

# SOFT-COAL MINES DUE TO SHUT DOWN

But Idleness Is Expected to Be Shorter Than 6 Weeks'  
Closing Two Years Ago; Talks Hinge on  
Guffey Act Extension.

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WASHINGTON, March 31.—Unless Federal efforts to prevent it are unexpectedly successful, nearly all of the country's soft-coal mines will go idle at midnight tonight.

"Only a miracle" could prevent stoppage of production tonight, said Dr. John A. Steelman, director of the U. S. Conciliation Service. Dr. Steelman added, however, "miracles sometimes happen."

More than 300,000 men are involved. That will be by far the largest increment to the ranks of the voluntarily idle since a defense-conscious public began to take a personal interest in labor controversies, but—

The shutdown is likely to be much shorter than the six-week stoppage of two years ago. And despite the demand for full production in all defense industries, the results to the public will not be immediately serious.

Some small bottleneck industries that use coal to generate their own power might begin to feel the pinch within two weeks, but for industry in general more than a month's supply is in the hands of big consumers. And the electric utilities, backbone of power supply for important industries, have at least two months' fuel ahead.

**Steelmen Sits In**  
That is the picture as spokesmen for mine operators and mine workers in the great Appalachian region, producers of 70 per cent of the country's most used fuel, go into pre-deadline conferences.

Steelmen is participating as the personal representative of Labor Secretary Frances Perkins. But he apparently is not acting yet on direct authority from President Roosevelt—which he had two years ago when he forced the operators finally to knuckle to the "union shop" demands of John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers.

Several factors cast doubt on Dr. Steelman's ability to produce an agreement before the union's two-year labor contract expires at midnight.

The operators are faced with a demand from Mr. Lewis for a pay increase of \$1 a day in the basic rate, plus vacations with pay. The labor factor is figured at 63 per cent of the cost of producing coal, and these items would affect production costs.

**Steel Talks Related**  
The industry is operating under a Federal law, the Guffey Act, which penalizes any coal company for selling under a scale of minimum prices, based on costs. But this law will expire on April 26, and the U. S. Senate has not yet followed the House lead in extending it.

The operators want all doubt removed about extension of the law before they agree to any increase in labor costs. Thus the shutdown may be a period of waiting for the continued life of the law to be made certain.

Another factor is that the related negotiations of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee for a 10 per cent pay increase from subsidiaries of U. S. Steel have not reached a public conclusion. Philip Murray, vice president of the Mine Workers and head of the C. I. O., is handling the steel matter, while the coal negotiations engage his long-time partner in labor leading, Mr. Lewis.

As of this morning, Mr. Lewis had failed in his usual policy of signing up the coal-producing districts in Indiana and elsewhere outside the Appalachian Area with the intent of bringing competitive pressure on the mining companies primarily concerned in the New York conferences. The outside districts were said, like the operators represented here, to object to the Lewis formula of extending the present agreement beyond April 1.

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## MRS. ASPERGER, FLORIST, DEAD

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As Secretary-Treasurer  
Of Memorials, Inc.

Mrs. Louise Pahud Asperger, president of the Pahud Floral Co., Inc., and secretary-treasurer of the Asperger's Memorials, Inc., died yesterday at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mrs. Asperger, a native of this city, was 57.

She was a graduate of St. Mary's School and a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, the Indianapolis Liederkreis and the Woman's Society of Indianapolis Florists.

Survivors are her husband, Otto; two sons, Otto and Harry; and three brothers, Charles G. Pahud, Alfred A. Pahud and Harry F. Pahud, all of Indianapolis.

Services will be held at 8:15 a. m. Wednesday at Grunstein's Funeral Home and at 9 a. m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

## So Riley Gets A Special Flag

THEY'RE GOING TO have a special "flag day" celebration at the Riley Hospital and the Rotary Convalescent Home Friday.

Several weeks ago, the Bruce P. Robinson Post 133, American Legion, presented the Public Library with 21 American flags, one for each of the library's branches.

Riley Hospital and the Rotary Home's libraries were overlooked and the cry went up: "We're part of the Public Library. Why didn't we get a new flag?"

Col. Willard S. Boyle, chairman of the Post's Americanism committee, called his committee and mapped plans for a special flag presentation at the hospital.

Col. Boyle will present the flags and J. B. H. Martin and Mrs. Ralph Lynch will speak.

## RICHMOND PLANT IN FULL OPERATION

RICHMOND, Ind., March 31 (U. P.).—The International Harvester plant swung into full production today.

Eighty-two pickets and union sympathizers, seized by police Thursday when non-striking workers opened the plant under police protection, were released under \$27,500 bond Saturday night. A number of these are expected to be called to testify in a Grand Jury investigation.

Robert Foley, C. I. O. organizer from Chicago, announced yesterday that the local union would follow the action of the Chicago unit on the back-to-work issue. Mr. Foley, who said he spoke for Clifford Kerr, local union president, said yesterday all men would return to work, pending mediation of the dispute by the National Mediation Board.

**CLYDE STEFFEY DIES;  
SERVICES TOMORROW**  
Clyde Steffey, Hotel Warren barber, will be buried tomorrow following services at 2 p. m. at the Conkle Funeral Home. The Rev. R. R. Cross, pastor of the West Michigan Street, Methodist Church, will officiate.

Mr. Steffey, who was 59, died Saturday at his home, 2302 W. Walnut St. He was a native of Hamilton County and has lived here for 33 years.

Survivors include his wife, Goldie, and two nieces and two nephews.

## GEORGE NEAL'S RITES ARE SET TOMORROW

Services will be held tomorrow at 9 a. m. at the Holy Cross Catholic Church for George Neal, 11 Eastern Ave. Burial will be at Holy Cross. Services at the residence will be at 8:30 a. m.

Mr. Neal, a resident of Indianapolis for 45 years, died Saturday at his home, after an illness of one year. He was employed by the Kramer Furniture Corp. as a cabinetmaker.

Survivors are his wife, Norma; a daughter, Mrs. Bertha Marchand, and a son, William, both of Indianapolis, and a brother, Edward, of New Richmond, O.

## MARK MAY 18 AS DAY FOR NEW AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, March 31 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt has designated Sunday, May 18, as "I am an American Day," urging its celebration throughout the country "in recognition of our citizens who have attained their majority or who have been naturalized within the past year."

Suitable exercises should be held on that date, a Presidential proclamation said, "to impress upon all our citizens, both native-born and naturalized, the special significance of citizenship in the nation."

"I am an American Day" was first celebrated last year, under the provisions of a Congressional resolution approved May 3, 1940.

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## Blind, Heads N. D. Class



John Morrison, blind honor student at Notre Dame . . . transcribes Braille notes on a typewriter as Brother Justin looks on.

## USES BRAILLE FOR HIS NOTES

John Morrison's Fellow Students Read Texts; Walks Unaided.

Times Special  
NOTRE DAME, Ind., March 31.—John Morrison, of Milton, Mass., has been elected president of the Notre Dame University freshman class.

He also has made a first semester average of 93.5 per cent, which places him scholastically among the first 12 students in a class of more than 1000.

Those are pretty classy achievements for anyone, but especially so for John since he has been blind since he was six years old.

Three students read his textbook material to him and he makes notes in Braille. He also studies books in Braille borrowed from libraries throughout the country.

While attending Perkins Institute for the Blind at Watertown, Mass., he completed his high school course, became a professional massur, and mastered the typewriter. After graduating from the College of Arts and Letters he plans to become an osteopath.

John rises at 5:30 a. m. daily to attend Mass in his hall chapel and since coming here has learned to walk unaided from his room to church, classroom and dining hall.

He follows football games by a portable radio which he takes to the stadium.

He swims in the Rockne Memorial Pool and dives off the 10-foot board. His fellow class officers are John Thornton, Chicago, vice president, and Thomas Schexnayder, Houston, Texas, treasurer.

## BOCKSTAHLER RITES ARE SET TOMORROW

Fred C. Bockstahler, local automobile salesman, died yesterday at his home, 3143 Carson Ave. He was 40.

He was an employee of the E. W. Essig Motor Sales and a member of the St. Mary's Lutheran Church. Mr. Bockstahler was a native of this city.

Services will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the J. C. Wilson Funeral Home with burial following at Crown Hill.

Survivors include his father, Charles; a brother, Edward and a sister, Miss Hazel Bockstahler, all of Indianapolis.

## U. S. GUARDS ZINC

WASHINGTON, March 31 (U. P.).—The National Defense Commission today added zinc to the list of metals it seeks to guard against hoarding and potential profiteering. A ceiling on zinc scrap and secondary slab zinc prices was announced last night.

## STATE DEATHS

ADVANCE.—Mrs. May Lewis, 68. Survivors: Husband, Clay; daughter, Mrs. Edith Jones; sons, Mrs. Joe Lucas and Mrs. Otis Spahr.

BRISTOL.—Mrs. Mary Alice Bellows, 77. Survivors: Sons, George, Milt and Ed; daughters, Mrs. Henry Swoboda, Emma Morse and Mrs. Sarah J. Fostick.

EDINBURG.—Joseph Tuck, 67. Survivors: Wife, Mary B. Tuck, 81. Sons: Peter, half-brother; Mrs. Lewis Graham; daughter, Mrs. Sarah J. Fostick.

HARTFORD CITY.—Mrs. Lucinda Jane Michael, 71. Survivors: Daughters, Mrs. Annie Reasoner, Mrs. Henry Swoboda, Mrs. Ernie Coulter and Mrs. Homer Huff; sons, Fred and Philip Michael.

JASPER.—Cyril Brecher, 15. Survivors: Mother, Mrs. Esther Brecher; brother, Ralph.

Michael Hopf, 68. Survivors: Daughters, Mrs. Urban Gerner, Mrs. Joseph Blesinger, Mrs. Hilbert Hocheng; brothers, John, Martin, Peter, Joseph, sister, Mrs. Jasper—Robert Scherle, 34. Survivors: Wife, Justine; sons, William J. and John J. Grood; daughters, Miss Mary Catherine Scherle, Miss Clara Marie Scherle; brothers, Leo and Joe; sisters, Mrs. Louis Kreilme, Mrs. Tony Kreilme, Maggie Sternberg.

JONESBORO.—James Lee Butler, 10. Survivors: Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Butler; sister, Mrs. Irene Butler; brother, Barney.

LEBANON.—Mrs. Armilda Reagan, 75. Survivors: Sons, Virgil, Clarence and Russ.

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## DR. FICHMAN'S FUNERAL TODAY

Physician Dead After Two  
Months' Illness; Native  
Of New York.

Dr. J. Louis Fichman, who died Friday, will be buried at Beth-El Cemetery following 1:30 p. m. services today at the Aaron-Ruben Funeral Home. Rabbi Elias Chary, Cantor Myro Glass and Cantor Abraham Portnov will officiate.

Dr. Fichman, who lived at 3318 Carrollton Ave., died at Methodist Hospital after a two months' illness. A native of New York City, he had lived here for 15 years.

Dr. Fichman was a member of the Beth-El Temple, B'nai B'rith, Indianapolis Medical Society, the Trudeau Club and Phi Delta Epsilon Fraternity. He was a graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Survivors include his wife, Sara; a son, David; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Meier Fichman of Ft. Wayne; three brothers and a sister.

## License Revoked After 2d Arrest

A YEAR AGO Frank Laux, 1405 N. Chester St., was arrested on a reckless driving charge by Patrolman Michael Burns.

Today the youth faced another reckless driving charge. The arresting officer was the same Patrolman Burns.

That's "once too often." Judge Pro Tem David M. Lewis told Laux as he fined him \$50 and costs and revoked his driver's license for 60 days.

Patrolman Burns said he arrested the youth at 3100 E. Michigan St. after his car crashed into the rear of another driven by a Cleveland, O. motorist. Patrolman Burns said that Laux's car skidded 90 feet before striking the other car, which was traveling in the same direction, and that the impact bumped the Cleveland man's car 50 feet into a vacant lot.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Elser and Mrs. Antonette Frisz, both of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Mary U. Geisert of Terre Haute; two sons, John F. Frisz of Springfield, O., and Joseph H. Frisz of Vincennes, and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Derlet of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Martha Maschino of Terre Haute.

Service arrangements were to be completed today.

## ATKINS WORKER 35 YEARS DIES AT 68

William Reimer, E. C. Atkins Co. employee for the past 35 years, died yesterday at his home, 1626 Prospect St. He was 68.

A native of Germany Mr. Reimer came to Indianapolis when he was 11 years old.

He was a member of the Fountain Square Christian Church, the Atkins Pioneer 20-Year Club and Prospect Lodge 714, F. & A. M.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Bert S. Gadd Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Lewis of the Fountain Square Church officiating. Prospect Lodge will be in charge of the burial service at Washington Park.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Bigelow, Mrs. Josephine Whitehead and Mrs. Edna McQuarry; two sons, George and Edward Meyer; three sisters, Mrs. John Heydan, Mrs. Anthony Funke, Mrs. William Sponcel and two brothers, Henry and Herman Reimer, all of Indianapolis.

## BANDITS GET \$20 AT VOGUE THEATER

Two bandits held up the Vogue Theater cashier last night and escaped with about \$20. They are believed to be the same men who robbed the theater several months ago.

The cashier, Mrs. Helen Martz, told police that one of the bandits flourished a revolver and said "Let's have the money."

After taking the cash the two men ran to the theater's parking lot and drove off in an "old car."

Police failed to find the bandits despite a series of phone calls to headquarters detailing the route they followed.

## MANILA BAY MASCOE DEAD

PHILADELPHIA, U. P.—Dewey, the sulphur-crested cockatoo that weathered the battle of Manila aboard George E. Dewey's flagship Olympia, is dead at 47. The bird died at the Philadelphia zoo where it had lived since 1928.

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## LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

**Oak Park Rotarian Here**—Wayne Hanson, a member of the Oak Park, Ill., Rotary Club and associate state director of the Y. M. C. A. here from 1901-08, will address members of the Indianapolis Rotary at 12:15 p. m. tomorrow at the Claypool Hotel. His subject will be "A Challenge to the Americas."

The program has been arranged by the Rotary Youth Work Committee. City Librarian Luther L. Dickerson is chairman.

**Chapter 481 to Meet**—Newly installed officers of Brookside Chapter 481 will preside at their first stated meeting at 8 p. m. tomorrow at Brookside Masonic Temple, E. 10th and Gray Sts. Mrs. Bess M. Evans is worthy matron and Elmer T. Jones is worthy patron.

**Card Party Arranged**—Golden Rule Loony Auxiliary to the B. of R. T. will hold a card party at Trainmen's Hall, 1002 E. Washington St., at 8 p. m. Wednesday. Mrs. Bertha Porter is chairman.

**Needle Club to Quilt**—The Friendly Needle Club of Banner Temple will hold a quilting party at Castle Hall all day Wednesday. Mrs. Georgia Grant, president, will preside.

**Discusses Home Guard**—Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce members will meet Wednesday noon at the Canary Cottage to hear Col. J. D. Friday, acting adjutant general, discuss the "Indiana Home Guard."

**Botany Is Lions' Subject**—Dr. John E. Polzger, associate professor of botany at Butler University will present an illustrated lecture, "We Search in Botany at Butler University," at the Wednesday 12:10 p. m. meeting of the Indianapolis Lions Club at the Claypool Hotel.

**Tarum Court Meets**—Tarum Court 14, Ladies Oriental Shrine, will hold a stated meeting Thursday at 7 p. m. at the Hotel Lincoln. Officers will be installed.

**Lawyers Hear Doctor**—The Indianapolis Bar Association's April meeting will be held Wednesday at 6:15 p. m. at the association's North Meridian St. headquarters. Dr. Irvin Page, head of the Research Department of Eli Lilly Co., will speak on "Recent Developments in the Field of Medicine."

**Doctors Speak at I. A. C.**—The Indianapolis Medical Society will meet at 8:15 p. m. tomorrow at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. Speakers will include Dr. Lacey L. Shuler, Dr. William F. Molt, Dr. J. A. McDonald, Dr. Jane Ketcham, Dr. Clyde Culbertson and Dr. W. D. Gatch.

**Relief Corps to Meet**—Maj. Robert Anderson W. R. C. 44 will meet at 1:45 p. m. tomorrow in Ft. Friendly, 512 N. Illinois St.

**Theta Chis Meet**—The Theta Chi Alumni will meet at the home of Charles Rummier, 3858 Rugle St., tomorrow at 8 p. m.

**Pythians to Meet**—The Marion County Council of Pythian Chapters will hold a stated meeting tomorrow at the Grand Lodge, Indiana Pythian Building.

**O. E. S. Meeting Set**—Corinthian Chapter, O. E. S., will hold a stated meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday at 2515 W. Washington St. An obligation ceremony has been arranged.

**Townsend Club to Meet**—Townsend Club 48 will meet at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the K. of P. hall at 612 E. 13th St. Bulletins from Townsend headquarters are to be considered. Vice President Harry Skillman is to preside.

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