

### Miners to Pay \$2 Monthly Special Assessment to UMW

Official Word Received In District Last Friday

Coal miners will pay a \$2-a-month special assessment for at least the next three months. The levy is designed to "plan for human and union defense."

The official UMW circulars announcing the special levy were received at the District 2 United Mine Workers office in Ebensburg last Friday. Word of the assessment then was placed in the mails for district locals, most of which held their sessions over the week end.

The circular says that the \$2 monthly assessment is to be in effect for the duration of the present agreements in the anthracite and bituminous districts.

The earliest termination date for the present contract is April 1 of this year.

The special assessment was decided upon at a meeting of the UMW executive board in Washington Dec. 19. No previous announcements of plans for the levy had been given.

According to the circular being distributed to union locals, the special levy is being taken to "meet forthcoming developments" and to "plan for human and union defense."

The circular, signed by UMW chief John L. Lewis and other top officials, states: "We must not only consolidate our gains but we must do everything possible to safeguard the equities of our membership and to create additional insurance by seeing financial bulwarks to take care of any emergency that we may meet in the future, as affecting the welfare of our membership and the security of our union."

"Bitter experience has taught us that we cannot rely upon government officials or politicians, but we must depend upon the strength, courage and solidarity of our membership to erect financial fortifications necessary to surmount our difficulties and march forward as the world's outstanding labor organization."

A \$20 February-March special assessment was ordered during 1951 by the executive board following negotiation of a \$1.60-a-day pay raise for the miners.

It was estimated that this levy put \$9.5 million into the UMW treasury. Purpose of this assessment, the union announced at that time, was to "build up financial bulwarks to ward off the onslaughts from our adversaries."

"A promise of less work for more money never materializes, for less work can only result in less money."

### 1951 Is Relatively Good Year for Coal Mining Industry

Present Contract Runs Out March 31, 1952

Off to a slow start, with three or four working days, at the beginning of the year, the coal industry went out of 1951 with a full work week.

The highlight of the closing year was the suddenness of a \$1.60 pay boost granted the coal diggers. The voluntary pay hike came at the start of the year without a strike or a name being called—something different for the industry. Few people even heard of it.

The raise, negotiated Jan. 18, went into effect Feb. 1. The new boost raised the basic daily wage of the UMW members to \$16.35, said the highest for any industrial worker.

With only a scattering of local strikes, the year was marked by harmonious labor relations.

Late in the year Lewis wrote a letter to his followers to refrain from wildcat strikes, pointing to the pact which set up machinery to settle grievances.

The present contract runs until March 31, 1952. Already the UMW's 200-man policy committee has met to blueprint policies to be followed in local contract negotiations. The union's executive committee was directed to follow any course it deemed best in contract negotiations.

The marriage of Miss Marian R. Hitchings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hitchings of Hollidaysburg to Lt. Robert J. Schettig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon C. Schettig Sr., of Crescon, took place Wednesday, Dec. 19, in Winchester, Va.

The newlyweds returned to Crescon on Christmas Day following a southern wedding trip, and were honored at a wedding reception at the home of the bridegroom's parents Christmas night.

A vicious circle—the more powder some wives use, the more husbands blow up.

### Ebensburg's Lake Rowena May Have More Water Area

Definite plans for remedying unsatisfactory conditions at the new Lake Rowena in Ebensburg were disclosed last Friday.

According to Admiral M. F. Draemel, state secretary of forest and waters, his department will take steps this spring to raise the water level of the dam.

The shallowness of the water when the dam was completed last summer was a source of disappointment to Ebensburg residents and to Admiral Draemel himself.

According to new plans outlined by the state official, work is slated to begin early next spring. The project would result in raising the water level and also cause a greater area to be flooded.

The state's plans were disclosed in a letter written by Admiral Draemel to Herman T. Jones, a prominent Ebensburg resident who has taken an active part in promoting the Lake Rowena project.

Lake Rowena stretches along the eastern edge of Ebensburg and represents the restoration of a former dam destroyed by the flood waters of 1936. The recreational area includes about 55 acres and about 10 of these now are under water. The lake area is expected to be increased by the state's improvement project.

Mr. Jones has turned the letter over to Ebensburg Borough Council. Last September, when the dam was completed, it was turned over to the borough for maintenance by the state.

Admiral Draemel said that the new plans call for flashboards to be installed on the crest of the dam and also that a few feet will be excavated from the upper portion of the dam. The work is expected to begin in early spring, weather permitting.

Mr. Cunningham stated that the club had an average attendance of 80.6 for the year. He further reported that the program committee had been on the job and had provided a program for each meeting. The programs were varied with speakers, music and motion pictures. Three interclub sessions were held. The annual picnic was held at Roselyn Lodge and three Ladies' Nights were held.

Kiwanis will return to Patton for its January meetings, convening for dinner in the Commercial Hotel this Thursday, Jan. 3, at 6 p. m. It is planned to have the new Lieutenant Governor A. E. Long of Indiana present at this meeting to conduct installation of officers.

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Ted Lapina, Tulo Vicini, Margaret Hagans, Josephine Burkey, Kathleen Gettings and Pearl Lutman.

**BIRTHS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sullivan, St. Boniface, son, Dec. 28.  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bukovitz, Colver, son, Dec. 29.

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## Starts Saturday, January 5


### JANUARY ECONOMY SALE



**Men's Hankies**  
**6 for 47¢**

A rare saving! These pure white satin stripe handkerchiefs are worth much more! Neat hem. Finest sturdy cotton fabric. Get a supply.

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### JANUARY ECONOMY SALE



**Silk Squares**  
**Colorful Prints 57¢**


These luxurious pure silk handkerchiefs are a remarkable saving during January. They come in many prints and eye-catching colors.

### JANUARY ECONOMY SALE



**SOFT TISSUES**  
Handy size, Angel Soft tissues. 300 single sheets in each box. 23¢

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**Muslin**  
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**Many Colors 29¢ yd.**

Colorful percale remnants are a wonderful saving at this low January price. Fine 30 square fabric is durable. Many prints and solids.

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FREE BINGO from 2:30 P. M.  
Members and their families welcome!

**TUESDAY NITE, JANUARY 8**  
FREE BINGO from 7:30 P. M.  
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### Colver Hospital Patients' Record

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