshmen will be registered. Resident students who are members of the upper class will be registered Monday, Sept. 26.

Dr. A. M. Bergstein Named At Gallitzin

Dr. A. M. Bergstein of Gallitzin last Thursday night was re-elected president of the home association of Memorial Post 174, American Legion, Gallitzin.

Named directors are D. Russell Chase, three years; Faber V. McCloskey, two years, and John R. Gillen, one year.

Other officers, who assume positions automatically because of similar offices in the Legion post, are Charles Parizek, vice president; W. Howard Weston, secretary, and Joseph F. Bernard, treasurer.

Mr. Weston announced that the membership is 106 to date this year. Six new members were initiated last Thursday night.

A report of the national convention in Philadelphia was given by Mr. Bernard, who also is commander of 20th District (Cambria County) of the Legion.

Dr. Bergstein announced the first annual picnic of the Cambria County Federation of Social and Fraternal Clubs to be held next month in the Oriental Ballroom in Gallitzin. The next post meeting will be held Oct. 20.

—A clock runs fast or slow, but no matter which, it always winds up at the same place.

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WHY THE MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD STRIKE?

Over twenty years ago, the Congress of the United States passed the Railway Labor Act. It was hailed by union leaders as a model for the settlement of labor disputes.

efficiently or economically if the leaders of the unions ignore agreements or laws.

Provisions of the Law which are Disregarded

- 1—Decision by National Railroad Adjustment Board.
- 2—Decision by System Adjustment Board for the specific railroad.
- 3—Decision by arbitration.
- 4—Decision by neutral referee.
- 5—Decision by courts.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad has been and is entirely willing to have these disputes settled in accordance with the requirements of the Railway Labor Act. Regardless of this fact, the union leaders have shut down that railroad.

Innocent Bystanders Suffer Losses and Hardships

There are about 5,000 engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen on the Missouri Pacific. They are known as "operating" employees, and are the most highly paid of all employees on the nation's railroads, but their strike action has resulted in the loss of work to 22,500 other employees of the Missouri Pacific. In addition, they have imposed great inconvenience and hardship upon the public and the communities served by that railroad.

The Railway Labor Act was designed to protect the public against just such interruptions of commerce.

If these men will not comply with the provisions of the law for the settlement of such disputes, then all thinking Americans must face the question, "What is the next step?"

President Truman's Board Condemns Strike

There is an established legal method for handling disputes involving existing written contracts—just as there is such a method of settling any contract dispute which you may have in your daily life.

The President of the United States appointed a Fact Finding Board to investigate and adjust the Missouri Pacific dispute. This Board reported, in part, as follows:

"... it is with a deep sense of regret that we are obliged to report the failure of our mission. It seems inconceivable to us that a coercive strike should occur on one of the nation's major transportation systems, with all of the losses and hardships that would follow, in view of the fact that the Railway Labor Act provides an orderly, efficient and complete remedy for the fair and just settlement of the matters in dispute. Grievances of the character here under discussion are so numerous and of such frequent occurrence on all railroads that the general adoption of the policy pursued by the organizations in this case would soon result in the complete nullification of the Railway Labor Act...."

Obviously the railroads cannot be run

There is no Need for Strikes

With all of the available methods for the interpretation of contracts, there is no need for a strike or even a threat of a strike, but the leaders of these railroad unions have ignored the ordinary procedures established by law and insist upon imposing their own interpretations of their contracts by means of a strike.

The wheels have stopped rolling on the Missouri Pacific. They may stop rolling on other railroads at any time. Recently the Wabash Railroad was forced to discontinue operation for several days under similar circumstances.

What are These Strikes About?

These strikes and strike threats are not about wage rates or hours. They result from disputes over the meaning of existing contracts. They cover claims for a full day's pay for less than a day's work, or for payments for services performed by others who were fully paid for the work done.



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