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Climax Co. Appoints Public Relations Man

Appointment of Lamar Kelley as Director of Public Relations of Climax Molybdenum Company has been announced by Arthur H. Bunker, President.

Mr. Kelley, for the past 10 years manager of the Public Relations Department of Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., will join the Climax organization immediately. He will be in charge of the company's public and industrial relations and will assist in the development of advertising and sales promotion.

**Climax Appoints Lamar Kelley Director of PR
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 7, 1955 Edition**



Climax Molybdenum, Langeloth, PA-Late 1960's or early 1970's

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CLIMAX BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF HUGE SMOKE STACK

A gigantic smoke stack will soon be thrust 450 feet into the air at Lange-loth as the effort of the Climax Molybdenum Corporation to eliminate smoke and reduce the smog and fumes that daily plague hilltop housewives.

M. W. Murphy, Superintendent at Climax, announced this week that the contract for the stack has been let to the Rust Engineering Company at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

Construction will begin immediately and will take about five months. The stack, with a base of 45 by 60 feet, will be built of concrete and lined with acid proof brick. It will take five months for the building, and when completed will be one of the highest stacks east of the Mississippi River.

No difficulty in securing materials for the project is anticipated by the construction company since the Climax Plant is classified as a strictly defense industry.



The picture above was taken in the Climax first aid room during the blood-typing process held September 30. Seated, left to right, are: Kay Kloppel, Office; Ida Smith, Washington Hospital; Patty Powell, Washington Hospital; Carl Bole, Sulfide Department, being typed and Judy Scruppi, Office. Standing, left to right: A. L. McCoy, Director of Safety and Security; Nick Harris, Roasting Department; Nicholas Hallahan, Shipping; Robert Dowler, Packing; Lester Lee, Slag Department; Frank Blank and Fritz Krieger, General.

Climax Employees are Blood Typed
Climax News-Burgettstown Enterprise-October 29, 1953 Edition



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Climax Builds 500 Ft. Smoke Stack

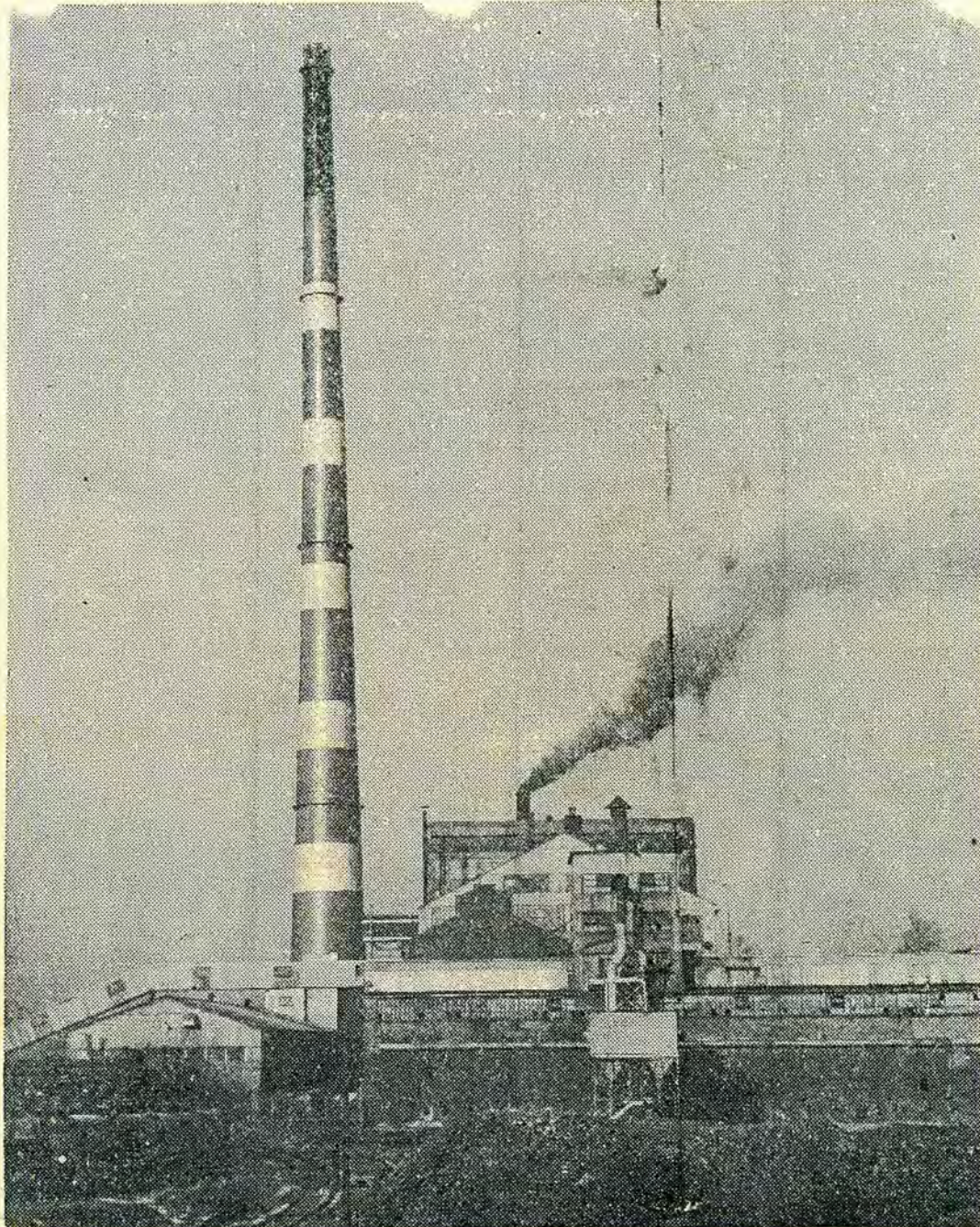


PHOTO BY COFFER

Matthew W. Murphy, General Superintendent of Climax Molybdenum Co. of Langeloth announces that the air of Langeloth is about to be cleared of smog. The highest smoke stack east of the Mississippi River, erected this past year at the Climax Plant has been completed by Rust Engineering Co. and smoke from the plant will be turned into it this month. The Climax Stack extends 500 feet into the air. It is believed that after the smoke has been run through the stack it will be so diluted that it will cause little damage to Victory gardens and posey beds in the Smith Township district. The stack is 35 feet in diameter at the base with a sub-base 85 feet in diameter. It is constructed of concrete and steel is brick lined and is heated with a coal stoker. A steel ladder on the outside provides access to the top, where an automatic electric eye controls the illumination. Climax this month, also announces the completion of a water tower, 135 feet high with a capacity of 400,000 gallons. Water for the tank will be supplied by the West Penn Water Company. Lines to the hill tower are now being built, to connect with the Burgettstown level of the Company. The Climax stack already has become a beacon for the Greater Burgettstown Community and can be seen for a distance of miles from any angle.

Climax Builds 500 Ft. Smoke Stack
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 6, 1944 Edition

**CLIMAX BUILDS
HIGHEST STACK IN
7-23-42 EASTERN STATES**

Rust Engineering company has started construction on the largest smoke stack east of the Mississippi river at the Climax Molybdenum Plant at Langeloth. Superintendent M. W. Murphy in announcing plans for the stack stated that the company hopes to eliminate the smoke and dust nuisance that has been a plague to residents on the hill for several years.

The stack, to be erected at a cost of \$250,000, is scheduled to be completed by February 1, 1943, and because Climax is engaged in war production work, priorities have been granted on the necessary materials. The stack will extend five hundred feet into the air and into the base alone, will be poured 3000 barrels of dry concrete and eighty tons of steel. The base will measure 80 feet in circumference. The stack at the base will measure 35 feet inside diameter and 38 feet outside diameter.

The shaft will contain between three and four thousand yards of concrete, or the equivalent of 24,000 sacks of dry concrete and 128 tons of steel. The diameter of the stack at the top will be seven feet.

COUNCIL HEARS PLEAS OF UNEMPLOYED MEN

Representatives of Unemployment
Committee Visits Council
Seeking Relief

A large number of men and women of Burgettstown, Slovan, Avella and the surrounding local area, forming a parade, marched to the Burgettstown municipal building on Monday night and sought admission to the council chamber to present certain demands to the town law makers. Five of the delegation finally were admitted and given an opportunity to speak.

E. F. Movrich of Slovan, the principal spokesman for the visitors, delivered a carefully worded address to the council, outlining the poverty and distress of many unemployed mine workers of the district. He charged that a number of unemployed were being discriminated against by agents of certain charitable organizations and asked that all be accorded equal rights in the distribution of charity funds.

He also presented a typewritten copy of certain "demands" which he said would be made upon municipal, county, state and Federal governing bodies. The demands, in brief terms, are as follows:

Immediate relief for unemployed and backlisted miners by a donation of \$150 to married men and \$50 to single men; further donations of \$15 per week to married men, with \$3 per week additional for each dependent, and \$10 per week to single men; free food, shoes, clothing and transportation to the schools for children of unemployed men; free gas, light, heat and rent and no evictions of unemployed. Also, demands are made for free milk for children, play grounds and protection on the streets for children; social insurance from the government; no wage cuts and a 7-hour day with no reduction in wages.

The members of council gave close and uninterrupted attention to the main speaker and to four others who spoke briefly. Following their remarks President F. H. Illig told the visitors that the council had no jurisdiction in the matter of school transportation and that the council was without funds or authority to comply with any of the demands made by the delegation. He promised, however, to seek the advice of the borough solicitor and ascertain if the council would be in a position to do anything for the unemployed men in the near future.

Members of the council expressed sympathy and deplored the fact that due to so many calls for aid all local charity funds had long since become exhausted and the people of the community generally had given about all they could to help those in trouble. All stated an entire willingness and wish to help the unfortunate people, but pointed out they were but servants of the people in the handling of the public money and that the money derived from taxation barely met the urgent needs of the town for necessary expenses, many needed improvements being held up by the need of funds.

The visitors were orderly and conducted themselves properly at all times. Just what action may at some future time be taken by the council is a matter that will have to be determined by conditions, largely of a financial nature, it is assumed. The people of the town regret the great suffering among many unemployed men and their families and are doing as much as they can to relieve the situation. But the calls have been many, extending over a long period and nearly everybody is in almost the same situations.

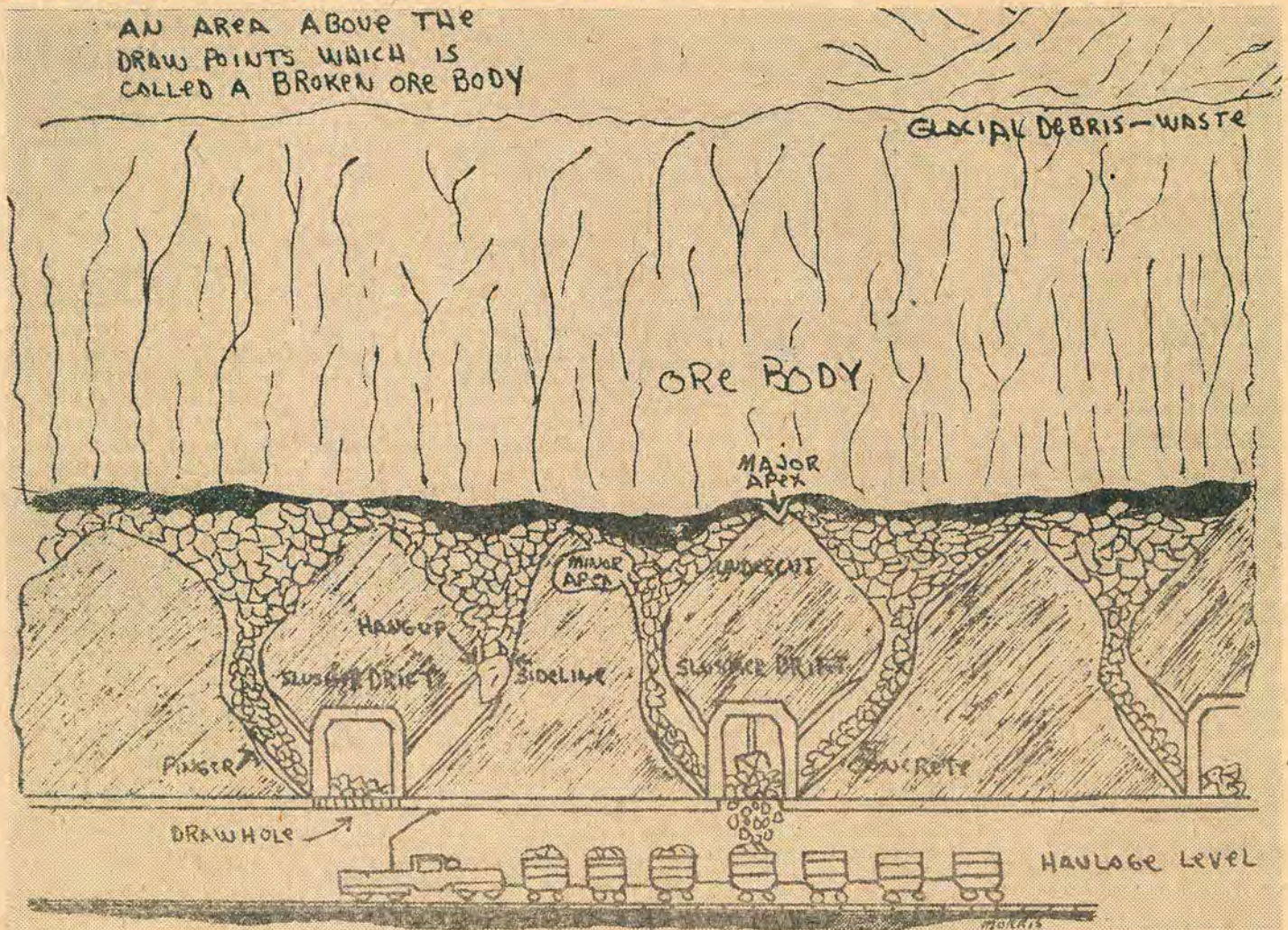
Caving System Secret Of "Glory Hole" Production Rate

To us at Langeloth the "Glory Hole" has little meaning. But to the employees at the Climax mine the "Glory Hole" in Bartlett Mountain has nearly become the trademark of the Climax Operation.

One of the secrets of Climax's production rate is the "caving system" of mining shown in the accompanying sketch. Eventually, the land surface over the area being mined caves in creating what is referred to as the "Glory Hole." This "hole" measures more than

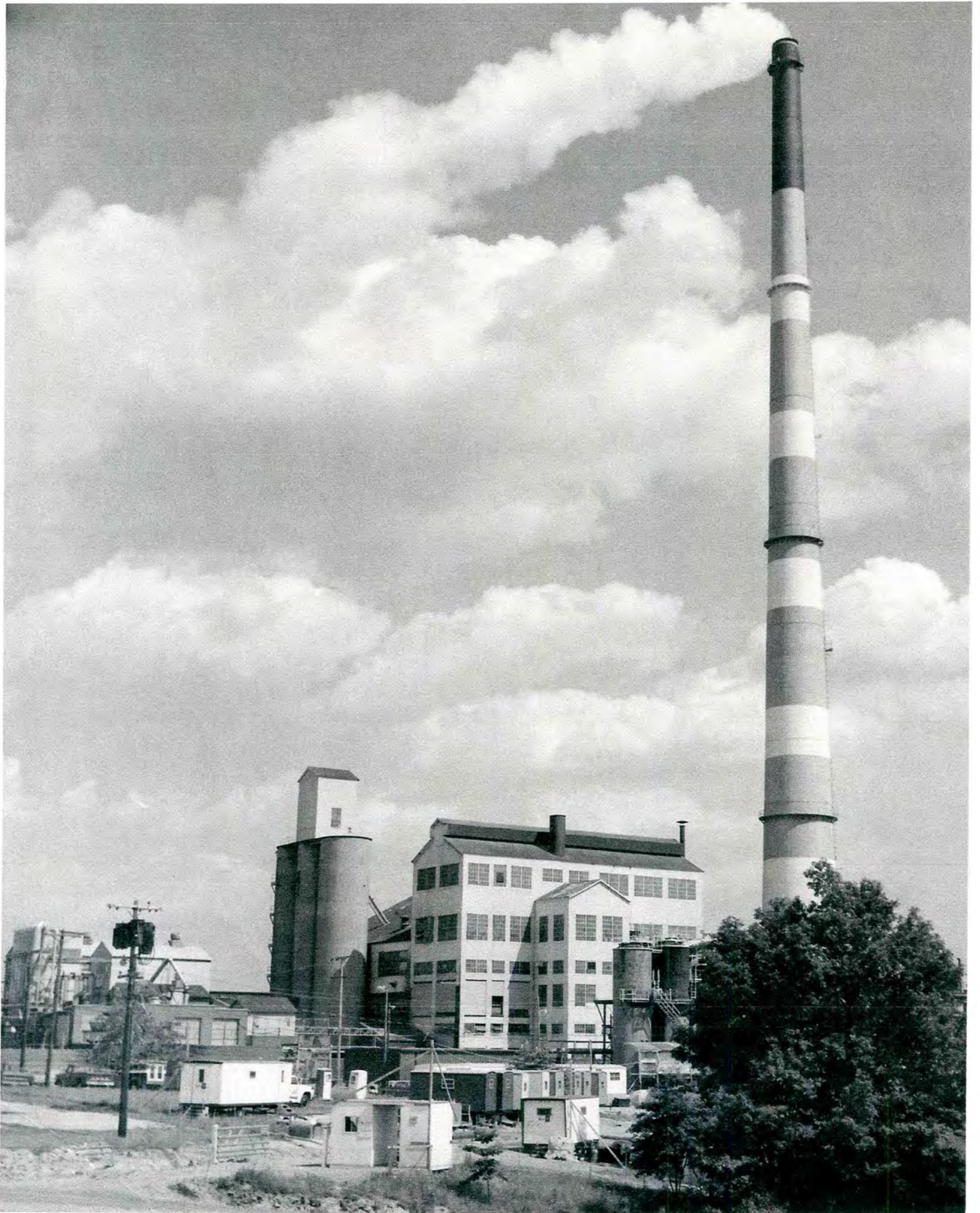
three-quarters of a mile wide and is 500 feet deep along some of the sheer escarpments.

The "Glory Hole" and Bartlett Mountain have yielded ore producing rock totalling well over one hundred million tons. Due to the highly mechanized mining methods and increased proficiency among mine and mill personnel, molybdenum bearing ore is being produced at the rate of approximately 34,000 tons per 24 hour shift.



The fractured rock in the area above the stopes will continue to break and spall due to its own weight. This rock creates a grinding and breaking process all its own as it falls and is fed to the haulage level by the force of gravity.

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Caving System Secret of "Glory Hole" Production Rate



Climax Molybdenum-Langeloth, PA

Announce Plans For May 28 Dance

The Langeloth Committee planning for the Community party to be held in the new Climax warehouse next Tuesday evening, May 28 arranged this week for an old time Fiddler's trio to provide music for square dancers who will attend the party.

The party promises to be one of great entertainment and also of contrast. Modern dance music will be furnished by Baron Elliott and his WJAS orchestra, while fiddlers from this community will play old fashioned tunes for a set of the picturesque "Lancers" and other square dances



BARON ELLIOTT

popular on this section. Walter G. McNelly will call figures in the square dances. For the youngsters, there will be a Jitterbug contest.

E. S. Wheeler, in charge of dance arrangements announces that he has secured a special compound which will be applied to the floor in the Climax building to make it just right for any type of dancing.

Members of Langeloth Civic organizations were busy this week selling 1000 dance tickets and it is expected that the 18,000 feet of floor space in the new building will be completely taken up with dancers. The proceeds from the party will benefit Langeloth organizations.

The warehouse is being donated by the Climax Company and the Baron Elliott orchestra is being furnished by the Rust Engineering Company, builders of the new Climax unit.

DICKERS IN DIRT

July 11, 1941. Joseph Cenish to Thomas Skof et ux., all of Burgettstown, a lot, 75 by 100 feet, Stella street, J. Winfield Reed Plan, Burgettstown; \$1.

June 12, 1941. James Wallace et ux., Midway to Mrs. Lillie Campbell, Midway, a lot, 56 by 140.46 feet, Brabson street, Midway; \$1.

May 8, 1941. Oliver M. Close et ux., Burgettstown, to Eugene Tucci et ux., Midway, a lot, 50 by 120 feet Hindman avenue, Burgettstown; \$350.

May 1, 1941. Carnegie Coal Corporation, Pittsburgh, to Peter Hnath, Joffre, 0.30 of an acre in the Armide Mine plan, Smith Township; \$20.

July 9, 1941. H. C. Campbell, administrator of James B. Campbell, to Harmon Creek Coal Corporation, 105 acres in Hanover Township; \$1.

June 26, 1941. Oliveretta McNall Proudfit, Youngstown, Ohio, to Leonard Sasso, Pittsburgh, two tracts of land in Smith Township, containing 87 acres and three acres; \$1.

February 27, 1941. Carnegie Coal Corporation, Pittsburgh, to John Leonard, et ux., Studa, 0.41 of an acre at Studa, Cross Creek Township; \$300. Also to Mrs. Anna Kolesar, Studa, Ohio, 0.41 of an acre at Cedar Grove Mine, Cross Creek Township; \$300.

June 30, 1941. J. G. Leipold et ux., Robinson Township, to Sunnyhill Coal Co., Dormont, 164 acres of the Pittsburgh coal in Robinson Township \$6,500.

June 25, 1941. Nannie Olive Bonner et con., Smith Township, to Climax Molybdenum Company of Pennsylvania Langeloth, 4.6485 acres in Smith Township; \$1,200.

May 31, 1941. Carnegie Coal Corporation, Pittsburgh, to Penowa Coal Co., Pittsburgh, 4.34 acres of the Pittsburgh coal, Smith Township; \$1.

July 1, 1941. John Martincheck, Chartiers Township, to Paul Likar et ux., Cross Creek Township, four lots in the W. J. Brown Plan No. 3, Avela, Cross Creek Township; \$1.

May 1, 1941. Carnegie Coal Corporation, Pittsburgh, to Stanley Dominiski et ux., Atlasburg, 0.19 of an acre in Smith Township; \$25.

June 19, 1941. Claude Ferguson et ux., Jefferson Township, to Jefferson Coal and Coke Co., Pittsburgh, 200 acres in Jefferson Township; \$1.

June 13, 1941. Dian Sutherland, Follansbee, W. Va., to Claude Ferguson, Jefferson Township, 200 acres in Jefferson Township; \$2,100.

June 17, 1941. Peter Miller, Smith Township, to Fred P. Miller et ux., Smith Township, 157 acres and 103 perches in Smith Township; \$1.

March 29, 1941. Elda Taylor, et con., et al., Wilkinsburg, to Frank Kosem et ux., Midway, a lot, 120 by 175.66 feet, North avenue, and a lot fronting 60 feet on Brabson street, Bell Plan, Midway; \$1,350.

June 4, 1941. Carnegie Coal Corporation, Pittsburgh, to W. J. Whalen Jr., Burgettstown, 82.07 acres in Smith Township; \$2,000.

June 24, 1941. Ernest J. Dewell, et ux., to D. M. Cummins et ux., Washington, a lot, 40 by 140 feet, Robb Run Road, J. D. Sauters' Plan Robinson Township; \$1.

June 18, 1941. Helene M. Murphy et con., to Edna M. Westlake, all of Burgettstown, a lot, 20 by 120 feet, Hindman avenue, Burgettstown; \$1.

June 18, 1941. Mildred Stetar, Smith Township, to Matthew W. Murphy et ux., Burgettstown, a lot, 20 by 120 feet, Hindman avenue, Burgettstown; \$1.

December 2, 1940. Carnegie Coal Corporation, Pittsburgh, to John Hluka, Joffre, 0.75 of an acre at Armide Mine, Smith Township \$400.

September 13, 1940 — George F. Stroud et al., Hanover Township, to Fred Miller et ux., McDonald, the Pittsburgh coal underlying a lot 100 by 153.44 Steubenville Pike, Hanover Township; \$1.

December 2, 1940—Carnegie Coal Corporation, Pittsburgh, to Primo

Caleffe et ux., Studa, 2 acres fronting on the Burgettstown-McDonald Road, Smith Township; \$185.

May 26, 1941—William P. Russell et ux., to Harvey Miller Russell et ux., 114.8489 acres in Robinson Township; \$2,500.

May 1, 1941—Carnegie Coal Corporation, Pittsburgh, to Geiseppe Massimino, et ux., Studa, one acre at Cedar Grove Mine, Cross Creek Township; \$50.

June 10, 1941—Annie V. Forney to Steve Bertovich, both of Jefferson Township, three tracts of land in Jefferson Township, containing 196.16 acres, 1978 acres and 9.67 acres; \$1.

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May 16, 1941—Margaret J. Wilson, administratrix of Albert C. Studa, late of Burgettstown, to Joseph Andy et ux., Washington, a small tract of land on the Washington-Hickory highway, South Strabane Township; \$3,000.

October 11, 1940—Carnegie Coal Corporation, Pittsburgh, to Charles Toth et ux., Studa, 0.46 of an acre in the plan of Cedar Grove Mine, Cross Creek Township; \$182.50. Also to Julia Kormos, Studa, 0.1 of an acre in the plan at Cedar Grove Mine; \$162.50.

Dickers in Dirt

Burgettstown Enterprise-July 31, 1941 Edition

"E" FOR CLIMAX

The renewal of the Army-Navy "E" award to the Climax Molybdenum Company, Langeloth, has been announced by the Navy Board for Production Awards in Washington.

This signifies the continuance of the high war production record by which the company won its original "E" pennant award and two renewals prior to the current one. The latest renewal entitles the company to fly an "E" pennant with three stars.

Admiral G. C. Bloch, USN, retired chairman of the Board for Production Awards, notified the company of the three-star renewal.

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Climax Employes Are On Strike

A member of the union when contacted by the Burgettstown Enterprise on Wednesday morning made the following statement regarding the walk out at Climax Molybdenum company, which took place on Tuesday afternoon.

"Accusing company management of contract violation in refusing to negotiate a grievance, Climax Local 1311 UAW-CIO walked out Tuesday, June 20 at 3 p.m. All shifts have refused to enter the plant until the company abides by contract. Strike involves 200 men. Picket crews have been set up leading to the plant."

Company officials were not available for a statement, but it is understood that the matter in dispute concerns pay rate for two employes.

**CLIMAX EMPLOYEES TO
RECEIVE PAY RAISE**

Effective December 1, one hundred and sixty employees of the Climax Molybdenum plant at Langloth will receive a pay raise of fifty cents per day. The raise will be granted to all employees of the plant and will raise the basic daily wage to \$7.65.

Climax Employees to Receive Pay Raise
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 27, 1941 Edition

Five Employees Receive 25-Year Awards



Pictured above are five Company employees who were awarded Hamilton wrist watches for having completed 25 years of service with Climax Molybdenum Company. In the first row from left to right are: Henry Pirih, hired October 7, 1937; Mike Bihum, hired December 20, 1937; J. H. Chasmar, General Manager who presented the awards. Back row, left to right: Martin Revay, Jr., hired October 7, 1937; Carl Williams, hired January 5, 1937; and Clifford "Tip" Richey, hired January 5, 1937. Not pictured: John Revelia, hired October 8, 1937.

Five Employees Receive 25-Year Awards
Burgettstown Enterprise - March 29, 1962 Edition

Climax Co. Gives \$2000 To Red Cross

Word has been received from the Home Office of the Climax Molybdenum Co., that it has donated \$2000 to the American Red Cross and that it is to be credited to the local district.

In addition to the above amount, The American Zinc and Chemical Co. has given \$750 and the Harmon Creek Coal Corporation \$300.

The latest report on the community canvass is as follows: Burgettstown \$88 .00; Slovan \$60.00; Florence \$169.00; Paris, \$60.00; Raccoon, \$53.00; Harmon Creek, \$34.00; Atlasburg, \$17.25; Erie Mine, \$32.85; Rural contributions, \$15.00; Corporation gifts, \$3050.00, making a total of \$3679.10, goal \$5000.00.

Several communities have not reported their contributions but promise good results in the near future.

Anyone who has already contributed and received a window sticker, is asked to place the sticker in the window so that there may be no duplication of solicitation.

Women who have volunteered to make a canvass of Burgettstown for the Red Cross War Fund Drive are: Mrs. W. E. Dickson, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Conn, Mrs. Robert Fliton, Mrs. Delmont Whalen, Mrs. G. A. Westlake, Mrs. Wilbert Welch, Mrs. W. J. Whalen, Jr., Mrs. Hugh Hamill, Mrs. Clifford Carmichael, Mrs. Warren Malone, Mrs. Delaney, Mrs. Ruth Robinson, Mrs. James Kimberland, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Mrs. Edwin Smith, Mrs. Vance Lee, Mrs. Katherine Edwards, Miss Elizabeth Robinson, Mrs. Howard Dunbar, also Henry Vega.

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Climax Gives \$2,000 to Red Cross
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 11, 1943 Edition

In Grateful Remembrance

Amid the joyous reunions of our first
Peace-Time Christmas Season

Climax Molybdenum Co.

Welcomes Home

 The VETERANS 

Extends Yuletide Greetings to those in Service and

“Lest We Forget”

Pays Tribute To Those Who Made

... The Supreme Sacrifice ...

“And they, in turn, to us, I feel are speaking
With eloquence which we the living hear.
They ask not to have back what they have given;
They seek not praise, nor prize, nor earthly acclaim.
They only ask that we who follow after
May profit by the anguish they have borne.
They ask for men the just peace that they fought for,
The better world that they have died to build.”

By Archbishop Francis J. Spellman



Sgt. Warren Alexander
Pvt. Thomas H. Fischer
Pfc. Raymond E. Kirkpatrick
Cpl. Joe Kucic
M. M. 3c Walter A. Malone
Lt. Peter J. McMahon
Sgt. Orrin G. Miller
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S 1c Charles A. Wagner
Sgt. Robert Yolton

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The new manager of the hilltop plant is a reserve Colonel in the United States Army and is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. He is a veteran of both World War I and II. He is married to Alice Louise Benton, daughter of the late Judge Alden Benton of New York. The Whites are the parents of one daughter, Kathryn, who is a member of the Junior class at Connecticut college and is majoring in history. They are now residing in Short Hills, N. J., but hope to make their future home in the Burgettstown Community as soon as housing is available.

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Burgettstown Enterprise-April 9, 1953 Edition**

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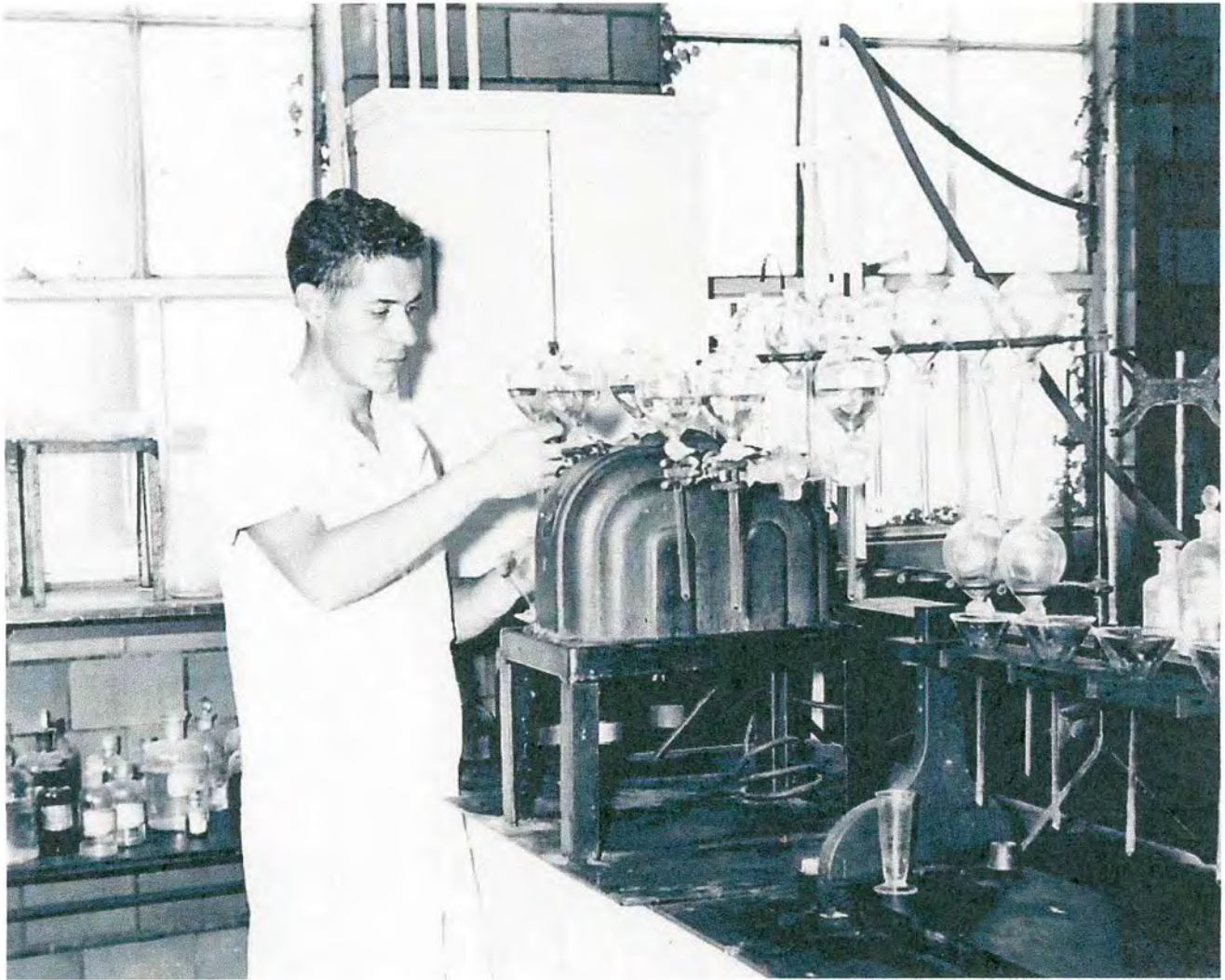
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Don Taylor-Climax Lab

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Large Attendance At Climax Open House; 1,500 Tour Plant During Two Day Affair

James H. Chasmar, vice president and general manager of the Climax Molybdenum Co., reported this week that over 1,500 people toured the Langeloth plant during last week end's community open house. Mr. Chasmar said, "We at Climax were delighted at the interest shown in our plant by local residents and were glad we could show them how we process molybdenum."

On Saturday, August 20, over 400 persons, including families of employees and stockholders of the company visited the plant operations. On Sunday, August 21, over 1,100 braved the rain in order to tour the plant.

The open house, which was under the direction of Assistant General Manager Frank Miller gave residents of the Raccoon Valley an opportunity to see how molybdenum ore is processed at the Langeloth plant. Groups were guided through the plant by Climax employees who explained the many interesting operations.

Preceding the hour long tour guests were shown exhibits and displays depicting the Climax mine at Climax, Colo. and the Coldwater, Michigan, plant.

Donald Stephens, public relations director of the Climax mine and William Gregory, mill metallurgist at the mine, gave interesting talks explaining how the molybdenum ore is mined and processed. In addition the visitors had an opportunity to see pictures, displays and finished products utilizing molybdenum.

Industrial Relations Manager William Morris reported that door prizes of two \$50 U. S. Savings Bonds were awarded to Carl Latella of Slovan and Don Froats of Langeloth. Following the plant tour guests were then served ice cream and soft drinks. Guests touring the plant received a souvenir package that contained informative pamphlets about the local plant and molybdenum uses, sample products and a souvenir ash tray.

**Large Attendance at Climax Open House;
1,500 Tour Plant During Two Day Affair
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 25, 1960 Edition**

C. M. Marino Is Elected President Of Smeltermen

The official tabulation of the annual election of the Langeloth Smeltermen's Union, No. 95 held on Monday, places C. M. Marino in the President's chair again. Marino who held office of President of the Union for a number of years, was succeeded by D. L. Malone for the year 1944.

The official count tallies 565 votes, and is as follows:

PRESIDENT: C. M. Marino, 315
D. L. Malone, 226.

VICE PRESIDENT, Caesar Prado 315; William T. Durst, 161.

UNCONTESTED AND ELECTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE: Recording Secretary, J. J. Webster; Financial Secretary, Charles Abate; Conductor, Frank Skafar; Warden, Rocco Trinoni.

TRUSTEES. (3)—George Nick-sick, 352; Tony Testa, 317; Nick Drazich, 272; J. H. Durst, 262.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: (6)—Steve Tepsic, 366; Carl Latella, 362; Dominick Abate, 336; Ermil Calieffie, 328; Tom Tiano, 325; J. J. Brunner, 319; Arthur H. Florio, 265.

CHECKMAN: Samuel Martinez.

MARINO RESIGNS AND PRADO IS NAMED HEAD OF LANGELOTH UNION

10-1-42

LANGELOTH LABOR LEADER ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT TO M M S W EXECUTIVE BOARD. TO WORK IN THIRTEEN STATES RECEIVES UNANIMOUS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE



C. M. MARINO

C. M. Marino, for the past ten years President of Smeltermen's Union No. 95 at Langeloth, tendered his resignation on Monday evening to accept an appointment to the Executive Board of the International Union of Mine Mill and Smelter Workers, C.I.O., as head of District 6, largest in the international, and including the following states: Virginia, Rhode Island, Maryland, Massachusetts, Delaware, Vermont, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Maine.

Mr. Marino's appointment was made, following a unanimous vote of confidence accorded him by the delegates at the annual convention of the MMSW held last month in Denver, Col. In addition to serving as the Board

Member for District 6, the Langeloth labor leader has been named chairman of the national committee on Press and Education.

Caeser Prado, Vice President of Langeloth Union No. 95 for the past two years, was elevated to the Presidency to succeed Mr. Marino. Prado was born in Langeloth and attended the township schools. He has had many years experience in the hill top Zinc plant. He resides with his wife and two sons in Langeloth.

Mr. Marino announced this week that he will continue to make his home in Langeloth with his wife and family, but he has been granted a leave of absence from his job with the American Zinc and Chemical Company.

He left on Tuesday evening for Washington, D. C., where he will meet with the War Production Board to help work out a settlement of the problems of a brass manufacturing company of Connecticut.

Mr. Marino's duties in his new job will be to serve as a member of the Rationing Board of the International to work with the O.P.M. for material and prices for the industry; to set up production committees in each Union as a stimulus to the men for more production for the war effort. Since the resignation of Jess Gonzalez, who is now serving in the Army, Mr. Marino has been a member of the Executive Board of the C.I.O., having been appointed to fill Gonzalez's unexpired term.

The International has a membership of 18,000 men in District 6 and a potential membership of 50,000 men. Mr. Marino's district is the largest in the industry and has the largest membership of the seven districts. Out of 90 cases which the Union presented to the WPB last year, 80 cases were settled satisfactorily, due to the research and data secured by the Union prior to the hearings.

The Smeltermen's Union is the only organization with a record of 100 per cent cooperation with the Government, and without a single strike, since Pearl Harbor. Government officials, who attended the Denver convention, thanked the organization for its splendid cooperation and announced that the Policy of the Union will be adopted as a model by the government for other unions to follow.

New President



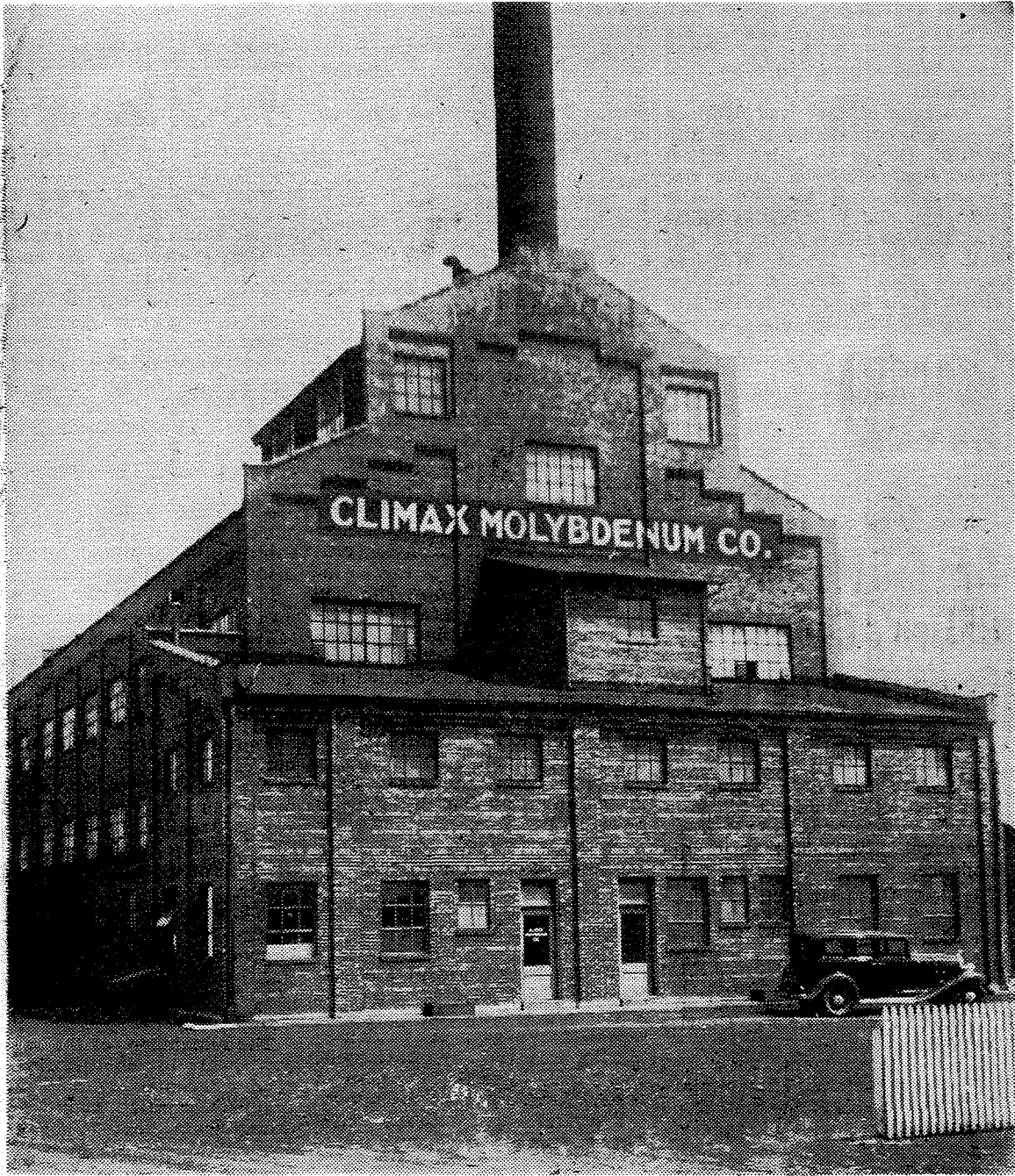
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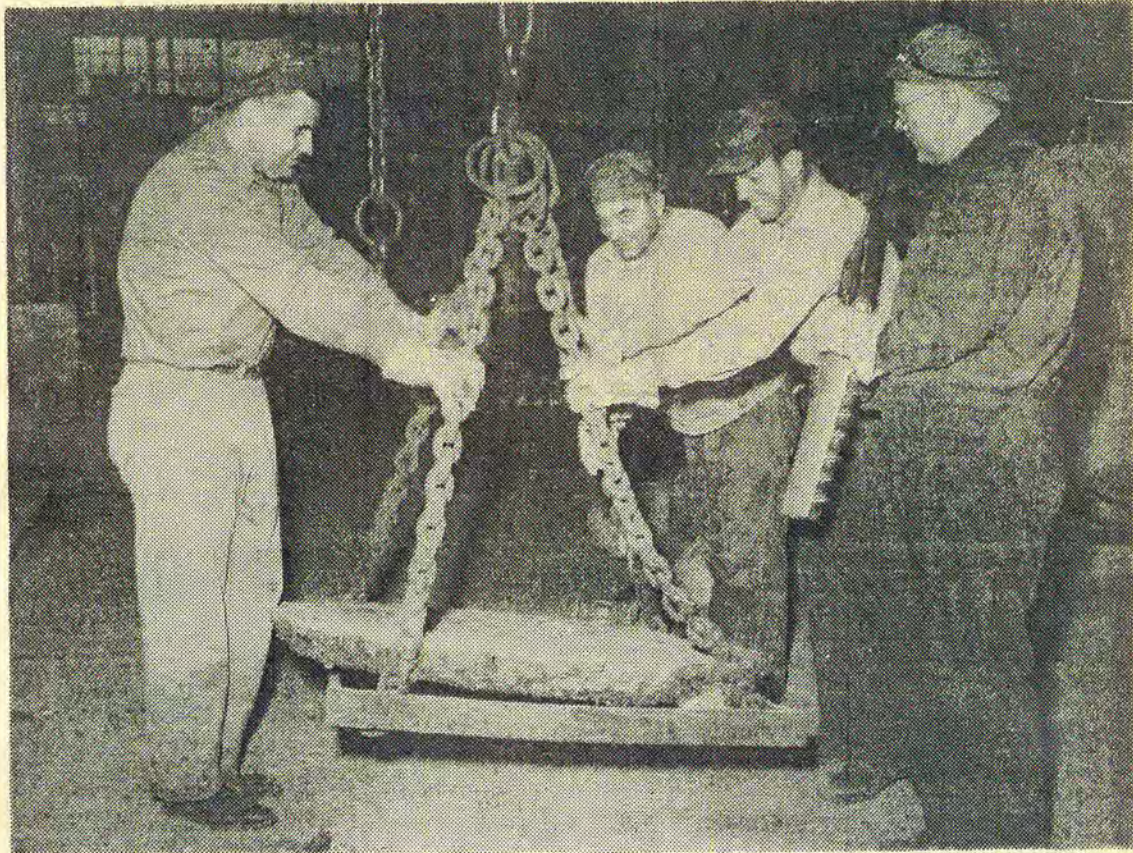
**Marino Resigns and Prado is Named Head of Langeloth
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 1, 1942 Edition**



The above picture, made from a glass plate by the late Peter Biny, for many years a Burgettstown photographer, shows the single building occupied by Climax about 1929.

Climax News
Photo of Original Building, circa 1929
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 17, 1953 Edition

One Ton Button Readied For Crusher



One of the many steps in the processing of molybdenum to its usable form. Shown here is an alloy button, weighing approximately 2,000 pounds. Preparing to crush the button are, left to right; Frank Waltl, Thomas Dubich, Stanley Rozmus and Guthrie Ingram.

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One Ton Button Readied for Crusher
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OIL EXPANSION IS IMPORTANT to CLIMAX

E. S. Wheeler, Vice President and General Manager of the Langeloth plant, is in receipt of the following release from the Climax Molybdenum Company New York office regarding oil operations and management promotions.

New York, New York
January 12, 1955

During the past year the operations of the Oil Department have expanded to a point where they now constitute an important part of our corporate activities. With the recent purchase of all the Whitehill Oil Corporation properties in northeastern Oklahoma, Climax has made its third major acquisition of waterflood production. The management of these operations, added to active wild-cattling in the Gulf Coast and substantial semi-proven royalty purchasing, will henceforth require the full time of Gay V. Land, who has had an active part in the growth of this phase of our business. In consequence, Land has been appointed Manager of the Oil Department in charge of all Climax' oil and gas activities and will relinquish his post as Budget Officer.

To succeed him, Horace A. (Tom) Sawyer, Jr. has been appointed Budget Officer effective January 1, 1955. "Tom" Sawyer joined Climax in July of last year as Assistant Budget Officer in the Treasurer's Department. Prior to that time, he was engaged in the administrative phases of guided missile development at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which institute he received his degree in business and engineering administration.

Weston Thomas

Oil Expansion is Important to Climax
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**A few of the Climax pensioners at the company picnic.
L-R: Henry Hutchinson, J.B. Murphy, Clem Marmagin, and Jess Sadler.
Unknown Year**

Personnel Changes Announced

Climax Molybdenum Company of Penna. Merged with American Metal Climax, Inc.

Effective January 3, 1961, the Climax Molybdenum Company of Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania Corporation, with its principal office located at Langeloth, was merged with American Metal Climax, Inc., a New York Corporation, with its principal office located at 1270 Avenue of the Americas, New York 20, New York.

As a consequence of the merger, the plant at Langeloth will now be known as Climax Molybdenum Company, a Division of American Metal Climax, Inc., Langeloth Plant.

Business will be conducted at the Langeloth plant in the same manner that it was prior to the merger.

Here's A Good Testimonial



Production of petroleum consumes large amounts of molybdenum. Due to the rugged service, parts must withstand heavy shock and on-field abuse. To improve toughness and strength, small amounts of moly have been specified for many years as essential in steel, for parts such as drill collars, tool joints, Kellys and sucker rods. The rock-drill bits shown here contain about 0.25% molybdenum along with 1.5 to 3.5% nickel, depending on the specific part. The above photograph was taken at an Oklahoma oil field, owned and operated by Climax Molybdenum Company.

Mr. Lars Ekholm, Vice President of Eastern Operations for AMAX, has announced the following personnel changes in the Langeloth management organization. The changes will become effective immediately in order to reflect a modification of responsibilities in the expansion of the management organization.

Mr. J. H. Chasmar, in addition to his previous duties as General Manager will also be responsible for direct supervision of research and development.

Mr. F. G. Miller, formerly Assistant General Manager, has been advanced to Plant Manager. In this capacity, he is responsible for all production functions.

Mr. E. S. Wheeler will continue as Director of Research and Development, and remain in charge of all activities in this field.

Mr. R. C. Toerper has been appointed Assistant Director of Research and Development. For several years, Mr. Toerper has been Plant Manager at the Climax Uranium Company in Grand Junction, Colorado. It is expected that he will report for duty on his new assignment before March 1, 1961.

PROMOTIONS

Four employees have recently been advanced to the position of Production Supervisor at the Langeloth Plant.



Richard Zelenko is a graduate of Union High School and Weirton Vocational School. He also attended Findlay College. He has been employed at Climax since October, 1964, in the Quality Control Department. Richard and his wife, Arletta, reside at R. D. 1, Burgettstown, with their children Tambria 9, Richard 8, Daniel 5, and Tina Marie 2. He is well known throughout the district of his association with the Midget Football League.



Joseph J. Kosarik, Jr., is a graduate of Avella High School. He has been employed in the Production unit at Climax since September, 1965. Joe and his wife, Janet, reside at R. D. 1, Hickory, with their children, Cindy 6, and Ricky 4.



Clyde C. George is a graduate of Washington High School and Washington and Jefferson College with a degree in Chemistry. He has been employed at Climax as a chemist in the Quality Control Section since February, 1966. He resides with his parents, at 803 Allison Ave., Washington, Pennsylvania.



Jules D. Lefebvre is a graduate of Midway High School. He has been employed at Climax since May, 1964, in the Quality Control Department. Jules and his wife, Charlotte, reside with their son, Paul 4, at Second Street, Midway.

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BARON ELLIOTT WILL PLAY AT LANGELOTH PARTY

Community wide interest is evident this week in the plans of the Langeloth Parent-Teacher Association for a Mammoth Community Party which will be held Tuesday evening, May 28 in recognition of the completion of the new warehouse of the Climax Molybdenum Company of Langeloth.

The new Climax Warehouse, of concrete and steel construction has been recently completed at a cost of \$50,000. It will be used for storage of Molybdenum, but its first use will be for a Langeloth Community party, from which Langeloth Community organizations will benefit.

Eighteen thousand feet of floor space will be available for dancing and entertainment. Through the compliments of the Rust Engineering Company, builders of the new Climax unit, dancers at the May 28 party will indulge in their favorite terpsichorean steps to the rhythm of Baron Elliott and his WJAS orchestra.

The use of the new warehouse is being generously donated by the Climax Molybdenum company.

A varied program of entertainment is being planned for those who attend. Baron Elliott's round dance numbers will be interspersed with square dances with Walter McNelly of Cross Creek as master of ceremonies. For those who do not care to dance, there will be tables of contract and auction bridge, five hundred and bingo. Intermission features will include an old-time fiddlers contest. There will also be a cake wtlk.

Mrs. Otice Wilgocki, president of the Parent-Teacher Association has appointed the following members as committee chairmen: Budget and finance, Mrs. C. L. Kirsch; dance and arrangement, E. S. Wheeler; cake walk, Mrs. J. H. McIntyre; Bridge, Mrs. E. S. Wheeler; Five Hundred, C. V. Critchlow; Refreshments, Mrs. Suica; publicity, E. F. Wilgocki and check room, Girl Scouts.



Climax Retirees

**Among retired employees who attended the picnic included Henry Hutchinson, J. B. Murphy, Clem Marmgin, and Jess Sadler.
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Lester Lee, Umberto DeLuca Retire



LESTER LEE

An error in the story concerning retirements at the Climax Molybdenum Company, published last week in the Enterprise, has been noted.

Mr. Lester Lee and Mr. Umberta DeLuca were pic-



UMBERTO DE LÚCA

tured with incorrect identifications.

Lester, who has been at Langeloth since October 14, 1950, now finds time to enjoy his hobby of steam engines and his many other activities.

DeLuca, the most recently retired employee of the plant, started to work at Langeloth on June 7, 1940. He has no definite plans for the future.

**Lester Lee and Umberto DeLuca Retire from Climax
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 3, 1965 Edition**



1964 Climax Scholarship

Left to Right: Don Hall, Pat Yanni, Jim Holt, Patty Edwards, and Bill Morris

Climax Scholarship Finalists Selected



These Union high school seniors have been selected as finalists for the Climax scholarships. They are, left to right, Dave Bundy, Lane Hall, Patty Stevenson, Rudy Tepsic, Bonnie Dodds, Floyd Cook, Judy Petricca and Ron DiOrio.

Not pictured are two other finalists, Joe Roberts, of Union High, and Theresa Rash, of Madonna High, who joined the other finalists for interviews at Pitts-

burgh Saturday.

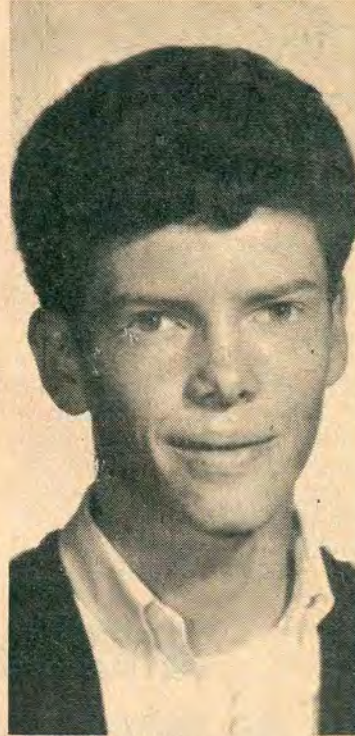
The finalists were hosted at the Hilton Hotel and were interviewed by four members of the Climax Scholarship Committee. Following lunch, they saw the musical, "Sound of Music." Upon their return to the hotel, they were served dinner and then returned home.

The names of the two scholarship winners will be announced at a later date.

Teresa Rash, Lane Hall Are Climax Scholarship Winners



TERESA RASH



LANE HALL

WVU, VPI, Choices For College Careers

Teresa C. Rash and Bruce Lane Hall have been announced as winners of the 1966 Climax Scholarships.

Each year, the Langeloth Plant of the Climax Molybdenum Company awards two scholarships, one to a dependent of an employee and one to a graduating senior from Burgettstown Union high school. The award is to recognize scholastic achievement and community leadership potential.

The scholarship award may be applied to any accredited institutions of higher learning in the United States, as selected by the student, provided the student enrolls in a course of study which leads

to a degree. The scholarship award will include full tuition costs.

Teresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rash, Jr., of Francis Mine. She is a senior at Weirton Madonna high school. In addition to various clubs to which she belongs, Teresa is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council and is the editor of the school newspaper. She plans to attend West Virginia University and study journalism.

Lane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, of 51 Church street, Burgettstown, and is a senior at Burgettstown Union High. In addition to band, baseball and basketball activities, Lane also is a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to attend Virginia Polytechnic Institute and study industrial management.

**Teresa Rash, Lane Hall are Climax Scholarship Winners
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 13, 1966 Edition**

Strike Talks Continue; 3rd Quarter Report Shows Co. Earnings Up

Efforts to end the deadlock in the Climax strike are continuing at the George Washington hotel in Washington, Pa. with meetings being held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Talks are continuing on the major issue of production standards.

Meanwhile a financial report from Climax New York Office this week on net earnings for the first nine months of 1957 showed an increase of 18 cents per share. Earnings in 1957 per share are \$4.44 while 1956 earnings in the first nine months amounted to \$4.26 per share.

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World's Tallest 'Barber Pole' See Page 2

Climax

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THIS might be called the world's biggest "barber pole." Actually it is the super-colossal 503-foot chimney of Climax Molybdenum Co. at Langeloth—20 miles west of Pittsburgh. Tallest east of the Mississippi River, the stack of brick and concrete is just two feet shorter than the Cathedral of Learning and 52 feet shorter than Washington Monument. Beside it, the height of a man is insignificant, and it takes a second look to see the two workers climbing the towering giant in the photo.

Built eight years ago by Rust Engineering Co., the gigantic "barber pole" contains enough bricks to build 125 six-room homes, and enough concrete to pave their streets, sidewalks and driveways. The chimney weighs 32,000,000 pounds and rests on a 30-foot-thick foundation. Actually, there are two chimneys. The inner chimney is self-supporting and extends the full height. Its purpose is to protect the outer chimney from flue gases, while it in turn is protected by the outer chimney from wind and weather.

The chimney is protected by special lightning arrestors, and is equipped with warning lights and beacons for aircraft. It is painted in giant red and white bands for the benefit of daylight fliers, and for eight years has served as a landmark and beacon for aircraft.



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Tschudi Promoted To Chemical Mgr.

Climax Molybdenum Company, a division of AMAX (American Metal Climax, Inc.) has promoted Wilbur J. Tschudi, a former resident of this area, to the position of Manager of Chemical Development, Chemical Division.

The promotion was announced today from New York City by Reuel E. Wariner, Vice President, Sales.

Tschudi, a Climax employee since he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Ohio University in 1945, has held a number of positions with Climax. His most previous position was Product Manager, Chemical Division. He has also served as Technical Director of the company's Langeloth conversion plant.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Tschudi continued his graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh. He is a member of the American Chemical Society, American Society for Testing and Materials and American Society of Lubrication Engineers.

Tschudi and his family reside at Ridgewood, New Jersey.

**CLIMAX WILL FURLOUGH
21 MEN ON FEBRUARY 15**

J. H. White, Jr., General Manager of Climax Molybdenum Company announced today that Climax will be furloughing 21 men on February 15. Mr. White stated "that in common with our customers, the steel industry, our sales have declined somewhat from Korean war peaks". Mr. White emphasized that all these men are good workers and that he would be glad to recommend all of them to prospective employers. This further points up the need of this community for additional industries.

**Climax will Furlough 21 Men on February 15
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 4, 1954 Edition**

Climax Workers Get Favorable State Ruling

Union workers at Climax Molybdenum in Langeloth will receive unemployment compensation checks after last Thursday's ruling by the state Office of Employment Security that the labor dispute is a "lockout." UAW Local 1311 President Charles Russell said.

"It (the ruling) made everybody quite happy," he said.

"It will keep the wolves away from the door and get us through the cold winter, if necessary," the local union president added.

Although Russell has not discussed the matter with company officials, he said they will "undoubtedly" appeal the ruling.

The company claims the work stoppage is a strike.

Unemployment compensation will last 26 weeks, Russell said.

Salaried personnel have been operating the metals-refining plant since 66 union workers refused to report to work on Oct. 16. On that date, the company terminated the existing contract and offered the union a new contract with wage and benefit concessions as well as other changes declared unacceptable by the union at a meeting held at Cherry Valley.

A three-year agreement expired Oct. 1, but union members continued to work at the plant under a contract extension until Oct. 16.

A mediator heard from both sides early in November, but no further meetings have been set, said Russell, who added that the union is willing to meet with management at any time.

Russell refused to say whether he believes the unemployment compensation ruling will help resolve the dispute.

Picketing at the Langeloth plant has been very peaceful, according to Russell.

Climax Workers get Favorable State Ruling
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1988 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Three Climax Men Are Elected To Office, In American Legion

At the annual election of Officers of the Burgettstown Post No. 698 the American Legion, three (3) employees were elected to office for their 1953-54 fiscal year. Nicholas Hallahan, from our shipping department was re-elected as Post Finance Officer. Nick joined the legion in 1946 and was elected as Post Finance Officer and held that position until April 1951 when Uncle Sam disrupted his routine by recalling him back into the Navy for an extended tour of duty.

Ernest Williams, Storeroom Foreman, was re-elected as Service Officer. Jap joined the legion in 1945, and has held the offices of Senior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, and has been active with the Junior Legion Baseball Team.

Tom G. McConnell, payroll clerk, was elected as the Legion's Adjutant. Tom joined the legion in 1945 at the Washington Post, and transferred to Burgettstown Post in 1950. He has been active in the Legion and has served on numerous committees.

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Three Climax Men are Elected to Office in American Legion
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