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Scintilla Union Pledges $100,000 in Aid to Linn Coach Strikers

Would Tap Reserves If Walkout Is Prolonged

Binghamton Press Bureau

Oneonta—Organized employes of Scintilla at Sidney have pledged all-out financial assistance to about 100 strikers at a small defense plant in Oneonta.

Local 1529 of the International Association of Machinists at Sidney voted to raise a $100,000 strike fund, if necessary, to insure success of the Oneonta walkout, it was disclosed yesterday.

The fund would be used to assist members of IAM Local 932, which has been picketing the Linn Coach & Truck Division of Great American Industries, Inc. in Oneonta's West End since Monday.

Irving Lisenby of Sidney, a grand lodge representative of IAM, said Local 1529 pledged its financial support to the Oneonta strikers during a meeting in Sidney Tuesday night.

In addition to raising the strike fund, Local 1529 also decided to give the strikers, estimated at some $50,000, in the event of an emergency in Oneonta, the union official added.

Strikers at Linn will be able to draw on the fund to support their families if the strike continues over a prolonged period, Mr. Lisenby emphasized.

"If the strike goes on indefinitely, we're going to be prepared for it," added Amand Heck, Jr., of Oneonta, business agent for Local 932.

Additional assistance will be sought from IAM locals throughout the Southern Tier, according to Mr. Heck, who is vice-president of Area 7, New York State Council of Machinists.

He said he will plead the Linn cause during a meeting of Southern Tier locals, tentatively scheduled for Monday night at the Arlington Hotel in Binghamton.

"We're in this strike to win what we want, and we're going to contact all IAM locals in the area for the help we need," Mr. Heck declared.

WEEKLY BENEFIT

At present, strikers at Linn in Oneonta are scheduled to receive a $10 weekly benefit from the IAM grand lodge, he pointed out.

The course of events in the Oneonta strike, Mr. Heck continued, could have a bearing on salary provisions for machinists throughout the area.

The Linn local is striking in support of its demand for wage increases ranging from 7 cents an hour. Company officials maintain, while, insist that they are in no position to grant a salary increase at this time.

As picketing at the plant continued, there were conflicting reports concerning possible mediation of the walkout.

Officials of the State Mediation Service have scheduled a conference of principals in Oneonta for next Monday, according to Mr. Lisenby.

REPORT DENIED

But this report received a flat denial from William Buck, general manager of the division.

"If there's a meeting scheduled for next week, this is the first I've heard about it," he told reporters.

He said the situation remains unchanged, but added that production of special trailers for the U. S. Army is continuing with the aid of "a small force" of nonunion employes.

If the existing condition continues, Mr. Lisenby said IAM Local 1529 will soon start raising the strike fund from among its 3,100 members at Scintilla.

Arthur Goebeler is president of the local at Scintilla.

CONSERVATION WAGON TRAIN—A section of the wagon train at the conservation field day yesterday leave the Mortimer Brooks dooryard for a tour of conservation demonstrations.

ONE-DAY POND—A bulldozer is used to construct a 300,000 gallon stock water pond, and other machinery clears and prepares land at the conservation field day yesterday on the Mortimer Brooks farm in Great Brook.

Glens Bridge Fire Petition Circulated

Binghamton Press Bureau

Oneonta—Residents of Glens Bridge area of the Town of Oneonta yesterday began circulating a second petition to align themselves with the newly-formed West Oneonta Fire District.

The second petition is necessary, it was explained, because the first document was circulated while Glens Bridge was still part of the old West End Fire Protection District.

The district has since been dissolved, and in its place there now exists a Fire Protection District encompassing all sections of the town, with the exception of Glens Bridge and West Oneonta.

A short time ago, the district signed a five year fire protection contract with the City of Oneonta at a total cost of $27,000.

In West Oneonta, meanwhile, plans are going forward to staff and equip the newly-formed fire district, officials said.

A public hearing on the Glens Bridge petition to become part of the latter district is planned for 7:30 p. m., Sept. 9, at the Town Hall in West Oneonta.

Workers Get Chest X-Rays At Scintilla

Binghamton Press Bureau

Walton—Out of a total of 4,694 employes of Scintilla Magneto Division of the Bendix Aviation Corporation at Sidney, 4,146 were given chest x-rays last week by a mobile unit under the sponsorship of the Delaware County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

The x-rays will be processed by Dr. Leonard Ackerman, Walton, William C. Gallo of Margaretville, radiologist for the Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton and the Margaretville Hospital. Those who had x-rays taken will be notified of findings. Should any abnormalities appear in the plate, the family doctor is notified as well as the patient and final results of the survey are sent to the Scintilla Medical Bureau.

This extensive survey was made possible by the cooperation of Scintilla officials and personnel, George E. Steiner, general manager and E. M. VanNamee, Supervisor of Plant Protection, assisted in the planning as did Miss Marion Dwyer, supervisor of the Scintilla Medical Bureau.

Costs of the x-rays are borne by the Tuberculosis Association, whose funds come from the yearly sale of Christmas seals.

License Revoked In Crash Case

Binghamton Press Bureau

Oneonta—Clayton Bullis, 42, of RD 1, Oneonta, was fined $50 and had his license revoked in City Court yesterday, when he pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident.

City Judge John L. Van Woert also ordered Bullis to pay City of Oneonta $15 for damages inflicted to municipal property near the Water Filter Plant, off Upper East Street.

Bullis was taken into custody by Sgt. Ernest W. Johnson and Robert G. Patrick late Tuesday night in the vicinity of his home and been noted by Donald Estabrook, 11 Hill Place.

City police said he had collided with a small fence along a driveway leading to the filter plant, and had continued on through Wilber Park without stopping, or reporting the accident.

Greene

Greene — Mr. and Mrs. Ozien Winfield, Mrs. M. D. Tydings, Miss Hazel Tydings and Mrs. Earl Shaw Woodward were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Smith in Rochester Monday. Miss Hazel Tydings remained for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stanton have rented their house, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, to Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Reynolds and family of Ithaca. Mr. Reynolds is the new watch repairman for Freeman Jewelers, Inc., at the Greene Store, and will move here from Cortland.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams and four children will move to Lyons to make their home with the latter, Harvey Shepard, until they find a house in Detroit, where Mr. Adams has taken a position. Mrs. Harry Hoyt and Mrs. Harrison and granddaughter, Judith Moorhead, have returned to their home in Mount Dora, Fla., after spending several weeks with friends in Greene.

Mrs. Richard Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Elliott left Sunday for a two weeks trip to the West. Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Elliott's daughter, Gabrella Hart, a Denver University student, employed during the summer vacation at the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Allan Brown and two sons are spending several weeks in the State of Maine.

OFA Band Plans Owego Concert

Owego—The final band concert of the summer season, presented by the Owego Free Academy Band under the direction of Roger Keagle, will be held in Courthouse Park tomorrow at 8 p. m.

A special novelty feature will be a Dixieland Band playing the "National Emblem March" in Dixieland style. Taking part in the number are:

Gerald Tubaugh, trumpet; Mary Lou Stiles and Kenneth Heeter, clarinets; Ronald Granger, tenor sax; David Chandler, bass, and Mr. Keagle, trombone.

Other numbers on the program include:

"University of Pennsylvania March"; "Mountain Majesty Overture"; "The Man I Love"; "Notre Dame Victory March"; "March of the Musketeers"; "Symphony"; "College Life"; "Time Out for a Jam Session" and "On Wisconsin."

Great Brook Farm Gets Face Lifting

Water Basin, Pond Built on Brooks Land

Binghamton Press Bureau

Norwich—Several hundred persons attended the conservation field day on the Mortimer Brooks farm in Great Brook yesterday sponsored by the Unadilla Valley Grange, 1566.

The program started at 8 a. m. and at noon there were about 200 cars parked in the highway and the Brooks dooryard.

Scores of farmers and other persons interested in soil conservation were visited tractor-drawn hay wagons over the farm to the various conservation demonstrations. Others were enjoying refreshments at a food stand and listening to speeches near the headquarters tent.

BIG PROJECTS

There were tons of dirt moved.

Bulldozers scooped up the earth to form a 300,000-gallon stock water basin, and another bulldozer was busy all day making a wildlife pond, which will be stocked with fish and will serve as a breeding place for wild ducks and muskrats.

A giant bulldozer ripped out trees and brush on a hillside and scraped away an old stone hedge, opposite the Brooks home.

The bulldozer was followed by plows, harrows, rows of drags and harrows, as part of the demonstration which included about 50 pieces of farm equipment.

TECHNICIANS ON JOB

There were about 15 technicians of the United States Soil Conservation Service on the job, and representatives of other governmental agencies, including the Extension Service, Department of Conservation, and Production and Marketing Administration.

The field day was planned by the Grange to attract attention to the soil conservation experiment of the Great Brook Soil Conservation Cooperators Association.

There will be field days on the farm for at least three more years to show the progress made by proper adaptation of the various parts of the farm to their best uses.

In the association's experiment it is expected that over a period of years soil conservation practices will be applied to more than 90 per cent of the 26 square miles of the Great Brook Watershed.

It was explained that the work to be done will improve the watershed and the women of the Grange yesterday on the Brooks Farm got the type of work which will be done with the federal money appropriated for the valley.

FEDERAL MONEY

It has been reported that about $50,000 of federal money will be spent in this fiscal year on various flood control projects in the Great Brook.

The Great Brook area is one of about 20 pilot watersheds selected for a nationwide experiment in the control of water in the small upstream watersheds where the water falls.

Conservationists believe that a chain of the need for large flood control dams such as the one planned by the Army Engineers for construction at Mount Upton in the Unadilla River can be eliminated by proper soil conservation methods applied to the small watersheds.

Harold Eaton, assistant state conservationist of the SCS, speaking at the field day, said, "Every army engineer will agree that every large dam should be backed up by practices like these we are demonstrating today."

He continued, "The Army Engineers could not wait for protection like this. This is a most worthwhile effort to find out what can be done back up in the little watersheds."

BINGHAMTON INTEREST

Leland Jones of Broome County, chairman of the State Association of Conservation Directors, said "there is much interest in this in Binghamton. It appears we are going to get more immediate action from the farmers than from the Army Engineers."

William Williams, a representative in Congress from Oneida County spoke of the importance of conservation practices in increasing farm production.

He said that the time is coming when this country will not have enough land to grow its own food to say nothing of "feeding other nations."

Emergency in Sidney Center

Otsego, Delaware Suffer From Severe Drought

Binghamton Press Bureau

Oneonta—Residents of Otsego and Delaware counties prayed for rain today, as water supplies in at least five communities were imperiled by the continued drought.

Emergency conditions exist in Cherry Valley, Sidney Center, Milford, Hamden and Walton, according to a State Department of Health official in Oneonta.

Harold F. Back, district sanitary engineer, emphasized yesterday, however, that all that is needed to alleviate the water shortage is "a good rain."

But continued lack of rain, he warned, could elevate the situation to the critical stage within the next few days.

One of the hardest hit communities in the two-county area is Sidney Center, he said, where residents have been pumping water from two creeks, while trying to develop a well near an abandoned creamery.

"We've issued a boiled water order in Sidney Center, because of the poor quality of the water, even after excessive chlorination," Mr. Back declared.

Emergencies are declared in the area, he continued, when residents are forced to draw water from creeks or streams, rather than from their usual source of supply.

In Walton, he said, residents have been on an emergency basis for the last month.

In Cherry Valley, the community's 75,000,000 million gallon capacity reservoir, fed by springs, has dropped to 1,000,000 gallons, causing officials to issue a conservation order.

The order bans use of water for washing cars or watering lawns and gardens until the emergency is over.

A similar situation exists in Milford, but village officials pointed out there is no cause for alarm unless the present drought continues.

In Oneonta, Director of Public Service Clarence M. Taylor said last night the city's main reservoir, with a capacity of 470 million gallons, is down somewhat, but not enough to warrant conservation measures.

The approach of the fall rainy season, he predicted, would raise the reservoir supply to normal.

Fire Sweeps 15-Acre Field In Otsego

Binghamton Press Bureau

Oneonta—Hay burning in barns, a pause to volunteer firemen in Otsego County, but a fire in a hay field is something else again.

Such was the case on the farm of Herbert Morris, situated some two and one-half miles north of South Valley, shortly after 1 p. m. yesterday.

Fire chief Edward Shipway of Cherry Valley said the hayfield fire broke out when Mr. Morris returned to his home after working in the field.

The flames quickly swept over a 15-acre area, including an adjoining meadow, before they were snuffed out near a dry stand of pine woods by volunteers and neighbors of Mr. Morris.

Damage to hay, which had been cut earlier in the day, was estimated by Chief Shipway at some $25.

The South Valley area, like Cherry Valley, has been without rain for the last few weeks.

Suffers Finger Laceration

Binghamton Press Bureau

Oneonta—Eugene Hadden, 29, of 59 Elm Street, lacerated the forefinger of his left hand about 7:30 p. m. yesterday while at work as a mechanic at the Oliver Wolfe Chevrolet Co., in Elm Street. He was attended at Fox Memorial Hospital.

Pays Nielsen Bill

Oneonta Board OKs Approach to OSTC

Binghamton Press Bureau

Oneonta—City officials have approval on the West Street Approach to Oneonta State Teachers College, which is now open after having been under construction since 1940.

Board of Public Service Chairman Lester Fieg and individual commissioners have inspected the approach, which was accepted by on behalf of the city, it was disclosed during last night's board meeting at City Hall.

At the same time, the board approved the payment of $18,143 to Neil R. Nielsen of Oneonta for curbs, gutters and paving, which represented the final phase of the long-standing project.

Total cost of the approach, over which will be routed vehicular and pedestrian traffic bound for OSTC's new campus, has been about $160,000.

In approving payment of the final bill, Chairman Fieg and Commissioner Ralph Ingalsbe, acting for Donald F. Moore, assistant director of public service, under whose supervision the approach was completed.

"He did an outstanding job, despite several unforeseen obstacles which arose during the course of construction," was the consensus of Chairman Fieg and his colleagues.

The board also approved payment of $945 to the Oneonta Concrete Co. for the grading which has been completed at the Enterprise Industrial Park, off Grand Street.

Approval of both the Nielsen and OCC bills is now subject to concurrence by the Common Council, before payments are actually made.

Oneonta to Cut Water Supply Of Delinquents

Binghamton Press Bureau

Oneonta—About a dozen homeowners in Oneonta face loss of their city water supply today, unless their water rental bills are paid within the next 10 days.

The Board of Public Service last night adopted a stringent resolution authorizing Director of Public Service Donald F. Moore to shut off their supply on Sept. 7, if payment is not received.

Chairman Lester Fieg and board members acted after City Attorney Anthony DeAngelis reported that 12 homeowners are delinquent in their water accounts, and owe the city some $200.

He said City Chamberlain James D. Van Woert had handed him a list of the delinquents two months ago, with a request that collections be made.

Letters to the homeowners resulted in payment by about 25 per cent of the delinquents, Mr. DeAngelis declared, adding that a dozen have yet to respond.

Another appeal for payment will be mailed to the delinquents today, he added.

Director of Public Service Taylor said all of the delinquent accounts represent separate billings, necessitated by transfers in properties.

Ordinarily, he added, water rental is sent along to homeowners with their annual tax bills.

The public service director also pointed out that once the water supply is cut off, delinquent homeowners will be assessed an additional charge before service can be restored.

Hubbly Denies Passing $1,715 Rubber Check

A 23-year-old Harpursville RD 1 man, who last month represented himself as an Episcopalian rector in Greene, pleaded innocent yesterday in Portsmouth, N. H., Municipal Court to a charge of passing a $1,715 bad check.

The man, who police said gave the name of Calvin L. Hubbly, was held in $5,000 bail for Superior Court.

Mr. Hubbly is reported to have represented himself both in Greene and in Portsmouth as an Episcopal rector. However, no such rector is now available that he has any official connection with the church.

According to Portsmouth police, Mr. Hubbly purchased a car from a Portsmouth car dealer on July 27 and paid for it with a $1,715 check drawn on the First National Bank of Greene. The dealer subsequently checked with the Greene bank and was told that the check was bad.

Mr. Hubbly had deposited $2,000 check in the Greene bank last month but the check did not clear the Chase National Bank in New York City.

Mr. Hubbly is also wanted by state police of Sidney on a charge of first degree grand larceny in connection with purchase of a used car from George F. Demarest Inc., of Bainbridge. Mr. Hubbly is accused of paying $1,500 for the car with a check drawn on the deposit in the Greene bank. The car was later returned to the Demarest firm by Mr. Hubbly's relatives.

The defendant is the nephew of Mrs. Earl C. Wilbur of Harpursville RD 1. Mrs. Wilbur said she took him into her home after his mother died at the time of his birth.

Trio Arraigned at Unadilla

Arrest of 3 May Solve Burglaries in 4 Counties

Oneonta—A four county wave of burglaries was believed solved yesterday, State Police said, with the arrest of three men in the area.

The trio was scheduled for arraignment before Justice of the Peace G. P. Stilson at Unadilla, and were remanded to the Otsego County jail in default of bail on charges of second degree grand larceny during an examination on charges of third degree burglary and second degree grand larceny during an examination before Justice of the Peace G. P. Stilson at Unadilla, which they were said by police to have removing a milking machine, an electric drill and a box of tools.

During questioning by State Police and BCI men at Sidney Barracks, the three allegedly confessed to committed some 20 burglaries in the Otsego, Delaware, Chenango and Broome County area.

The thefts, police said, were committed during the last three weeks, and involved a variety of loot, most of which has not been recovered.

The trio were identified by police as Donald R. Sibley, 19, of RD 2, Unadilla; Glenn A. Stafford 23, and Donald R. Stafford, 22, both of RD 2, Bainbridge.

They are specifically charged with burglarizing a barn and milked on the farm of Irving Sawyer, RD 1, Unadilla, during which they were said by police to have removing a milking machine, an electric drill and a box of tools.

Unadilla

Unadilla — Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pearce, Mrs. Nellie Cox, Miss Jessie Randall and Mrs. Elsie Curtis attended the Guilford Methodist Church Old Home Day in Guilford Sunday. There was an attendance of over 100.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sondgram, who have been house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Amasa J. Teed for the last few days, left Tuesday for their home in Ft. Myers, Fla., thence to Hartford, Conn., and from there they will go to Fort Meyers Beach, Fla., for the winter.

Miss Carol Conrow of Sidney was a recent guest of her aunt, Miss Hattie Conrow.

Mrs. Scott Clark of Sayre, Pa., was a house guest at the home of Miss Dorothy Earl and Mrs. Lena Earl.

Miss Linda Freeseart of Guilford was a weekend guest of her friend, Miss Nancy Russel.

Mrs. Olive McKay of Flint, Mich., was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Olie Mackley. Other guests at the Mackley home were Miss Emma Johnson and Miss Polly Cochrane of Bouce.

Church Group To Hold Picnic

Binghamton Press Bureau

Norwich—The Men's Club of the First Congregational Church is planning the annual church picnic which will be held at the YMCA Camp in Pharsalia on Saturday.

Church members and their families and friends are invited.

The program will start at 12 noon, with the children's races and games, under the direction of the Rev. Walter Ingels, assistant pastor.

Dinner will be at 2 p. m.

On the arrangements committee are Sumner Shepard, Donald H. Burr, Frank Brown, David Grant, Eugene Cole, Jr., Ray Davis, Milton Rogers and Len Tyler.

Bible School Exercises

Binghamton Press Bureau

Sidney—The closing exercises of the Vacation Bible School will be held at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Friday at 7:30 p. m. The children will demonstrate the work of the week by recitations and exhibitions of handiwork.

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