

24,000 Get  
Raise in Pay  
From J. & L.company. CIO Heads  
Agree on Boost Of  
10 Cents Hourly

Brief Parley Held

Pittsburgh Steel Strike  
Called Violation Of  
Union ContractA new contract agreement carry-  
ing a 10-cent-an-hour wage boost  
and improved vacation terms to  
all workers of the Jones &  
Laughlin Steel Corporation was  
announced yesterday in a single three-  
hour conference of company and  
union officials.As in most of the steel industry's  
new wage agreements announced  
last week, the J. & L. contract, to  
be signed as soon as a joint com-  
mittee of six negotiators can have  
the documents prepared, follows  
the one signed Monday by  
Carnegie-Illinois Steel and the CIO  
Workers Organizing Commit-  
tee. All of them are retroactive to  
last July.

Another Firm Joins List

Another firm joining the growing  
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## Century Spanned in Aid to Greece



Over 100 years ago, the grandfather of Theos E. Manos (standing) was fighting in Greece's war of independence against the Turks, and his efforts were aided by a Greek Relief committee in Pittsburgh which included forerunners of the three men seated. Left to right, they are: S.

Davidson Herron, William M. Duff and C. S. McKee. With Mr. McKee as chairman they have formed an 1826-1941 Greek War Relief Committee, which also includes Robert A. Blackwell and Donald C. Bakewell. Manos is Pittsburgh chairman of the Greek War Relief Association.

Serum Racket  
Fails to Jell

A new angle in the age-old "bunco game" field was brought to the attention of Northside police last night by William Kohlhaugh of 1527 Howard street who was almost—but not quite—taken in.

A well-dressed stranger, Kohlhaugh said, called at his home, representing himself as a CCC camp official. After several minutes of affable conversation, the stranger related that he was calling on parents of boys at the camps to collect \$8 from them for an important, but expensive, "serum" which he pur-portedly administered to the boys at camp. It was too expensive, however, and while he kept the conversation going, sent a mem-ber of the family for police. The stranger, sensing the approach of the law, with a pleasant "Good Night" slipped out the door and was gone.

James Asks  
For GwynnSigns Extradition Papers  
For Red Leader

The first step to have Charles Gwynn, chairman of the Western Pennsylvania division of the Communist Party, returned here from New York for sentence, was taken yesterday when Governor James signed extradition papers.

Gwynn was convicted of perjury in the circulation of Communist party petitions last November and failed to appear for sentence last month, his counsel claiming he was a patient in a New York hospital. Detectives learned, they said, that he was not a patient in the hospital at the time the sentences were meted out to other convicted on the same charge.

Aid-Greece Campaign Linked  
With Similar Drive in 1826Descendants of Men Who Aided Greeks in War  
For Independence on Committee Now

There are at least five persons in Pittsburgh whose sympathies for embattled Greece are "inherited."

It was found in a recent survey by the Greek War Relief Association that these five—and probably many others as well—are descended from members of a Greek Relief Committee that was formed here in 1826—more than a century ago, to aid the Greeks in their war of independence against the Turks, which began in 1821.

The stories of Greek heroism had struck a responsive chord in the hearts of Americans, who themselves had so recently won their independence, and even more recently had fought a second war with Britain to preserve it.

Press comments of that time bear a remarkable similarity to editorial pronouncements of today. For instance, there was this passage from the Baltimore "Patrol," quoted in the Pittsburgh "Mercury," July 5, 1826:

"The Greeks . . . have proved themselves worthy of the liberty for which they are struggling, and if they are unsuccessful, it will not be for the want of stout hearts and great souls."

In that year, 1826, a Greek relief committee was set up in Philadelphia, and the first steps were taken in creation of a similar group here. Finally, at the suggestion of the Pittsburgh "Mercury," a public meeting was held at the courthouse on January 18, 1827, and commit-tees were appointed to solicit funds, provisions and clothing for the Greeks.

One of the committees was in-structed "to wait on the Reverend Clergy of this City" and ask them to apply to their organizations for contributions "and to accompany the application with appropriate remarks."

At least one minister did so, for the "Mercury" later carried a news item which said, "The Reverend Dr. Blackwell, on Sabbath night last, preached a sermon and took

up a collection for the relief of the suffering Greeks."

A descendant of that Dr. Blackwell, Robert A. Blackwell of 904 Laxton road, has become one of the charter members of an 1826-1941 Greek war relief committee, which has just been organized by Theos E. Manos, Pittsburgh chairman of the Greek War Relief Association.

Among the members of the various committees serving at that time were Thomas Bakewell, the Reverend Francis Herron, John McKee and William Duff.

And these descendants of those men have also become members of the 1826-1941 committee: Donald C. Bakewell, vice president of the Blaw-Knox Company; S. Davidson Herron, assistant vice president of the Mellon Securities Corporation; C. S. McKee, investment broker; William M. Duff, president of the Edward A. Woods Company. Mr. McKee was elected chairman yesterday.

It is hoped that others descended from members of that original committee will be discovered and enlisted. If you think you're descended from any of the following "old timers," all of whose names appear in reports of the Aid-Greece movement of more than 100 years ago, the Greek War Relief Association would like to hear from you:

The Honorable William Wilkins, N. B. Craig, A. S. T. Mountain, B. R. Evans, Judge Shaler, the Reverend Francis Herron, Michael Allen, A. Way, Charles Brewer, William Bell, Jr., Colonel John Ramsey, Robert T. Stewart, Isaac Lightner, Henry Holdship, John McKee, William Eichbaum, Jr., Dr. F. Gazzan, Ross Wilkins, Alexander McCandless, William Robinson, William Pentland, George Darsie, John Wallace, Alexander Sample, J. D. Baird, Hugh McShane, William Duff, Thomas Bakewell, T. L. Clarke, Matthew B. Lowrie, John M. Snowden, James Correy, Samuel Robinson, Thomas Cooper, Robert Burke and Samuel Kingston.

Propeller  
Plant Job  
Begins SoonContract Is Awarded  
For Construction  
Of Factory

Cost Is \$5,221,100

James Is to Attend  
Ground-Breaking At  
Beaver, April 24

Award of a contract to the Hughes-Foulkrod Company of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia for construction of the \$5,221,100 propeller plant at Beaver, Pa., for the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, was announced last night by Robert L. Earle, general manager, and James H. McKee, Neville Island plant manager, of the company's propeller division.

Work on the project will be started within a short time, the announcement said, and will be rushed to completion as a part of the national defense program.

**Fabrication Under Way**  
The American Bridge Company of Ambridge was given the contract for structural steel and fabrication of the material was reported yesterday as being well under way.

The boiler contract went to the Combustion Engineering Company of New York and Pittsburgh. Design of the new plant has been fashioned in accordance with the most modern industrial practice, according to Earle and McKee, and is to be of brick and steel construction.

Particular attention, they said, is being given to good lighting for day and night work. All glass in the monitors and side walls will be made of coolite glass, a recent development which filters out sun glare and effectively reduces inside temperature during hot weather. The roof is to be insulated to a further aid to reduction of inside temperature.

**Forced Air Outlets**

Several forced draft air outlets are to be built in each roof monitor to provide ventilation.

The plant will have a total of 435,000 square feet of floor space, wood block flooring being used throughout. The main factory portion will be of single story construction and will be laid out for a high rate of production.

Fronting Tuscarawas road will be the administration building, a three storied, reinforced concrete and brick affair, completely air conditioned.

When in full production the plant will employ approximately 4,000 persons. The plant erection was undertaken by the Curtiss-Wright Corporation in accordance with an agreement with the Defense Plant Corporation under terms of which ownership will be in the name of the Federal body while operation was in charge of the Curtiss-Wright concern.

**James to Attend Ceremonies**

Governor James and other state officials and representatives of President Roosevelt as well as secretaries of the war and navy departments have promised to attend the ground-breaking ceremonies in Beaver April 24.

Among state officials who have signified an intention to accompany the governor here for the event are Lewis G. Hines, secretary of labor and industry; his deputy secretary, Frank K. Boal, and Public Utility Commissioner, Thomas C. Buchanan. Colonel Lynn G. Adams, commissioner of state police, has made arrangements for a large detail of state motor police to escort guests and to handle traffic.

Reservations have been made for 40 persons at the banquet to be held that night.

Among the banquet speakers will be Frank R. Phillips, president of the Duquesne Light Company. A new power station being built by the power company at the eastern end of the county, combined with the cost of the Curtiss-Wright plant, will mean an expenditure of \$13,000,000 in that area for construction work this year, it was estimated.

Printing Arts  
Leaders to Meet

A meeting of leaders in printing and graphic arts education at Carnegie Institute of Technology tomorrow and Saturday will coincide with a reunion of graduates of the department of printing, marking the department's twenty-ninth anniversary.

Dr. Webster N. Jones, director of the college of engineering, will welcome the returning printing graduates tomorrow afternoon, and the Tech laboratories in photolithography, machine composition, presswork, design and typography will be open for inspection.

The alumni will attend a dinner in the Carnegie Commons tomorrow night and a "get-together" meeting at Carnegie Union.

## Dean to Be Honored

Dr. Charles S. Tippetts, dean of the school of business administration at the University of Pittsburgh, who has been elected headmaster of Mercersburg Academy, will be guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Princeton Alumni Association of Central Pennsylvania tomorrow night at the Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg.

## It's Magnolia Time



Barbara Burns, Carnegie Tech drama student, took time out from classes yesterday to help the photographer produce this salute to approaching summer. The run of warm weather has brought the magnolias into full bloom within the past few days, and few of the trees surpass this one in Beacon street, Squirrel Hill.

Some Citizens Are Worried  
Over Tomorrow's BlackoutArmy Officials Kept Busy Answering Phone Calls  
To Assure Nothing Terrible Will Happen

Pittsburgh was taking its first blackout seriously yesterday, and army officials were called to the phone again and again to assure worried citizens that nothing terrible is going to happen when the "lights out" signal is given at 10:10 p. m. tomorrow.

All the worry, however, was caused by a misunderstanding, and the callers were reassured that lights and power will not be cut in any homes or shops.

"We are counting on all householders to co-operate voluntarily," Lieutenant Alexander W. Farmer declared.

Street lights, however, will be cut off, street cars will stop where they are, and automobiles will be ordered to the curb.

Word came from city hall, too, that the blackout co-operation asked by Mayor Cornelius D. Scully is entirely voluntary and that any citizens who want to keep their lights blazing have a legal right to do so.

Besides being reassuring, Lieutenant Farmer also called attention to the entertainment flavor of the Pittsburgh style blackout.

Milk Dealer's  
Case ReopenedSuperior Court, on Appeal,  
Orders Re-Argument

The superior court yesterday ordered a re-argument of the state's appeal in the case against Robert G. Jackson, owner of Oakdene farm, Allison Park, fined \$25 and costs by an alderman on a charge of violating the state milk control act, because a woman employee sold a gallon of milk for 30 cents.

The appeal is from a decision by Common Pleas Judge M. A. Musmanno reversing the alderman's conviction, of December 6, 1939. No reason was given for the re-argument, and no time was set for it.

Run Over by Train,  
Man Seeks \$50,000

Because a train ran over him on a grade crossing, Albert Thomas Swanson of Heshbon, Indiana county, sued the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for \$50,000 damages in common pleas court yesterday, charging negligence.

His suit says he was walking over the crossing in Heshbon, after having heard or seen nothing, and wheels of a train crushed his right leg and right hand so that the leg required four amputations and the hand was made useless.

ONLY 14 MORE  
RENTING  
DAYSBEFORE MAY 1st  
See Today's  
POST-GAZETTE  
RENTAL VALUESGOP Move  
For Tax To  
Vote BeatenCounty Senators With  
Exception of Geltz  
Opposed

Ballot Is 25 to 18

Woodward Resolution  
Passed Both Houses  
In 1939By John E. Jones  
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

HARRISBURG, April 16—A Republican effort to restore the poll tax qualification for Pennsylvania voters was defeated in the Senate today.

Senator George W. Woodward's joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment which would have required possession of a tax receipt to exercise the right of franchise was favored, 25 to 18, but lacked one vote of the necessary majority for passage.

Two Republicans, Senators John M. Walker, Oakmont and A. Evans Kephart, Philadelphia, joined with 18 Democrats in helping to kill the move. Two other Republicans suddenly disappeared from the Senate chamber while the roll was called.

**Faced Defeat in House**

The resolution was earmarked for defeat in the Democratic House, even had it passed the Senate. Democratic state leaders announced earlier in the session that they were unalterably opposed to restoring "property qualifications" for voting.

Woodward's resolution won the approval of a Republican-controlled House and Senate in 1939. It required the approval of two consecutive legislatures.

Had it passed both houses this year, the amendment would have been submitted to the electorate for approval or rejection at the November election.

Once a pre-requisite for voting, the poll tax qualification was repealed in 1933.

**Would Have Required Receipts**  
The Woodward proposal would have required every voter, not voting on age alone, to show a county or school tax receipt not more than two years old at the polls.

Democratic State Chairman Meredith Myers issued a cryptic statement after the bill failed. "It's high time," he said, "that the leadership of the Republican party woke up to the fact that property qualifications for the franchise will never be restored in Pennsylvania."

The only Allegheny county senator to vote for the proposal was Republican Floor Leader James A. Gelt. The five others voted against it.

City Recreation  
Vacancies Filled

Superintendent Louis C. Schroeder, of the city's recreation bureau, has announced two appointments in advance of the opening of the intensive summer playground program. Raymond H. Stebbins of the Thirtieth ward, and for some time in the grounds division, has been promoted a general supervisor at \$2,480 a year.

Stebbins fills a vacancy which has existed since last fall. His place will be filled by Raymond Boll of the Tenth ward, active in baseball and general athletics, who will receive \$2,400.

"News of the New"

KNIT DRESSES  
by Kingston

Jonasson's breaks the news—with this wonderful new Kingston classic! It's knit of linen thread with a spun rayon nub—non-crushable and so cool. Buttons down the front and has a pleated effect at shoulders and pockets. Leather belt. In natural. Sizes 12 to 20.

ONLY 14 MORE  
RENTING  
DAYS  
BEFORE MAY 1st  
See Today's  
POST-GAZETTE  
RENTAL VALUES

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JONASSON'S