

mines, employing 180,000, went idle after only the necessary maintenance men reported for the night shift.

Virginia — Absenteeism hit the night shifts and gave the impression, unofficially, that the state's 20,000 would stay home.

Ohio — Holiday appearance in eastern Ohio which employs 16,000 of the state's 21,000 miners.

Tennessee — District U. M. W. headquarters said "the decision here was awaiting word from New York City. A spokesman for the Tennessee Products Corporation mining operators at Whitwell said he was not expecting the company's 800 men today and that only a few showed up for the night shift.

Strike Not Offic'

Alabama — U. M. W. forecast a walkout of 24,000 soft coal miners. ed last night with a strike by two at two shafts who refused to work without a contract.

Illinois — Some 200 mines idle affecting 25,000 U. M. W. miners; 15,000 rival P. M. W. miners on the job.

Indiana — Unofficial reports had the state's 7,000 miners ready for a strike.

New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah and Montana — Approximately 16,000 miners expected to quit work.

The union persisted officially in its position of past controversies — that no strike was called. Lewis' aides said it was up to the individual miners whether they reported to work or not.

An aura of mystery attended the overnight development of the work stoppage when Lewis spent about an hour on one of the upper floors of a Washington hotel and appeared in the lobby shortly before midnight with the terse announcement that he was going home to nearby Alexandria, Va. He refused comment.

Appeal Is Ignored

A last-minute appeal from Secretary Ickes was ignored. Ickes, acting as Fuels Administrator, urged in telegrams to Lewis and Ezra Van Horn, chairman of the joint Appalachian conference, that some kind of an agreement be reached quickly.

Hub of the argument has been the U. M. W. demand for a pay increase of \$2 a day. The War Labor Board turned this down but recommended pay for underground travel and company-financed equipment that would give the miners approximately \$1 a day more.

Unofficially, it was reported that the operators had sounded out Government officials on the prospects of getting a coal price rise in the event they agreed to a substantial pay boost for the miners. Whether these feelers actually

MEMORIAL DAY

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officers of William J. Leaselyong Post 54 conducted the American Legion ritual.

To honor the dead of the new conflict, W. R. Kenney read the roll of 22 men of Marshfield and the immediate area who have thus far died in the service of their country.

Volleys by a State Guard firing squad and the sounding of taps preceded the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Klips. Then, to the lilting strains of the "Fide of the Regiment" march, the Stars and Stripes, which had

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WILLKIE UNDECIDED ON CAMPAIGN PLANS

Asserts He May Get Republican Nomination 'in Spite of Myself'

Oberlin, O. — (AP) — Wendell L. Willkie told a press conference today he hadn't decided whether to enter Ohio's Republican presidential primary, and declared he might get the 1944 G. O. P. nomination "in spite of myself."

Asked whether he had decided to enter the race for Ohio delegates Willkie responded:

"I haven't decided whether I will be a candidate and therefore I cannot answer that question." He went on to relate "Ham Fish is against me, Gerald L. K. Smith is against me, and I understand Landon is against me. If this keeps up, I may be nominated in spite of myself."

After reporters had filed out, Willkie reopened the door and volunteered: "Say, add Col. McCormick of the Chicago Tribune to that list."

The 1940 Republican presidential candidate came to Oberlin to receive a degree of Doctor of Laws, and stayed to address an alumni luncheon.

In an interview with the Cleveland News, Willkie declared "The Republican Party has no chance of electing its man in 1944 unless its platform and its candidate both recognize that the countries of the world are interdependent and the United States must play its

ILLNESS FATAL TO PVT. KLEIFGEN, 22

Pittsville Soldier Becomes Ill Soon After Induction in January

(By News-Herald Correspondent)

Pittsville — Pvt. Karl Kleifgen, son of Anton Kleifgen of Pittsville, who entered military service Jan. 29, 1943, at Camp Grant, Ill., and had planned to enter the paratroop division of the Army, died at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, May 29, at a hospital in Clinton, Iowa.

Pvt. Kleifgen became ill two weeks after entering service, and first was sent to a station hospital for treatment. Later, when his condition became more serious, he was hospitalized at Clinton. About a week ago his father and other relatives had been called to his bedside.

Karl, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kleifgen, was born in Cologne, Germany, Dec. 1, 1920, the family moving to this country Sept. 1, 1924, settling first in Milwaukee, where Karl's mother died March 16, 1931.

The father and two sons, Karl and Walter, then moved to Pittsville, where Karl attended St. Joachim's Parochial School, graduating in 1938. After graduating from Pittsville High School in 1939, he went to Chicago and was employed for two years at Hotel Sherman. After leaving Chicago he had been employed in a large restaurant in Racine until his induction into the Army.

Surviving besides his father are his younger brother, Walter; his grandmother, Mrs. Christina Scalla; and an uncle, Karl Scalla, Racine.

Funeral services and full military rites will be held at St. Joachim's Catholic Church, with the Rev. John Willmeyer officiating, and at the parish cemetery at Pittsville. The body arrived in Pittsville with a military escort this morning, and the Requiem High Mass will be Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Joachim's. The American Legion Post and Auxiliary will have charge of the military rites.

Frank E. Stoughton

(By News-Herald Correspondent)

Abbotsford — Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at First Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford, for Frank E. Stoughton, 66, of Abbotsford, who died at a hospital in

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