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## Patton's Labor Day Celebration Success

### Throng Crowd Streets; Program is Good One; Everybody Has Good Time

One of the greatest Labor Day Celebrations in the history of Patton was held Monday and a very impressive program marked the occasion. Addressing by a number of prominent speakers proved one of the big features of the holiday celebration, and hundreds of people assembled in front of the Patton House to hear the speakers.

One of the leading orators of the day was Chas. M. Schwab, of Lehigh and New York City, who had consented to speak in the absence of Governor Gifford Pinchot, who was unable to fulfill the Patton engagement on account of pressing business in the anthracite field. Mr. Schwab delivered a very forceful address which was greatly appreciated by the assembly. In the course of his address he stated that during present discussions of industrial questions and issues, people must not forget that there are three factors in the situation—Capital, Labor and Management.

A disappointing feature of the day, of course, was the inability of the Governor, who had fully intended coming to Patton, to be here. A copy of the telegram conveying the engagement received early Monday morning is as follows:

Harrisburg, Pa. Daniel Willis: The sudden turn in the coal strike negotiations this morning makes it impossible, to my very great regret, for me to leave Harrisburg, until the sub-committee meets here, on Wednesday. Work in the mine is hoped for settlement of the strike will absolutely tie me down here. I cannot begin to say how sorry I am not to be with you. Please express to the meeting my very great regret. I am trying to do something in the interest of all the people of Pennsylvania. I hope you will understand. GIFFORD PINCHOT.

The celebration was the grand street pageant in the forenoon. First prize for the organization making the best appearance in the parade was awarded to Daniel Wilkie, president of the Patton Mine Workers rests the greater credit for the success of everything. It was through his untiring efforts that the Patton Labor Day celebration reached the proportions it did.

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Winners of the various athletic events were as follows: 100-yard dash Earl Gill, first; Bud Larimer, second; 220-yard dash, Larimer, first; Gill, second; 50-yard dash for girls, Madeline Cronauer, first; Catherine Larimer, second. Handsome prizes were awarded the winners.

Louie Carretti succeeded in catching the greased pig. A hotly-contested game was based on the Patton and Hastings teams with the Patton tossers winning by a score of 2 to 1. Patton also carried off first honors in the water battle with the Hastings firemen. A splendid exhibition drill was given by the Patton Fire Company.

There was a boxing and wrestling tournament scheduled as part of the evening program, but this failed to materialize. Fred W. Kelly, of Latrobe, known as the "Boy Promoter," was in charge of this entertainment, but when the crowd assembled there was some disappointment, as the arena belonging to Kelly had been torn down and the lights removed. Kelly was called upon to make an explanation for failing to conduct the boxing and wrestling show and he gave as his reason, it is said, that the contract entered into with him had been broken by other people. This was vigorously denied by all other persons interested in this part of the program.

The celebration was brought to a close with street dancing and hundreds of men, women and children enjoyed the dance. Music was furnished by two bands throughout the day.

The afternoon's program would no doubt have had a much larger attendance had it not been for the inclement weather. A slow drizzling rain started shortly after the noon hour, and continued unabated throughout the balance of the day.

Miners Thank Everyone. The Patton Local Union, under whose auspices and promotion the Labor Day celebration was held, desire to thank everyone. Following is a text of a message to the people of Patton and visitors:

"The United Mine Workers of Patton desire through the columns of the Courier to extend their sincere thanks

to everyone who aided in the success of the Labor Day Celebration. Our special thanks are extended to the business men who contributed to the Celebration Fund, to the members of the Patton Fire Company, who assisted in a great way in making the day a success, to the baseball team and last, but by no means least, to every man, woman and child, who attended and took part in the celebration.

LOCAL UNION NO. 842, U. M. W. of A. By Daniel Wilkie, President.

## Good Roads Mass Meeting

### Tentative Program Calls for Parade Which Will Start From Johnstown

Northern Cambria is "out of the mud" far enough to feel that the time has come to celebrate. In recognition of the fact that it was a wide county organization which has been working in order to show the rest of the county just what has been and is being accomplished in the North, the whole county, and as much of the South as will come, are invited to a great day of parade and jollification, culminating in a mass meeting at Sunset Park, Sept. 28.

A tentative program has been worked out and will be announced in a few days. Part of the program includes the initiation of the North for the business houses of the South to spread themselves all over the North by getting into a parade which will start at Johnstown, turn definitely at Ebensburg, and cover the whole route to Carrolltown by way of Altoona, then make "the loop" by way of Patton, Hastings, Barnesboro, Spangler and Carrolltown, and return to Johnstown.

The business men of the North, with all the industries, will also be motorized for the day and will make a tour of the county. The highway department and the contractors on the Strittmatters-Carrolltown-Spangler improvement have also finished their work.

The board of trustees of the trolley re-creation fund raised several years ago to take the Northern Cambria Railway Company's tracks off the main highway, so that the state could go ahead with the construction of the road, consisted of Rembrandt Peale, St. Benedict; George E. Prindle, Patton; and Messrs. Myers, Lloyd Latzenberg, and McClain. Messrs. Peale and Prindle were added to the preliminary committee, as was Dr. G. R. Anderson, of Barnesboro, and the committee agreed that the celebration should be the affair of all who have been actively interested, including the veterans of the organizations already mentioned. Dr. Harry Sommerville's Cambria County Supervisors' association of a few years ago, the present organization of supervisors and good roads boosters of which James F. Boyer was for years secretary, the old Portage Main Line association and the Grange association. Paul Nelson represented the Main Line association at the conference Saturday.

The late W. H. Deinger of Patton was an enthusiastic member and a vice president of the county organization. Among other prominent boosters who have passed away were County Commissioner Emmanuel Baumgardner and County Commissioner Harry B. Heffley.

It is planned to have present at the celebration, judges of the higher courts, judges and former judges of the county courts, present and past officers, all supervisors and former supervisors possible, brigades and councilmen of all boroughs, congressmen, and former congressmen, sitting and former members of the state senate and house.

There is ample space in and about Sunset Park and the mass meeting there can be held indoors or out, as weather conditions dictate.

Big Blaze Near Indiana. One person was injured when he jumped from a window to escape the encroaching flames. 12 families were made homeless and a property loss has been estimated at \$50,000 occurred in a fire which entirely wrecked a block of dwelling and business houses in Smyerstown, near Indiana, Monday night.

## PATTON YOUTH KILLED IN MINE

### Simon Verzillo, Aged 16 of Lang Avenue, Caught Under Fall of Rock

Simon Verzillo, aged 16 years, 8 months and 24 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Verzillo, of West Lang avenue, who number 39, fell of rock while at work in Mine No. 29 of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corporation, this place, at about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. Before the rock could be moved, he had expired.

Young Verzillo is well and favorably known about Patton. He was educated in the local public schools and had for some time been employed in Borman's restaurant. Two weeks ago he started his first employment in the mines. He was working with his father at the time this accident happened.

Simon Verzillo is survived by his parents, above mentioned, and by a number of brothers and sisters. The funeral will be held on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, when a High Mass of Requiem will be said over the remains in St. Mary's church, this place, by the Rev. Father Hervey, O. S. B. Following the mass service, interment will be made in St. Mary's cemetery.

## Man Found Badly Injured on Road

While returning from the North of the county at an early hour on Thursday morning, a Mr. Reed, of Magee Mills, discovered a man, who proved to be John Nowery, also of Magee Mills, badly injured, lying on the road at Reilly's Mines. Mr. Nowery had been struck by a machine a couple of hours previous to being found, and the driver of the machine that hit him never stopped. He was brought to the office of Dr. J. A. Murray of this place, where it was found he had a broken nose, severe lacerations of the head, torn lips, cut hands, the body, and badly bruised and cut hands. He was removed to the Spangler hospital.

Death of Mrs. Joseph Tombo. The funeral services of Mrs. Joseph Tombo, who died at her home in this place, where Mrs. Yeager conducted the boarding house, were held at 10 o'clock on Thursday evening, September 12th and 13th, there were big displays of flowers, and a religious program having been arranged with the International F. W. Works of New Jersey.

The cattle and dairy shows this year will be out of the ordinary. The entries of home dairy and beef herds, sheep and pigs, exceed previous years. Chas. M. Schwab, the promoter of the show, has been purchased a considerable number of brood mares from his Loretto line, each weighing more than a ton and a number of Guernseys, among which is a bull named "2000," and a number of Herford cattle, the Hickory Ridge Dorset Jersey Breeders' Association and the Cross Breeders' Association will exhibit swine and sheep. The exhibit of farm products, feed work, etc., will be above the average.

Annual Affair at Sylvan Park. The annual reunion of the Albert Rhoas family was held last Sunday afternoon at Sylvan Park, between West and family, Chest Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Rhoas, and family, Ebensburg; Oscar, Dennis Orlando, Arthur and Earl Rhoas, all of Chest Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Kibler and family, Chest Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and family, Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Yeager and family, Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Edward West and family, Chest Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Max Becker and family, Pittsburgh; Elsie and Elizabeth Rhoas, Chest Springs; Regina Cassidy, Rhoas, garet, and Catherine Kline, Ebensburg; Virginia Cooper and Myrtle McConnell, Patton; Dorothy Bishop Loretto; Russell Werten, Simon Conrad and Kuel Barkhart, Chest Springs.

Herman Bender, aged 29 years, son of H. E. Bender, of Patton, was seriously injured about 8 o'clock Sunday evening when an automobile in which he was riding collided with another machine parked along the improved highway between here and Patton.

The collision occurred at Strittmatters' corner. Mr. Bender was thrown through the windshield and suffered severe lacerations of the head and face and was knocked unconscious. He suffered a cut on the forehead which required 14 stitches to close. His injuries were dressed by Drs. J. A. and V. A. Murray, of Patton.

The Homestead Grays, a crack colored team of the Pittsburgh district, defeated the Pittsboro Stars in an exciting baseball game at the local Fair Grounds on Sunday afternoon by a score of 4 to 3.

## FORMER PRESIDENT ORGAN RECITAL SEPTEMBER 24

### Will Be Held at the Presbyterian Church; Powell Weaver Organist.

An organ recital of unusual interest is announced for the evening of September 24th at the Presbyterian church, Patton.

Mr. Powell Weaver will be the chief attraction. Mr. Weaver has been organist of the Grand avenue Methodist Episcopal church, of Kansas City, Mo., for the past ten years. This organ is the largest in the United States and since Mr. Weaver's appointment as organist, he has made for himself a permanent place among the musicians of America and Europe.

The summer of 1922 he spent in Italy at the summer home of his friend, Pietro Von, formerly organist of the Vatican. Mr. Von was delighted with his playing, both his technique and artistic interpretation that he looked him up for concerts in Italy. These recitals were highly praised in Italian Musical Notes. Tickets and prices to the Patton recital will be announced later.

## Will Firpo Win Title Next Week?

The Dempsey-Firpo fight next Friday at the Polo Grounds, New York City, will be a staggering match, with the odds in favor of the champion, Joe Willard. Just now fans all over the country are anxious to see just why this South American pugilist is so highly regarded.

Next Wednesday night at the Majestic Theatre a picture entitled "Will Firpo Conquer Dempsey?" will be shown. This picture portrays the abilities of Luis Angel Firpo, both in training, and in previous ring engagements. It is interesting to start to finish and has been purchased by the local theatre management at a considerable price, because of its timeliness. Side lights of Dempsey are also included in the picture. The picture says that Dempsey is not what you would call a clever boxer, and that Firpo is even less of a gymnastic sparring man, in other words, a "puncher."

Remodeling New Home. The Ebensburg council of the Knights of Columbus have let a contract to John L. Elder of Ebensburg to remodel their new home in the former Bender hotel building. Mr. Elder is already at work and by Oct. 1, it is expected, he will have the third story of the building transformed into a model council room and part of the second floor changed so as to accommodate the needs of the Catholic Daughters of this place. The Catholic Daughters have been accorded the privilege of using part of this building for their own purposes by the local Knights.

600 WERE GRADUATED. STATE COLLEGE—Everything is in readiness for the opening of the sixty-ninth year at the Pennsylvania State College, which will take place with the usual general assembly in charge of President John M. Thomas, on Wednesday morning September 12.

The only new departure at the college this year is the functioning of the first time of the new school education which has been formed through the combination of all previously existing educational instruction departments in various other schools of the college. Young men and women are trained in this school for the teaching profession.

The usual capacity enrollment of from 3,000 to 3,500 is expected, with the freshman class numbering about 2,300 applicants. More than 600 seniors were graduated during the past year, but old students returning, and many new students coming with advance standing from other colleges will mean that within a few days after the opening every available room on the campus and in the town will be filled.

Students will report for registration on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 10 and 11.

EBENSBURG—The county commissioners Friday awarded the contract for the enclosure of a park at the children's home to A. J. Confor of this place at his bid of \$2,300. Other bids offered were by Hugh O. Evans of Ebensburg for \$3,240 and by John L. Elder of Ebensburg for \$3,980.

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## Patton Kiwanis Club Formally Organized

### Approximately Fifty Business Men of Patton and North of County Met Here

For some time a movement has been under way in Patton for a formation of a local Kiwanis Club, and this movement became concrete at a luncheon and meeting, which was attended by about fifty men of Patton and the north county, at the Palmer House at 7 o'clock last evening.

W. E. Duffy, of New York, Kiwanis Club International Field Representative, had charge of the meeting, the result of which, following the luncheon, the Kiwanis Club of Patton, was formally organized. An election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. W. A. Graham; Vice President, Attorney Reuel Sommerer; District Trustee, Lester Larimer; Directors, M. B. Gwisher, Dr. C. L. McCloy, Chas. Snyder, Thomas H. Buck, R. E. Good, B. F. Weakland, and A. O. Sommerville; Treasurer, F. L. Brown. At a meeting of the Board of Directors, following the club meeting, W. J. Starrett was elected secretary.

The Kiwanis club is limited to but 2 members of a single classification. Patton's territory will include the Borough of Patton and the territory for a radius of ten miles.

Four members of the Kiwanis club of Altoona were present last evening including the secretary Paul V. Tildard; E. V. Russell, who rendered several excellent solos and also sang of the evening; and the Messrs. Geo. C. Curry and H. H. Moyer.

The Kiwanis International, of which the club formed here will be a branch of, was formed by a group of business and professional men in Detroit in January, 1915. There are now 1,082 clubs in the United States and Canada with a membership of 83,000. This membership is made of exclusively business executives and professional men, the membership being confined to such, and to not more than two from each business or professional line, and membership is by invitation. There are 43 clubs in the state of Pennsylvania and Patton makes the 44th.

The club members are expected to participate in work for "the underprivileged child." A very fine program has been worked out for the use of clubs, designed to supply that deficiency which the lives of children which is caused by the loss of parents, improper home atmosphere, or none at all, or circumstances which deny to the child a chance for proper growth and development.

Kiwanis also promotes a spirit of uprightiness in business by emphasizing a lofty conception of business ethics and its membership. Through weekly luncheons of the club, which are continued for just one hour, a spirit of friendliness and cooperation, and the enthusiasm generated for the accomplishment of the various projects for civic betterment with which the club identifies itself.

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## \$125,000.00 for Buildings

### James A. McClain is Chairman For Drive for Spangler Hospital

Trustees and other friends of the Miner's Hospital of Northern Cambria are busy planning for a fund drive to raise \$125,000.00. This fund is to be used in building a new nurses home, a contagious disease ward, and a new fire-proof stairway to replace the wooden stairway in the old building.

Mr. James A. McClain has been appointed chairman for the drive and associated with him on the executive committee are the trustees of the hospital.

An appeal will be made to every resident of Northern Cambria to support this project. The intensive part of the campaign will be the last week of September.

Mr. McClain has appointed the following men to act as the Coal Operator's Committee to appeal to every Mining Company in the area served by the hospital. The following men are on this committee: Bernard R. Lloyd, Rembrandt Peale, John E. Reilly, James H. Allport, William Lamont, C. Law Watkins, Harry Good, all Richard Tschamber, George McCloy, Harry Heigher, A. B. Clark, L. A. Boucher, and Richard Peale.

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