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# Legassie-Bergeron **Report to Workers Club**

### **Bergeron Believes New Code** Will Have Forty-five Cent Minimum

Club Joliette Hall, July 3—A forty-five cents minimum rate of pay is the best that can be hoped for under the new Pulp and Paper Code, members of the Coos County Workers Club were told at their meeting Tuesday night by Presi-dent Legassie and Attorney Ber-geron who have returned from the hearing held last Thursday and Fri-day in Washington, D. C. President Legassie was not as op-

President Legassie was not as op-timistic as the club's legal adviser, however, and he believes that it will

however, and he believes that it will be nearer forty-two cents per hour. The new code will eliminate the unpopular ninety per cent clause. The Workers Club delegates to the code hearing also reported that labor was more poorly represented than at the previous hearing, and that except for a few delegates from the American Federation of Labor, the Berlin pulp and paper workers were the only group to be represented. represented. While the president of a large

While the president of a large paper corporation was given the right to speak as long as he wanted, other delegates were limited to the presentation of facts in their talks. President Legassie in his speech to the code authorities asked for mini-mum of circu cente par hour

the code authorities asked for mini-mum of sixty cents per hour. His argument was based on the fact that the present cost of living demanded a rate of pay equal to \$1248 per year instead of the pro-posed \$800 or \$900 per year. He stated that his figures on the cost of living had been compiled by members of the Coos County Work-ers Club and that he had further checked them in the Department of checked them in the Department of Labor.

## **Gagnon** Appointed To Water Com.

Council Chambers, July 1-Ernest Gagnon, former councilman from ward four, who was made member of the Water Commission when John O'Connell resigned a few years ago, was tonight re-appointed by Mayor Feindel to serve a four-year term.

term. Opposition quickly developed to Gagnon's nomination when Labor Councilman Tondreau demanded the roll call in an attempt to block the Mayor's appointment. Sur-prisingly enough the move received support from one Democrat, Ar-thur Sullivan, from ward two, but the opposition lacked strength and the Mayor's appointee was con-firmed, 7 to 3. How Council Voted on Gagnon's

Nomination to Water Board

Yes Yes Rumney (4), Ward 1. Barnes (L), Ward 1. Malloy (D), Ward 2. Sloan (D), Ward 3. Lambert (R), Ward 3. Murphy (D), Ward 4. Rumney (D), Ward 1.

No No Sullivan (D), Ward 2. Moreau (L), Ward 3. Tondreau (L), Ward 4. Totals: Yes, 7; No, 3. MacArthur (D), Ward 1, and Halle (D), Ward 2, absent.

### **BARGAINS FOIL THIS WEEK 1933 Plymouth 2 door Sedan**

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# **Workers Club Delegates Demand 60c Minimum**

### **Submit Brief to Code**

Authorities Outlining Demands

Washington, D. C., June 29– President Legassie and Attorney Bergeron today presented the fol-lowing brief to the NRA code authorities which outlines the de-mands of the Coos County Workers Club in regard to wage minimum, Sunday time and labor representa-tion on the Paper Industry Au-

thority. To W. W. Pickard, Deputy Admin-istrator:

The Brown Company (Berlin, N.H.) Division of the Coos County Work-ers Club, Pulp and Paper Workers, respectfully submit this brief and request the modifications and additions herein contained.

### Article IV-Hours of Labor

Article IV—Hours of Labor 1. Except as provided in Sections 2 and 3 hereof, no employee in the Industry shall be required or per-mitted to work hours in excess of the following prescribed limits. (a) (b) (c) Watchmen, chauffeurs, truckmen, switching crews, boiler house, power plant, electric, hydro-electric, filter plant employees, and all other laborers, mechanical work-ers or artisans, employed in any plant, mill, or factory, or on work connected with the operation, pro-tection, or maintenance of any such plant, mill, or factory: A basic work day of eight hours and a basic work In Auto Accident
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 Gorham, July 4.—James K. Keefe, a veteran stationed at Moose Brook Veterans' camp, died in St. Louis Hospital as a result of being run over by an automobile on Gorham Hill Sunday evening.
 Keefe was headed back to camp in the company of three friends when the automobile driven by Philas Gagne, a restaurant owner on Pleasant Street, ran into him. Gagne, in attempting to avoid one of the veterans, ran into Keefe.
 The minimum rate of wage of any worker referred to in Subsections a, b, and c, of Section 1 of Article IV shall be as follows:

 (a) In the Northern Zone, which shall consist of all of the territory described in Sub-sections b and c hereof—
 Male: 60c per hour; Female 45c per hour.
 (b) (c) The hourly rate in other

per hour.

(b) (c) The hourly rate in other zones to be raised proportionately.
4. The wage rates of all employees receiving more than the minimum rates herein prescribed shall be increased in proportion to the minimum wage.

Article VI-General Labor Provisions

2. To remain as proposed with the following addition: "The majority group of a given (Continued on Page 3)

### Floyd Smith Killed In Three Story **Fall To Street**

In the wee hours of July 4th the police investigated the complaint of Adelard Arsenault of 661 First Avenue that he had found the body of a man lying across the sidewalk on the above-mentioned street.

the above-mentioned street. The body of the man, who was identified as being Floyd Smith, whom the police took to St. Louis Hospital where Dr. Dresser declared him dead as a result of a broken neck and leg. Assistant Marshal Pinette inter-viewed Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bab-son from whose house the victim

son from whose house the victim fell. It appeared that Smith was sleeping on the piazza and in some way or other he fell off the piazza to the sidewalk, three stories down.

### War Vet. Killed In Auto Accident





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### PROBABLE STRIKE IN WATERBURY

Industrial New England looks on as union organizers and manufacturers gird themselves for the impending struggle for control of the 25,000 employees in the factories of Waterbury, Connecticut. Thus far the NRA has fiddled, and the employersthe Waterbury Clock Company specifically— have called the tune; as usual, the tune is company unions "elected" by a vote of 10 per cent of the workers, some of whom cast ballots for Mickey Mouse. Under the code proposed by the Clock Manufacturers of America, which was not adopted, wages were set at \$14 weekly for men and \$12 for women. As evidenced by the company's statement, what the workers have received during the past year averaged slightly more than \$7 a week for a forty-hour week. In the course of the wrangle with the NRA authorities, Mrs. E. M. Herrick, acting chairman of the Regional Labor Board, stated that the company, "while seeking protection from unfair trade practices, has neither joined the NRA, nor is it willing in good faith to bargain until forced to do so by signing the industry code." Some of the Waterbury factories are under the NRA; significantly, the chairman and two members of the code authority for the brass and copper-goods industry are presidents of the three outstanding factories in the city. Recently, influenced by the organizing activities of the International Association of Machinists and the undercover attempts of polishers and buffers to build a union, the leading factories announced a 10 per cent wage in-crease. Both sides will probably mark time during the summer, but if the employers continue their present intransigence, a firstclass battle is in prospect for the fall. Contemplating this pros-pect, Waterbury may recall the 1920 strike when the workers fought a pitched battle with the police and militia. This time the workers are if anything more determined, the employers have learned nothing, and the NRA has yet to prove that it can either persuade or compel them. (The Nation).

#### MISS PERKINS AND THE STEEL CONFLICT

When hearings were being held on the preliminary steel code just about a year ago, Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, did not hesitate to challenge the steel companies, to call unequivocally for higher wages, shorter hours, and fairer relations between steel workers and their employers. She pointed out that "by some oversight" the steel companies had neglected to provide for the complete abolition of child labor, that the seven-day week and the twelve-hour day could still be permitted under the provisions of the code for an average work week over a six months' period, and in general she brought up an array of facts and displayed a quality of firmness and courage which seemed to indicate that the new deal for labor under the NRA was more than windy declarations which had no actual content. That was in August, 1933. Today we find Miss Perkins chosen by President Roosevelt as mediator between the steel unions and the Steel institute. As Louis Adamic shows in his article in the Nation, the rank-and-file insurgents in the unions have been persuaded by their leaders and by the Administration to call off their strike and accept a plan of conciliation whose tone is considerably milder than the proposals advanced when talk of a steel strike was first begun. The union proposal, in effect the President's proposal, is the creation of an impartial board to consider violations of the steel code, provision

for elections to determine by whom the workers shall be represented, and further provisions that, once workers' representatives have been duly chosen, they shall have power to negotiate with the employers in disputes over working conditions.

No direct answer to these proposals has as yet come from the steel men. Miss Perkins explains that she prefers to be thought of as a "moderator" rather than a mediator, that she has submitted the union proposals without recommendation and is now waiting for the counterplan of the employers. But if the latter have so far made no formal reply, they have made an informal one by indicating in every way possible their complete instransi-gence in the whole question of negotiations with the workers. When discussions about the strike were in progress, they refused to meet with union representatives; they have repeatedly reiterated their uncompromising hostility to the closed shop and to recognition of the union; they have strung barbed wire in front of the steel mills, have supplied the commissaries with emergency cots and food supplies, and have engaged a well-known strike-breaking agency to be on hand to conduct a successful job of scabbing in the event of a strike; and when a World-Telegram reporter, Talcott Powell, went to Gary to look around a bit while there was still a prospect that a strike would be called on June 16, he was arrested by company police and was just saved from a police "work-out" by the timely intervention of a friend. In other words, Miss Perkins as "mediator" or "moderator," no matter which, has a tough job ahead of her. She has a tough job because the steel companies are determined to pursue to the last ditch their hostility to the union, because the plans offered by both sides so far are completely irreconcilable, and, much more important, because to date the Administration has given no evidence that it will attempt seriously to enforce the provisions of the NRA which are embodied in the union plan. The Budd and Weirton cases among others have demonstrated the weakness of the government's position. With all the good-will in the world toward labor—and Secretary Perkins has demonstrated that she has that good-will-she can make the steel companies retreat only by a show of force. So far the force has been sadly lacking. But if the steel settlement, when it comes, suits the steel companies and not the workers, it will be sad proof that the Administration at Washington from Mr. Roosevelt down has been hogtied by industry and is without the strength—if it has the will—to break loose.—The Nation.

#### THE NEW PAPER CODE AND ORGANIZED LABOR

The new pulp and paper code will probably call for a minimum wage of forty-five cents per hour, some observers claim it will be forty-two cents. That is beside the point. How can the NRA authorities expect a man with a family to properly support that family on such a low rate of pay. How do they expect the buying power of the public to be increased when they write codes which call for \$800 or \$900 minimum rates of pay per year, that is if the worker is fortunate enough to work steady without being laid off for weeks or months.

It is evident that as long as the workers of this country or any other country are not better organized they will never get fair and just treatment. Even a strong union has its shortcomings, especially when leaders sell out to the opposition. Labor's one and only remaining weapon is at the poll, for that is the one place where they can get satisfaction, *if they are intent on getting it*. But they must not attempt to get anything from the two old parties. Witness how quickly labor meets united opposition when it enters politics. Republicans and Democrats, supposedly enemies, suddenly become bosom friends and do everything in their power to defeat the objects of labor.

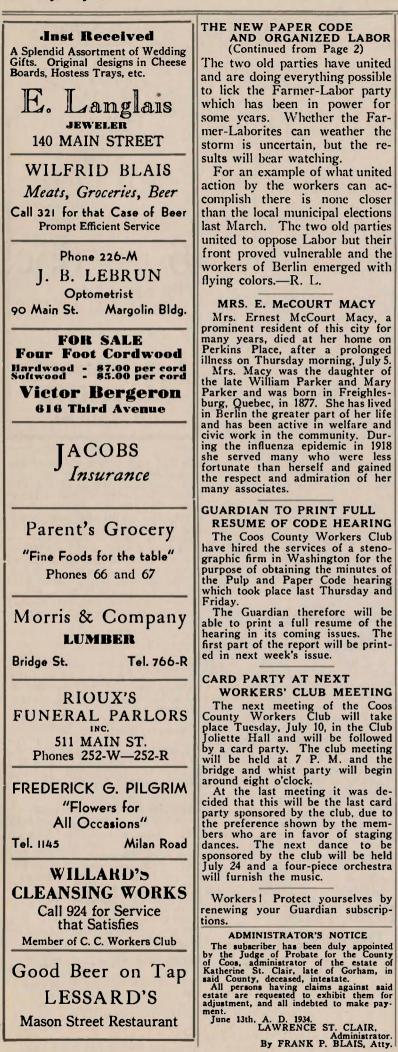
Witness what has happened recently in the State of Minnesota.



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#### E. E. OWEN, D. C. GERTRUDE M. OWEN, D. C. "WE GET SICK PEOPLE WELL" **OWEN & OWEN, Dr's. C. Palmer Graduate Chiropractors** 69 Main Street Berlin, N. H. Tel. 180 Neurocalometer Service Office Formerly Occupied by Doctor Goodwin

#### WORKERS CLUB DELEGATES DEMAND 60c MINIMUM (Continued from Page 1)

employer's employees to be the collective bargaining agency with said employer for all employees." It is also submitted that a clause should be inserted as to Sunday time to the effect that Sunday time

workers of Berlin emerged with is included in the basic work week of forty hours except in cases of emergency.

It is further submitted that the proposed Code should provide for labor representation on the Paper Industry Authority. Lastly, it is submitted that the proposed code should provide some machinery for the arbitration of labor disputes in the nature of a Board now being provided for in the Wagner Bill.

#### APPENDIX

The minimum wage herein re-quested for the said Code is based on the actual present cost of living. The following is a one-year bud-get for the average family of five: Stoken

	\$100.00
Clothing	384.00
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Potatoes	20.00
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It should be noted that the above budget makes no provision for medicine, physician's fees, amuse-ments, religious obligations, insur-ance and school expenses.

Assuming that a worker working full time on the minimum wage of 60c per hour, and basic week of forty hours, he would earn \$1248.00 in a given year, which, it will be noted, is under a minimum living budget for the average family of five.

The minimum wage proposed of 42c an hour for a basic forty hour week nets the worker \$16.80 per week. Again assuming he works full time, his income would be \$873.-60 which is far short of the above budget for the average family of

five. Respectfully submitted, Brown Company, (Berlin, N. H.) Division, Coos County Workers Club, Berlin, N. H. By Edward Legassie, President.

Parents of ten children in Italy A. D. 1934. LAWRENCE ST. CLAIR. Administrator. By FRANK P. BLAIS, Atty. not in the U. S. A.



### **Barbers' Meeting Poorly Attended**

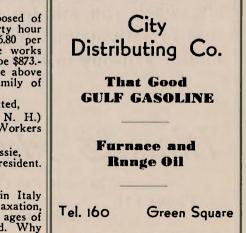
The barbers' meeting held last Thursday (June 28) was poorly at-tended by the members of the tonsorial profession, there being only fourteen members of the trade present.

Action had to be deferred until another meeting could be held be-cause under the code seventy per cent of the members of the trade have to be present before any ac-

tion can be taken. Those present, however, voted to send a letter to the code authorities Washington inquiring what can be done with the barbers who work over hours and charge less than the code prescribes.

#### HAPPY BOY!

A young newsboy was crossing Main street Tuesday afternoon when a big Buick sedan ran over the kiddle cart he was using to carry his newspapers. Result: Young newsboy, Rudolph Nucolletti, is now the proud possessor of a new cart presented him by the owner of the Buick.

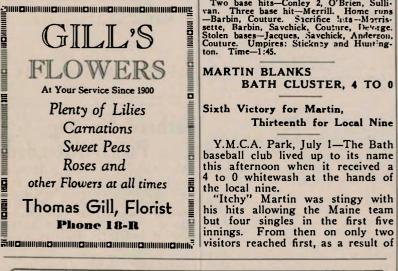


### **Berlin Comes Back** Beats Lan.-Gil. in Seventh. 7-5

Special Dispatch to the Guardian

Lancaster, June 30—In a game which was featured by the home run smashes made by Barbin and Couture, Berlin staged a four-run rally in the sixth to defeat the powerful Lancaster-Gilman aggregation, 7 to 5, at Lancaster Saturday afternoon.

Berlin assumed a two-run lead in the first, was tied in the fourth and overtaken in the sixth when Lan-Gil staged a three-run rally to go in the lead. The Berlin team again forged ahead when they staged an uppeing in the security which wild uprising in the seventh which yield-ed them four runs and assured our



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#### MARTIN BLANKS BATH CLUSTER, 4 TO 0

### Sixth Victory for Martin,

Thirteenth for Local Nine

Y.M.C.A. Park, July 1—The Bath baseball club lived up to its name this afternoon when it received a to 0 whitewash at the hands of

Berlin, N. H.

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#### BERLIN EASILY WINS OVER WEAK FRANKLIN NINE, 16-8

Y.M.C.A. Park, June 29-The lo-cal city team shellacked Franklin A.A. 16 to 8 at the Y Park, in a game replete with errors. The downstaters assumed the lead in the first inning but were quickly over-taken by the local nine. The game was called off in the eighth on account of darkness, or should we say "no contest"?

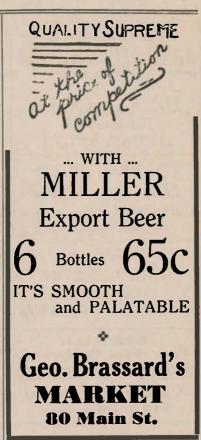
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### **Rooney Pitches** Mates to Two Wins

Gus Rooney's old soupbone is still working right by the boys and al-though receiving wobbly support in the Franklin fracas, Gus was able to hang up another win when Berlin swamped the Franklin nine, I6 to 8. On Independence Day, Gus celebrated a glorious fourth by avenging an earlier season defeat at the hands of the Manchester crew. He allowed the downstaters but four hits to win his first shut-out victory of the season, the score be-ing 4 to 0. Pitchers' Record

Pitchers' Record						
W	on Lost	Pct				
Martin	6 0	1.000				
Jacques	1 0	1.000				
Mortensen	5 1	.833				
Rooney	3 5	.375				
Anderson	0 1	.000				
Totals 1	5 7	.682				

# **Berlin Takes** Doubleheader from



the "Y" park before 750 fans. The scores were 6-3 and 4-0. In the sixth inning of the first game Manchester staged a three-

game Manchester staged a three-run rally but was held in check from then on by the steady hurl-ing of Jacques who relieved Mor-tenson in the seventh. Mortenson had been hit by a pitched ball in the previous inning and was forced to retire

to retire. Manchester's scoring was confined to this inning for in the nightcap, Rooney pitched shut-out baseball while his mates pounded out a fourrun lead.

(First game) Score by innings:

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(Second game) Score by innings:

## BERLIN MEETS GORHAM FRIDAY; LINCOLN SUNDAY

FRIDAY; LINCOLN SUNDAY The Gorham A. A., who have yet to win a game from the local ag-gregation, will invade the Y.M.C.A. park Friday evening at 5 o'clock in the hopes of handing Berlin a defeat. Sunday afternoon at 2:30 Berlin will engage in a return game with Lincoln. In a previous game with the Grafton County nine Ber-lin was victorious and hopes to re-peat Sunday at the "Y" park.

**Manchester 6-3, 4-0** Y.M.C.A. Park, July 4—The local baseball team celebrated Independence Day by taking both ends of a double-header from the Amoskeag team of the Manchester City League, Wednesday afternoon at

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