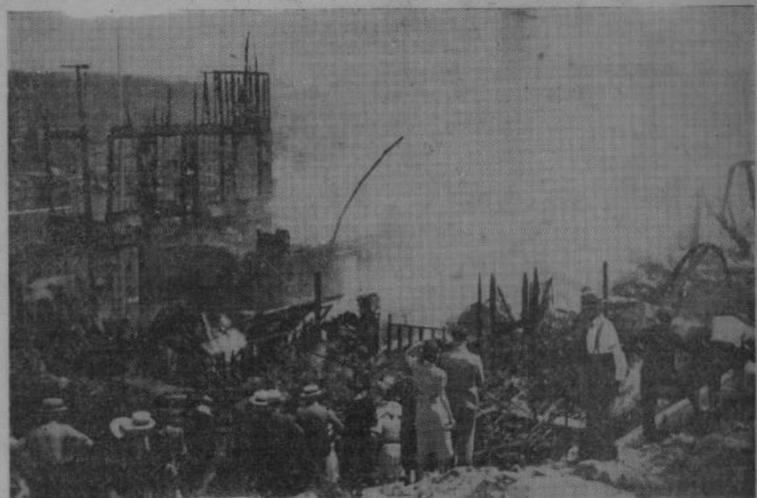




TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL BURNS TO THE GROUND

Fire Discovered After Saturday Midnight Levels Handsome School Structure With An Approximate Loss Of Some \$200,000

Smouldering Ruins of School Building



Above are pictured the smouldering ruins of the once-proud Mahanoy Township High School building, destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The complete destruction of the building can easily be seen. (Photo by Joe Klein)

Alarm Turned In At 12:14 O'clock Sunday Morning From Box 4-3 Brings Town And Out-of-town Firemen To Fight The Most Spectacular Blaze In The History Of Mahanoy City. Flames Spread With Such Rapidity Firemen Were Helpless.

NEARBY TOWNS SEND APPARATUS AND BADLY NEEDED FIRE HOSE

Blaze Was Discovered In Western End Of The Building And When First Seen Was Apparently Confined To One Room. Within a Few Minutes It Had Broken Through To The Roof And Spread With Lightning-like Rapidity To All Other Points Of The Big School Building.

Fire that spun a crimson streak along the eaves of the Mahanoy Township High School building Sunday morning shortly after Saturday midnight turned the building into a roaring furnace within half an hour after its discovery and in the most spectacular of blazes in the town's history, leveled the beautiful, crystal-white building on South Fourth street with a loss approximating \$200,000.

Discovered a bare twenty minutes after the building was emptied following joyous Class Night exercises when the one hundred and thirteen members of the graduating class entertained parents and friends, the blaze in short order became a holocaust. Little or nothing was saved and in the space of four hours until the "fire out" blasts were sounded, the building was leveled.

Nothing remained to greet the dawning but the four stately Corinthian pillars that marked the entrance to the building, a smoking stack that led from the furnace room, and a fireproof section of corridor that marked the new gymnasium in the annex of the building. These twisted cylinders of steel bore witness to the intensity of the intense heat that shriveled leaves on trees on the hillside nearby and compelled residents of town in the vicinity to keep an alert and vigilant guard through the night.

As a safety measure and to guard against any possible injury to firemen and the thousands of curious who came to view the ruins, Fire Marshal Charles Weber, fighting his seventh blaze since he assumed office June 7th, ordered the pillars torn down to complete the last bit of the razing of the once stately monument to education.

With the tumbling of the pillars under the pull of ropes hauled by huskies of the fire squads, finis was written on the building that reared its head to the skies some twenty-two years ago. The destruction was thorough and complete, above and beyond anything ever anticipated or dreamed.

Discovery Of Fire

The fire struck from a clear sky with its discovery coming some twenty minutes after the building was emptied of graduates and friends enjoying what proved to be the final class night exercises ever to be held in the building.

The social function was ended, it was stated by those in charge, at 11:40 o'clock with the playing of the final numbers by the school musicians, and within fifteen minutes, just five minutes before the midnight hour that marked the Sabbath, the building was clear of all people excepting night janitor Frank Benedict of Jackson.

Mr. Benedict himself was authority for the statement that his examination and search of the building after all had left revealed no sign of fire. He made his customary examination both by light and in the darkness with only his flashlight to guide him. His flashlight inspection, he said, would come when he would move through the building the better to discover in the darkness any smoldering that may have come from an accidental tossing away of a forbidden cigarette, or for anything wrong or out of order.

His examination, routine in the course of his duties, found nothing suspicious nor anything that resembled a fire.

WORKING TIME

The Record-American receives information on working time from the coal companies and attempts to give the latest information available at press time. This paper cannot be held responsible for any change of orders or errors, over which we have no control.

- Lehigh Valley Coal Company—Packer No. 5 and Springdale 100 Tuesday, June 21. Centralia Collieries Company; Park works. The P. & R. C. & I. Company—St. Nicholas central breaker (full breaker, one shift) and Brookside work. Morea Coal Company; New Boston and Morea work. East Bear Ridge Coal Company—Mahanoy Plane works. Susquehanna Coal Company—William Penn and Kehley Run work.

One Of Finest School Buildings In This Section

The main building of the Township high school was erected and first used in 1916 while the newer annex was completed and thrown open for public inspection following the annual graduation exercises held by the Class of 1934 on June 22, 1934. The combined buildings made for one of the finest high school plants in the state. A comment typical of the admiration often expressed by outsiders was that passed by a member of the State Police within recent months. "I have inspected nearly all of the high schools in this section of the state and this (the township's) can be compared only with the building of the Lower Merion Township high school." Lower Merion located in suburban Philadelphia is one of the richest townships in the state.

The annex was modeled on the Greek style of architecture continuing the same style as the older building. The center of the wing contained an entrance to the first floor which separated the library from the offices of the school authorities and health rooms. A branch corridor led from the main building and opened into the library quarters and the offices of the superintendent, secretarial and directorate offices.

The library housed thousands of volumes and was splendidly equipped. A small workroom adjoined the library where books were mended. A card index system was in use at the library. The shelves were filled with books and other offices were finely equipped with handsome mahogany furniture.

The medical room containing the most modern equipment was of most modern type and was one of the finest in the state as were the dental room and optometrical room. The medical room equipment permitted of performing of minor operations with operating table, eye testing machines, violet rays, and other machines for use of the school physician.

Handsome statues adorned the corridors of the building and made for a pleasing effect upon the eye.

The second floor there was a miniature auditorium occupying the entire width of the eastern end of the building. It had a stage fully equipped for showing of sound films and ideal for presentation of school plays and entertainments. Leading from the auditorium were two smaller rooms used as practice and storage rooms where band and orchestra instruments and music were stored. A large cedar closet contained the band uniforms. Indexed filing cabinets contained the records.

Commement Exercises Tonight At St. Nicholas

Diplomas Recovered From The High School Vault To Be Presented the 111 Graduates.

Commement exercises for the one hundred and eleven graduates of Mahanoy Township High School will be held tonight as scheduled, it was announced by Superintendent of Schools James Noonan.

The exercises, following on the heels of the fire that leveled the high school of the district early yesterday morning, will be held in the St. Nicholas elementary school building tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

Diplomas, recovered from the vault of the building which was opened this morning after it had cooled, will be presented.

The certificates of graduation, however, were not in the best of condition due to the thorough baking received, and some must be replaced following the presentation ceremonies tonight.

Some were tarnished, and these will be replaced by the district after tonight's graduation exercises at which Dr. John Robbins Hart, rector of the Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge will be the guest speaker.

It was announced through Superintendent Noonan's temporary quarters today that the switch by necessity to the St. Nicholas school will result in limited seating capacity, and a limited attendance at the graduation.

Parents of the graduates will be seated in the auditorium at the school, and if sufficient room is on hand, brothers and sisters of the graduates will be present.

However, attention is called to the fact that the limited seating will result in discomfort to those whose sons and daughters are not members of the class and as a result, will have no reservations.

School Records Safe

Although diplomas to be presented tonight show the effects of the fire, it was reported by Superintendent Noonan (Continued on Page Seven)

Class Night Exercises At Township H. S.

Almost 400 People Were Present At The Affair Saturday Evening.

DINNER WAS BIG FEATURE

Tables Arranged As In Cabaret Effect With Floor Show.

Unique, entertaining and highly colorful were the third annual Class Exercises of the Mahanoy Township High School, class of 1938 presented before an audience of almost four hundred people in the gymnasium of the high school on Saturday evening.

Continuing a custom of the past two years, the exercises commenced with a dinner, prepared in the cafeteria of the school, under the supervision of Miss Anne Monahan, of the Social Science Department, and efficiently served by the girls of the school.

The tables were arranged in cabaret effect, with the program of the evening being in the form of a floor show. On the tables were plain white cloths, with green bordered napkins. The centerpieces were baskets of yellow and great paper, tied on the top with large yellow bows. The centerpiece on each table was a bouquet of assorted garden flowers, while the entire gymnasium was literally transformed into a garden of blooming flowers. Purple and gold, the school colors, were also used in profusion.

The menu served consisted of fruit cup, celery, sweet pickles, radishes, potato salad, boiled ham, meat loaf, white and rye bread, butter, coffee, ice cream and after dinner mints.

While the guests were assembling and during the dinner, the school orchestra played popular selections and also very capably accompanied the numbers on the program.

Superintendent of Schools James P. Noonan was called upon by the class president, Adam Komecki, for an address. Professor Noonan extended welcome to all the students, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and friends present, and then turned the exercises over to the students as their night of fun. In his brief remarks he reminded the graduates that they are now about to enter into a world which is not a perfect world but an improved world. Not perfect, because there are too many dishonest, selfish humans who put other things above social welfare.

Mr. Noonan then presented the members of the Board of Education (Continued on Page Eight)

Will Morris Janowich call for his Goodyear tire at Gruber's. 120-11

Art Ricchiuti Admitted To The County Bar Today

Arthur Ricchiuti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ricchiuti, Sr., of 228 West Mahanoy street, this morning



Arthur Ricchiuti

was admitted to the bar at this morning's session of the Court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill county.

Friday morning of last week, Attorney Ricchiuti, who has been affiliated with the law firm of Gallagher and Gallagher in town since he passed his State Board examinations in January, was admitted to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on the motion of Attorney Joseph J. Santarone, of Philadelphia.

His admittance to the county bar association this morning was on the motion of Attorney James J. Gallagher, of Mahanoy City.

Mr. Ricchiuti is one of 98 candidates out of 222 law students who took the bar examinations in January. An estimated 44 per cent of the number taking the test passed it.

Mahanoy City's new attorney is a product of the local schools, being a graduate of the local high school. Following his graduation from high school he matriculated at Penn State (Continued on Page Five)

Mahanoy City High School Commencement Exercises

Class Day Program The Baccalaureate Annual Class Exercises Were Held This Morning In The Victoria Theatre

Baccalaureate services were held Sunday morning for the 1938 class of the Mahanoy City High School, the largest class in the history of the school, in the Victoria Theatre at ten o'clock and were attended by a vast throng of relatives and friends of the graduates who filled the theatre to capacity.

The baccalaureate exercises inaugurated the sixty-third annual commencement exercises of the Mahanoy City High School and were followed by the Class Day exercises this morning and the Commencement exercises at two o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. Thomas J. Evans, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, delivered an inspirational sermon to the graduates, selecting for his sermonic address from the text: Acts 2:17 "The young (Continued on Page Four)

Morea-New Boston Workers Picket Reading R. R. Train

Mine Workers Take a Holiday And March To Reading Station Here Where Passenger Train Is Picketed And Reading Company's President Is Hanged In Effigy.

Five hundred mine workers of Morea and New Boston, aided by residents of Mahanoy City, this morning halted Reading Company passenger, mail and express train No. 6, southbound from Williamsport to Philadelphia, as a gesture of protest at the failure of the railroad company to open the spur at Kehley Run colliery that will mean continued work for Morea colliery.

The train, one of the crack connections of the company, was delayed fifteen minutes while the pickets demonstrated. President William E. Scheer, of the Reading Company, was hanged in effigy from a boulevard light standard as the pickets defied efforts of the crew to move the train.

Picards—"The Reading Company Is Starving Us." "The Reading Company Won't Let Morea Work," were displayed by the pickets as they marched behind American flags in their demonstration and protest.

The train, due here at 9:43 A. M., was delayed exactly fifteen minutes as the pickets voiced their protests at the company's callous closing of the railroad spur that threatens the very lifeblood of Morea. It left town at 9:58 A. M., after leaders of the pick-

17 Husbands In Court On Charges Of Non-support

Pottsville Nurse Goes On Trial For Assault and Battery On Aged Woman Patient.

Court House, June 20.—Seventeen husbands were scheduled to tell the judge today why they have not supported their wives. Included among them are four who have not complied with previous court records and have been brought in on rules. The session of domestic relations court opened the June term of criminal court.

Four defendants have decided to throw themselves upon the mercy of the court and have entered pleas of guilty. They were sentenced late this afternoon by Judge James J. Curran, who is in charge of the jury and the trial list.

When the trial list was gone over this morning it was found necessary to continue many cases. The continuances were necessitated because of cross-engagement of counsel, illness of principals, and absence of attorneys.

The first case scheduled to go to trial was that in which Edyth A. Dentzer, a Pottsville nurse, is charged with assault and battery upon her aged parent, Mrs. Edith Defreth, widow of a former prominent bank cashier, of Pottsville. It is promised that some sensational testimony will be introduced. Ex-Judge H. O. Bech-

MAHANOY CITY REPUBLICAN CLUB

Meets, Tuesday, June 21st, 7:30 P. M. at headquarters, 100 East Market street. CLEM McLAUGHLIN, Sec. 120-11

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Scores Die In Montana Train Wreck

Deluxe Passenger Train Wrecked When Bridge Collapsed.

150 PASSENGERS ON THE TRAIN

64 Of The Survivors Are Injured And 30 Escape Injury.

By ED YOOU. (United Press Staff Correspondent) Train Wreck Scene, Custer Creek, Mont., (via Rural Telephone to Miles City Mont.) June 20 (U.P.)—Bodies taken from the wreckage of one of the worst railroad disasters in American history total 40 today, and there was every indication that the toll would mount to 60 or more.

The waters of Custer creek had receded revealing the torn and twisted locomotive and cars of the Olympian, deluxe passenger liner of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. Workers with acetylene torches cut through the steel walls of the cars to free more bodies.

The railroad bridge over Custer creek collapsed beneath the speeding train early Sunday morning. Approximately 150 passengers were aboard. Of this number 84 were injured, thirty were known to have escaped uninjured. It was feared that all the remainder were dead.

Some of the dead had been sent into Miles City, 20 miles away, on the rescue trains which had taken the injured to hospitals, but most of the bodies were laid out in a long row on the bank of the mountain creek.

Among the dead were five members of the train's crew. The rest were passengers—men, women and children. Some had been crushed, but most had been drowned when the coaches in which they were riding plunged into the creek which usually is a dry bed but at the time of the disaster was brimming from bank to bank with the waters of a series of cloud bursts.

J. J. Oelle, assistant passenger agent of the Milwaukee railroad, arrived here by plane from St. Paul, Minn., and immediately inspected the wreckage of the Olympian.

The bodies were clad in pajamas and night gowns which made identification difficult. The garments were mute testimony that the victims had been jolted into wakefulness only to die a split second later before they could do anything to save themselves.

There could be no positive count of those who had been on the train (Continued on Page Five)

Buck Mountain Man Dies Monday

Nicholas Lugowy, a resident of Buck Mountain for the past thirty years, died at his home this morning at five o'clock. He had been ill for the past several months although he was bedfast only a day.

He was born in Austria and thirty years ago immigrated to the country and settled at Buck Mountain, where he spent the remainder of his life. Religiously he was a member of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church.

His wife passed away twelve years ago.

Surviving are one son, Michael, at home; a daughter, Mary, in New York City, a sister in Austria and a brother, Simon, of Hazelton. Louis Truskowski is the funeral director. Hazleton papers please copy.

PRIMARY IN MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, Minn. June 20 (U.P.)—A record primary vote appeared probable today as Minnesotans selected three party tickets for the November election.

Principally of a tumultuous campaign in the Farmer-Labor gubernatorial race, it was believed the vote might pass its record mark of about 713,000 ballots cast in the primary of 1934.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy, not quite so cool tonight in northeast portion; Tuesday generally fair. TEMPERATURES (Past Twenty-four Hours) High: 78 above, 1:43 P. M. Monday. Low: 32 above, 3:43 A. M. Monday. Wind velocity: High, N 15 MPH. 6:43 P. M. Sunday; Low, ESE 8 MPH. 4:43 A. M. Monday. Barometer: High, 30.14, 8:43 A. M. Monday; Low, 30.07, 7:43 P. M. Sunday.

Summer Begins



Summer begins officially at 9:04 a. m., Eastern Standard time, Tuesday, June 21. Sunday, June 19, however, will be the longest day—having 15 hours and 2 minutes of sunlight.

Township High School Burns To The Ground

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bled a suggestion of fire. His first intimation of anything wrong came when a young man came bounding to the door of the annex, pounded for it to be opened and explained the building was afire. Mr. Benedict immediately switched on all lights and terrace lights to aid firemen responding.

Alarm Turned In At 12.14
By that time—12.14 A. M. Sunday—the alarm had been sent in from Box 4-3, corner of Fourth and Mahanoy streets. It was understood that the fire was seen by Julia Noonan, daughter of Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. James Noonan, and Rose Lally, pupils who were in attendance at the class night exercises. They said they had seen the puff of flame and saw a curtain in the building catch fire. They screamed to a man passing by who turned in the alarm.

Fire Marshal Weber, arriving by automobile in less than a minute after the fire alarm sounded, saw at a glance the seriousness of the blaze and immediately sounded the four blasts of full department, calling out every piece of apparatus in Mahanoy City. Response by town firemen was immediate with all equipment on hand ten minutes after the first alarm sounded.

The fire, in the meantime, spread almost with the speed of light, darting along the roof of the building and in short order, engulfing the entire building. Its origin was in the chemistry laboratory, but in less time than it takes to tell, it had swept the full length of the building. Two theories were advanced as to the manner of its speedy spread. One was that ventilators were not closed, and the second was the blaze followed gas lines leading from the Chemistry section of the building to the Home Economics section at the extreme eastern wing.

Few Things Saved
As the fire fighters were organized by Marshal Weber, Township school district employees reported in an effort to save what was possible. Some band and musical instruments were rescued by Prof. Guy Dower, director of music, and Principal James J. Morring saved some records and other data from his office. Bits of movable machinery came from the manual arts rooms at the direction of Albert Freeman, instructor.

While a careful check was kept on all entering the building, now rapidly becoming a furnace, Patrolmen Edward Dougherty and Harvey Hinkle, of the Mahanoy City police department entered every room in the building despite the smoke and fire to make certain that no lives would be lost and that the building was clear of all human beings. They continued their search through the building until the roof collapsed. Each suffered some from smoke, but recovered and continued on duty through the entire night.

Pennsylvania Motor Police of the Frackville detail arrived for road patrol in an effort to keep the highway south of the building open.

Out of Town Firemen Respond
At 12:45 o'clock, with the fire gaining headway despite every effort of the local department, Marshal Weber sent in a call for help with a ready response coming from firemen from nearby communities. The Shenandoah fire department sent over the trucks of the Polish American and the Phoenix companies, and two trucks and companies responded from Tamaqua.

Mahanoy Plane sent its American Hose Company truck, and trucks from Ashland, Lost Creek, Frackville, Gilberton and Girardville all responded in one of the greatest collections of man power and fire fighting equipment since the Kaiser Opera House fire of twenty-five years ago.

Marshal Weber placed the apparatus of visiting firemen at strategic points about the fire zone, coupling trucks and hoses with local equipment, and placed other visiting trucks in local firehouses in the eventuality another emergency would arise in some other section of town.

At the height of the fire, it was estimated twenty lines were pouring water on the blaze and more than 10,000 feet of hose snaked its way through the fire zone, over streets and sidewalks and up the terrace to the school. The firemen attacked from every angle, north, south, east and west with hose lines going into the front and rear of the building as pumps chugged at the plugs and crews directed streams from the closest points they could approach because of the fierce heat.

Officials of the Mahanoy City Water Company pointed out their gauges at their office here indicated the water pressure never was below sixty-five pounds. Because of the building's height above street level, the height it was necessary to carry hose to fight the fire from the rear and the length of some of the hose lines, some pressure was lost at the nozzle points with it necessary that pumps be used on all streams where high pressure was demanded. Officials said the fire used less water than the blaze of last December on West Center street here.

Fire Spreads Quickly
Loss of the entire structure was apparent as the blaze streaked through the two and one-half story frame building. Its start was noted in the extreme western wing and it spread with lightning speed through the science and Junior High School art departments, the elementary science rooms and the manual arts rooms east to the auditorium. Chemistry and typewriting rooms followed in succession as did the principal's office and the mathematics and English sections leading the annex.

In the annex, with its big gym-

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"Chesterfield's my brand because they give me more pleasure than any cigarette I ever smoked—bar none."

More smokers every day find a new brand of smoking pleasure in Chesterfield's refreshing mildness and better taste.

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Local Churches In A Service Of Farewell Sunday

St. Paul's and Christ Lutheran Churches Unite in Friendly Service Last Evening.

Last evening the congregations of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church and the Christ Lutheran church united in one of the most friendly inspirational services ever conducted in the long history of Christian cooperation in Mahanoy City.

When the congregation of Christ Lutheran church promoted its building program during the fall of 1937, the pastor and Consistory of St. Paul's church very graciously extended the invitation to Christ church to use their church building for all services and congregational activities during the fall and winter months. With the completion of the new Christ Lutheran edifice, which will be dedicated next Sunday, the two congregations united in a Vesper service which will long be remembered by members of both congregations.

The service was in charge of Rev. Paul T. Slinghoff, and the message of the evening was delivered by Rev. W. K. Hauser. His brief message was based on Job 16:21. The essence of his sermon was that, it is definitely essential that our point of view be right, and in order that it may be right we must see things in a true light. The unfortunate side of an unhappy Christian life is that often we cannot see God in the light in which we see our neighbor. We often retain our selfishness and forego our usefulness. A man is not small because he passes through a narrow gate, or underneath a low arched gateway, or through a narrow street, but because he entertains and retains small thoughts. This world needs to learn that any man's view may be justified by himself according to the light in which he sees his objective, but he may find that his justification is entirely wrong when he views it in the light of the revelations of Jesus. We seldom ever plead with God for a man, as a man pleads for a man with his neighbor.

Pastor Slinghoff expressed the good wishes of St. Paul's members to the members of Christ congregation, and Dr. Fred R. Wagner made the presentation of a chest for altar hangings in behalf of the host church. Pastor Hauser expressed the very great appreciation of the members of his congregation for this very fine sentiment represented by this gift. In turn he presented to the pastor and members of St. Paul's congregation a basket of roses, the gift of the Church Council of Christ church as an expression of good will from all the members.

Christ Lutheran church, in taking leave of their hosts at the Vesper service last evening, extends a very cordial welcome to all their friends in St. Paul's church to join with them in dedicating their new church building commencing Sunday morning, July 26th, and concluding it with a Luther League Rally on Friday evening, July 1st.

Our classified ads bring good results.

Vice President Helped Shelve Rail Legislation

Washington, June 20 (U.P.)—Vice president John N. Garner personally directed the shelving of railroad-aid legislation at the recent session of Congress, it was learned today.

His friends said that he was motivated solely by a desire not to prolong the session. He believed that it would take at least two extra weeks to get final enactment of the Wagner bill broadening the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's authority to lend money to railroads.

A casual remark of Garner's to the effect that such a program would give RFC chairman Jesse H. Jones "control" of the nation's railroads led some Senators to speculate on the possibility that rivalry between two potential 1940 Democratic presidential candidates was involved. The Vice-president's closest friends denied it.

A railway aid program was suggested to Congress by President Roosevelt in a special message. He requested legislation to aid the financially distressed carriers.

Bills were introduced in both Houses and on the way to enactment when the roads announced their intention to cut wages 15 per cent July 1. Railway labor groups objected and legislators friendly to labor moved to shelve the bill.

Later, although labor declined to withdraw its opposition after reconsideration at the suggestion of the White House, the President told Senator majority leader Alben W. Barkley he would have no objection if the bill were revived.

In their final Monday morning conference at the White House a week ago Garner and House majority leader Sam Rayburn strongly advised the President against attempting to bring up the controversial legislation as Congress prepared to adjourn. The move finally was abandoned.

The gymnasium extended to a height of three floors with entrance in the basement. It was lavishly equipped also with special mats, and athletic paraphernalia. The school cafeteria and kitchen, the General Science department, the Physical Education department, locker rooms, etc., were of the finest kind and modernly equipped and furnished.

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