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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 President Legassie and Attorney Bergeron who have returned from the hearing held last Thursday and Friday in Washington, D. C.

President Legassie was not as optimistic as the club's legal adviser, 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.

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 minimum 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 proposed \$800 or \$900 per year. He stated that his figures on the cost of living had been compiled by members of the Coos County Workers Club and that he had further 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.

Opposition quickly developed to Gagnon's nomination when Labor Councilman Tondreau demanded the roll call in an attempt to block the Mayor's appointment. Surprisingly enough the move received support from one Democrat, Arthur Sullivan, from ward two, but the opposition lacked strength and the Mayor's appointee was confirmed, 7 to 3.

How Council Voted on Gagnon's

#### Nomination to Water Board

##### Yes

Rumney (A), 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

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.

## 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 following brief to the NRA code authorities which outlines the demands of the Coos County Workers Club in regard to wage minimum, Sunday time and labor representation on the Paper Industry Authority.

To W. W. Pickard, Deputy Administrator:

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

#### Article IV—Hours of Labor

1. Except as provided in Sections 2 and 3 hereof, no employee in the Industry shall be required or permitted 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 workers or artisans, employed in any plant, mill, or factory, or on work connected with the operation, protection, or maintenance of any such plant, mill, or factory: A basic work day of eight hours and a basic work week of forty hours each calendar year; provided, however, that all time worked in excess of eight hours in any one day or forty hours in any one week shall be paid for at not less than time and one-half and double time on Sundays and holidays, and that said basic forty hour work week be adjusted over an anchored thirteen consecutive weeks period.

#### Article V—Wages

1. The minimum rate of wage of any worker referred to in Sub-sections 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 of the United States, except 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 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  
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## Floyd Smith Killed In Three Story Fall To Street

In the wee hours of July 4th the police investigated the complaint of Adeldard Arsenault of 661 First Avenue that he had found the body of a man lying across the sidewalk on 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 interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Howard Babson 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

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 Philias Gagne, a restaurant owner on Pleasant Street, ran into him. Gagne, in attempting to avoid one of the veterans, ran into Keefe.

Dr. A. C. Johnston of Gorham was called to the scene of the accident and immediately took the victim to the St. Louis Hospital, where efforts to save him proved futile and Keefe passed away Wednesday morning.

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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 employers—the 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 increase. Both sides will probably mark time during the summer, but if the employers continue their present intransigence, a first-class battle is in prospect for the fall. Contemplating this prospect, 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 intransigence 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 hog-tied 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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**THE NEW PAPER CODE  
AND ORGANIZED LABOR**  
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The two old parties have united and are doing everything possible to lick the Farmer-Labor party which has been in power for some years. Whether the Farmer-Laborites can weather the storm is uncertain, but the results will bear watching.

For an example of what united action by the workers can accomplish there is none closer than the local municipal elections last March. The two old parties united to oppose Labor but their front proved vulnerable and the workers of Berlin emerged with flying colors.—R. L.

**MRS. E. McCOURT MACY**

Mrs. Ernest McCourt Macy, a prominent resident of this city for many years, died at her home on Perkins Place, after a prolonged illness on Thursday morning, July 5.

Mrs. Macy was the daughter of the late William Parker and Mary Parker and was born in Freighlesburg, Quebec, in 1877. She has lived in Berlin the greater part of her life and has been active in welfare and civic work in the community. During the influenza epidemic in 1918 she served many who were less fortunate than herself and gained the respect and admiration of her many associates.

**GUARDIAN TO PRINT FULL  
RESUME OF CODE HEARING**

The Coos County Workers Club have hired the services of a stenographic firm in Washington for the purpose of obtaining the minutes of the Pulp and Paper Code hearing which took place last Thursday and Friday.

The Guardian therefore will be able to print a full resume of the hearing in its coming issues. The first part of the report will be printed in next week's issue.

**CARD PARTY AT NEXT  
WORKERS' CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting of the Coos County Workers Club will take place Tuesday, July 10, in the Club Joliette Hall and will be followed by a card party. The club meeting will be held at 7 P. M. and the bridge and whist party will begin around eight o'clock.

At the last meeting it was decided that this will be the last card party sponsored by the club, due to the preference shown by the members who are in favor of staging dances. The next dance to be sponsored by the club will be held July 24 and a four-piece orchestra will furnish the music.

Workers! Protect yourselves by renewing your Guardian subscriptions.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**

The subscriber has been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for the County of Coos, administrator of the estate of Katherine St. Clair, late of Gorham, in said County, deceased, intestate.

All persons having claims against said estate are requested to exhibit them for adjustment, and all indebted to make payment.

June 13th, A. D. 1934.

**LAWRENCE ST. CLAIR,**

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**WORKERS CLUB DELEGATES  
DEMAND 60c MINIMUM**  
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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 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 requested for the said Code is based on the actual present cost of living.

The following is a one-year budget for the average family of five:

Rent	\$168.00
Clothing	384.00
Milk	109.00
Potatoes	20.00
Sugar	26.00
Eggs	39.00
Butter	49.00
Lard	16.00
Flour	52.00
Fuel	73.50
Cereals	91.00
Lights	25.00
Fruit	40.00
Meat	154.00
Vegetables	21.00

\$1267.50

It should be noted that the above budget makes no provision for medicine, physician's fees, amusements, religious obligations, insurance 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 \$1680 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.

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**Barbers' Meeting  
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The barbers' meeting held last Thursday (June 28) was poorly attended by the members of the tonorial profession, there being only fourteen members of the trade present.

Action had to be deferred until another meeting could be held because under the code seventy per cent of the members of the trade have to be present before any action can be taken.

Those present, however, voted to send a letter to the code authorities in 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 kiddie 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.

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# 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 uprising in the seventh which yielded them four runs and assured our

lads of a victory.

The summary:

	ab	r	h	o	a	e
Berlin	5	2	2	3	1	0
Agrodnia, lf	4	1	1	2	1	0
Barbin, cf	3	0	1	1	4	1
Watson, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Leclerc, 2b	4	1	3	0	6	0
Jacques, 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0
Savchick, rf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Couture, c	3	1	1	4	0	0
Sullivan, ss	3	1	1	1	4	1
Delorge, lb	2	0	0	15	0	0
Mortenson, p	4	1	1	1	4	0
Totals	32	7	11	27	20	2

	ab	r	h	o	a	e
Lan-Gil	5	1	2	0	0	0
Anderson, rf	5	1	1	0	0	0
O'Brien, cf	3	0	0	12	0	0
Marden, lb	4	0	2	5	1	0
Merrill, lf	3	0	1	3	2	0
Therriault, ss	4	0	0	1	2	0
Morrisette, 3b	3	0	0	1	2	1
Donnelly, 2b	4	2	2	3	2	0
Conley, c	4	1	1	2	4	0
Lewis, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Finnegan, x	1	0	0	0	0	0
Moses, xx	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	5	10	27	13	1

x—batted for Marden in ninth.  
xx—batted for Donnelly in seventh.  
Lancaster-Gilman 1 0 0 1 0 3 0 0 0—5  
Berlin 2 0 0 0 0 4 1 0—7  
Two base hits—Conley 2, O'Brien, Sullivan. Three base hit—Merrill. Home runs—Barbin, Couture. Sacrifice hits—Morrisette, Barbin, Savchick, Couture, Delorge. Stolen bases—Jacques, Savchick, Anderson, Couture. Umpires: Stickney and Huntington. Time—1:45.

## 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 4 to 0 whitewash at the hands of the local nine.

"Itchy" Martin was stingy with his hits allowing the Maine team but four singles in the first five innings. From then on only two visitors reached first, as a result of

a pass and an error. It was Martin's sixth straight victory of the season and Berlin's thirteenth. The score:

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Berlin	4	2	1	2	0	0
Agrodnia, lf	4	1	1	2	0	0
Barbin, cf	3	0	2	1	4	0
Jacques, 3b	4	0	0	6	3	1
Richards, 2b	4	0	1	5	0	0
Dancause, c	3	0	0	1	2	0
Sullivan, ss	3	0	0	0	0	0
George, rf	3	0	1	9	1	1
Blouin, lb	3	1	2	1	1	0
Martin, p	3	1	2	1	1	0
Totals	31	4	8	27	11	2

	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Bath	3	0	1	1	0	0
Callan, rf	4	0	0	0	2	1
Meisler, 3b	4	0	0	0	1	1
Miller, ss	4	0	0	13	0	0
Oliver, lb	4	0	1	0	0	0
Parks, cf	3	0	0	5	1	0
Ring, c	1	0	0	0	0	0
Thayer, x	3	0	1	5	4	1
Sanborn, 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cutting, lf	1	0	0	0	1	1
Hayes, lf	3	0	1	0	6	0
Henderson, p	3	0	1	0	6	0
Totals	32	0	4	24	15	3

x—Batted for Ring in ninth.  
Berlin 1 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 x—4  
Runs batted in—Barbin, Jacques 2. Two base hit—Blouin. Stolen base—Jacques. Left on bases—Bath 5; Berlin 4. Double plays—Blouin to Richards; Miller to Sanborn to Oliver. Base on balls—off Martin 1. Struck out—by Martin 5; by Henderson 4. Hit by pitcher—by Henderson (Jacques). Wild pitch—Martin. Umpires—Lizzie and Lafayette. Time—1:25.

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

Y.M.C.A. Park, June 29—The local 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 overtaken by the local nine. The game was called off in the eighth on account of darkness, or should we say "no contest"?  
Score by innings: r h e  
Franklin... 4 0 0 0 0 3 1 0—8 7 6  
Berlin... 2 0 1 4 2 7 0 x—16 14 6  
Batteries: Murphy and Keegan, Rooney and Jacques. P, Couture, and Dancause, C.

## Rooney Pitches Mates to Two Wins

Gus Rooney's old soupbone is still working right by the boys and although receiving wobbly support in the Franklin fracas, Gus was able to hang up another win when Berlin swamped the Franklin nine, 16 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 being 4 to 0.

	Pitchers' Record		
	Won	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	15	7	.682

## Berlin Takes Doubleheader from 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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In the sixth inning of the first game Manchester staged a three-run rally but was held in check from then on by the steady hurling of Jacques who relieved Mortenson in the seventh. Mortenson had been hit by a pitched ball in the previous inning and was forced 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 four-run lead.

(First game)  
Score by innings: r h e  
Manchester 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0—3 4 4  
Berlin..... 0 0 2 1 1 2 0 0 x—6 11 0  
Batteries: T. Jaskolka and E. Jaskolka. Mortenson and Jacques, Couture.

(Second game)  
Score by innings: r h e  
Manchester 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 4 3  
Berlin..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 2 x—4 10 1  
Batteries: Lucy and E. Jaskolka. Rooney and Dancause.

## BERLIN MEETS GORHAM FRIDAY; LINCOLN SUNDAY

The Gorham A. A., who have yet to win a game from the local aggregation, 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 Berlin was victorious and hopes to repeat Sunday at the "Y" park.

## BERLIN MAN RECEIVES V.F.W. POST

Commander Albert E. Martel of the White Mountain Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was named Department Councilman of Administration for New Hampshire at the VFW convention held at Hampton Beach last week-end.

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