

# COMPREHENSIVE WELFARE PROGRAM IS ADVOCATED BY LABOR LEADER

## Petersburg and Pike County Folks Turn Out For Largest Labor Day Celebration Recorded In This Section of The State

### RESENBECK TO CHECK ON VOTER REGISTRANTS

Burnes M. Resenbeck, clerk of the Pike county circuit court, announces that he will make a phone check of the registration of those who are doubtful of their registration. He also states that he will see to it that voters who are not registered will be properly listed if they will call him at 173W.

### Winslow "Sing" to Help PTA

A special sing will be held in the Winslow Gymnasium Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. It will be sponsored by the Winslow school PTA.

All proceeds will go toward the purchase of a piano. Several quartettes from southwestern Indiana are expected to participate.

### Fred Myers Plays Host

Fred Myers, Pike county fur dealer living on Route 1, Petersburg, has been playing host to Mr. and Mrs. Benny Willenberg and the latter's sister, Miss Marion Anderson, from near Los Angeles, Calif. The guests are going on to New York for a visit.

On their return from New York they will visit Mrs. E. E. Miner of Lake Wawasee, who is a daughter of Mr. Myers. The latter will visit his daughter, accompanied by Charles Anderson of Otwell, for a weekend visit, the middle of September, when the lake section begins to take on fall hues.

## Matilda Helfenbein Dies of Heart Attack

Death came suddenly at 12:95 a. m. Wednesday to Mrs. Matilda Helfenbein, 77, at her residence, Route 3, Petersburg, where she suffered a heart attack in her sleep.

Her daughter, Mrs. Beulah Rumble of San Francisco, Calif. who was visiting her mother, heard her cry out. Mrs. Rumble summoned a doctor but it was of no avail.

Funeral services were held today (Friday) at 2 p. m. in the Main Street Presbyterian church. Rev. Frank McLaughlin, assisted by Rev. Bruce Melton, conducted the services with burial in Walnut Hills cemetery.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman (Kuno) Fulcher of Germany. Her parents came from Germany to Waverly, Ohio, where Mrs. Helfenbein was born, January 14, 1875. Later the entire family moved to Pike county. Mrs. Helfenbein married John Helfenbein, who preceded her in death in November of 1948.

Mrs. Helfenbein is survived by her daughter and a son, Herman Helfenbein of Nashville, Tenn.; six sisters, Mrs. Anna Mitchell, Mrs. Ida Holman, Mrs. Lou Steneclpher and Mrs. Henry Fulcher all of Petersburg; Mrs. George Fulcher, Peoria, Ill.; and Mrs. William Fulcher of Elkhart, Ill. There are three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Improvement Group Led By Highway Brass

The original idea for a wider and straighter road with a side ditch had not received the approval of the necessary number of property owners, the district was recommending that the project be made a curb and gutter section. Mr. Ripple thought this project might be started in 1953 or 1954.

The group of property owners voted a proposal to the State Highway that highway 50 be extended with curb and gutter to Hornady park. The proposal was signed by a majority of those present.

Petersburg seldom has seen such a crowd as that which pressed into its limits and out to Hornady park to join the United Mine Workers of America and districts 1 and 11 in observance of Labor Day.

The exact number participating in the celebration would be impossible to know. The downtown streets of Petersburg were lined with cars early in the morning and continued well into the evening. At the park there were thousands of cars — parked along the park's main roadways and into parking space. It would be conservative to put the attendance figure at 30,000.

The Labor Day observance began on Sunday with sacred services in the afternoon under the direction of Milton Board of Princeton. The Rev. Gene Carrell, pastor of the Church of Christ at Petersburg, gave the invocation. The speaker was the Rev. William Reynolds of Boonville. There was an amateur show in the evening, under the direction of Milton Board, Robert S. Tooley and Earl Hart.

Shortly after daybreak boys and girls and men and women on horseback were jaunting Petersburg-way. It was a colorful sight, reminding one of frontier day celebrations — in California or any western mountain state. The parade proper was in good taste and colorful, with gorgeous floats, fine horses and well mounted, and decorated individual automobiles and bands.

Prizes awarded were: \$100 for best float, to Local 7603, Dintey Hill mine; \$50 second, to Local 5684, Kings Station Mine; \$25 for third, to Local 5179, Enos mine.

The 100 prize for best display of dress uniforms went to Local 352, Blackfoot Coal Company; \$60 second award to Local 3437, Sunlight Coal company; \$25 third award to Big Creek Local 8542.

Loving cup for percentage of attendance and display went to Local 5179, Enos mine.

Miss Joan Willis, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edison Willis, Route 1, Petersburg, got the \$60 award as "Miss Pike County." She was sponsored by the Petersburg Jaycees organization.

Highlight of the Labor Day event was the speaking at the park. Mayor Ray Green of Petersburg gave words of welcome. He expressed appreciation, in behalf of his town's citizens, for consideration given it by the U. M. W. A. in bringing the observance here for the first time for many years. He promised that if the group should return three years from now that the town would better understand the immensity of the project and cooperate to the best interests of this great American organization.

Louis Austin of Terre Haute, International board member, District 11, U. M. W. A. gave the principal speech. He pleaded for a broader acceptance of the mine workers' program for the betterment of the group in the way of economic advancement and social progress.

"The rights and interests of the laboring man will be protected and cared for not by the labor agitator but by the Christian men to whom God has given control and upon the successful cooperation of management," said Mr. Austin.

"In 1900 six percent of the production of this country was done by mechanization. Today it is 90 percent. If our organization had opposed mechanization, we would be in the same position today as they are in England. We have increased production up to seven times per man per day on a national basis. In England their production is one per man," said Mr. Austin.

Mr. Austin pointed out that from 1941 to 1945 there were 5,698 fatalities in industry and 23,547 injuries in industry. Therefore it was necessary that some plan be made to take care of the welfare program. He stated that the majority of the