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LOCAL AND STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Condensed Items Gathered from Various Sources for the Busy Reader.

The triple of a house coal mine on the latter property of Bedford street in Scap Level, was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. The fire had gained considerable headway before the arrival of the firemen. The firemen who conducted the mine, does not know what caused the fire.

Judge John H. McCann recently handed down a divorce in the case of Clara Alma (Hall) Clemence against Albert Clemence of South Fork, awarding the plaintiff a divorce.

Bids for construction of approximately 70 miles of highway will be opened in Ebensburg, Feb. 23 and 29, the department of highways announced recently.

Bids to be received Feb. 23 include those of the following projects: Cambridge, 19.128 feet; Richland and Coney-maugh townships, Somerset, 11,402 feet; Upper Turkeyfoot township.

Frank McCue, of Carrolltown, is a patient at the Miners' Hospital, where he is being treated for an injury. He is the result of an accident while at work in the Halesley Mine at Bakerstown on Thursday of last week.

William Gray, aged 45 years, of St. Benedict, was admitted to the Miners' Hospital, Tuesday morning suffering of injuries received while at work in No. 9 mine of the Carrolltown Coal Company. He was hurt about the abdomen. He is resting fairly well at the institution.

Marron sisterhood No. 219, Dames of Malta, celebrated its sixth anniversary at Ebensburg recently. Address were delivered by S. H. Jack and the Rev. Mr. Baumgartel. A program of music and games also was rendered. More than 75 members and friends were in attendance after the program a chicken and waffle dinner was served.

The Court of Our Lady of Victory, Catholic Daughters of America met for business and a social hour at the Knights of Columbus rooms, Barneboro, Monday evening.

Six actions in ejectment were filed in the prothonary's office at Ebensburg last Friday by the Foreo Co. against tenants occupying houses owned by this company in Portage township.

Dr. E. F. Arble returned to his home Thursday evening by a motor car. His absence at Baltimore, Md., where he was a patient at the Maryland General Hospital, an operation for appendicitis having been performed on him. Dr. Arble was admitted to the institution. The physician detained at Altoona and was brought from that station to his home by automobile. He stood the well and is in fine condition, all angles considered.

Mrs. Emma Jane Blattenberger Amick, wife of Norman R. Amick of Altoona, died Thursday at her home, aged 50. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Blattenberger of Ebensburg, two brothers, Mrs. Paul Edwards, Ehrenfeld and a son, Russell Amick, at home.

C. J. Beaker and Harvey Beaker of Hastings, Charles Volk of St. Benedict and James E. Weakland of Johnstown left Hastings this afternoon for Rutgers, N. J., on a business trip. They expect to purchase a poultry farm at that place. The Bureau of Fire Protection, Pennsylvania State Police, reports 107 arrests made during 1927 for arson. These arrests not only cover those made during investigation of barn fires but also include cases of firing automobile for purposes of defrauding insurance companies.

DR. MAYO BLAMES MUCH WHITE PLAGUE ON COW

Dr. C. H. Mayo, probably the world's most famous medical authority, also the health officer and a farmer, of Rochester, Minnesota, asserts that:

"A conservative estimate is that twenty-five per cent tuberculosis among children and five per cent of all tuberculosis in humans is from bovine sources."

In a recent letter, a copy of which was received by the Bureau of Animal Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Dr. Mayo wrote:

"Tuberculosis in cattle spreads to humans, usually by means of milk in which the germs have not been killed proper pasteurization. How frequently this occurs is a question. The conservative estimate is that 25 per cent of tuberculosis among children and 5 per cent of all tuberculosis is from bovine sources."

"Clinical observation and examination of cattle do not always indicate the tubercular animal. In addition tuberculin test should be used for even if it is not 100 per cent efficient, it is the best method we have of detecting the tubercular animal."

"Opposition to the area testing and compulsory plan is sometimes due to the anti-spirit so common among the uninformed but sometimes it is due to half-splittin' and unproven or impractical theories of those who know or should know."

"It is to be regretted that opponents to the plan who cannot be classed as just anti are satisfied to just oppose without proposing some other practical commercially possible plan with the result that just nothing is done."

"Everything should be done—clinical observation and examination of the cattle, tuberculin testing and slaughter of reactors and proper pasteurization of milk. Expense should not be the determining consideration. In fact money spent for such things is not expense, it is an investment which will return dividends."

"I submit this statement not only as a doctor of medicine but also as a health officer and as a farmer where I have had extensive experience with bovine tuberculosis among cattle in my own herds"

\$8,000 LOSS AS FLAMES RAZE GALLITZIN HOME
Fire thought to have originated in an overheated furnace, early this morning destroyed the home of L. B. Wood, assistant supervisor of the Gallitzin railroad at Gallitzin.

All three men after Gallitzin firemen had been summoned and had fought the blaze was a mere shell of the home. All furnishings were destroyed.

The house was the property of the Pennsylvania Railroad company. Loss is estimated at approximately \$8,000.

MUNSTER MAN BRINGS SUIT AGAINST COUNTY

Suit has been instituted by Terrence W. O'Hara of Munster township against Cambria county seeking to recover damages of \$5,000 as a result of the relocation of the county road on Ebensburg to Cresson. In his statement of claim, the plaintiff alleges that a strip of his best agricultural land has been rendered useless by the changing of the road; that he will be obliged to build and maintain fences along the entire length of his farm and that he is unable to properly pasture his cattle.

Mr. O'Hara also claims that, by the relocation of the road passing his farm, he has suffered depreciation in value and that the relocated road is not kept open in the winter, causing traffic to be diverted over his fields. The plaintiff further claims that he has lost rents which the Pennsylvania railroad previously paid him for the privilege of placing snow fences on his land.

GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Miss Gail Johnston as Scout Captain; The Girls Scouts will be the Guests of the Boys Scouts Friday

A set-up meeting, the attendants at which included the members of the Local Committee was held in the High School on Tuesday afternoon last. Applications for membership in the first and second patrols of the troop were received. The names of the first sixteen girls were chosen. Those names not chosen were held over until the two patrols now in operation have been trained in the fundamentals of scoutcraft, when the third and fourth patrols will be recruited.

The Committee unanimously approved Miss Gail Johnston as Scout Captain. She will have as First Lieutenant Mrs. Clair Kelly, and is given the right to choose her second assistant.

The Local Committee is composed of Mrs. Ralph Good (Chairman), Mrs. R. Baugartel, Mrs. R. Somerville and with three others who were appointed but who have not yet accepted the office.

An invitation from the Boy Scouts to meet with them in their Parents' Night program was unanimously accepted. The girls will be the guests of the boys on Friday night. Those whose names are appended are asked to meet with the Captain on Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the Scout Room.

The cooperation of the parents is sought in helping make this Troop of Scouts equal to the best. The splendid record made by the Boy Scouts is attributed to the support of the fathers and mothers.

This troop is a community troop-girly and includes in its membership all denominations being welcome into its membership. The Troop Committee represents in its makeup all of the interests of the town.

MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND MINERS IDLE IN COUNTY

Records of the United Mine Workers of America in Cambria county show that there are more than 5000 miners on its relief rolls of which Patton has 75. They are divided as follows:

Ehrenfeld	150
South Fork	475
Garman	303
Portage	225
Martindale	70
Jamesstown	421
Barneboro	550
Portage	814
Carrolltown	26
St. Benedict	156
Emigh Run	121
Portage	75
Cresson	87
Amsbury	45
Blanching	45
Beaverdam	55
Spring Hill	300
Gallitzin	650

FAVOR ANOTHER CHANGE

Sentiment has developed in the house veterans committee in favor of giving more than \$3,000,000 world war veterans another chance to take out government insurance.

Hearing was started Wednesday on a bill to reopen for one year the time for conversion of government policies and the Chairman Johnson predicted Tuesday that the measure would pass without serious opposition.

When the time for conversion of government policies closed last July, only 60,000 of the 400,000 veterans had converted their policies.

DEPUTY INCOME TAX COLLECTOR COMING TO PATTON FEB. 29TH

The Internal Revenue Office at Pittsburgh has arranged to send field deputies to the principal cities and towns in Cambria county for the purpose of advising with and assisting income taxpayers in the preparation of their returns.

In this connection H. W. Dene, Deputy Collector, will be at the Grange National Bank on Wednesday February 29, if you have any difficulties to overcome in this matter, call and see him.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

French McAtee, Minister.
Sunday February 12th 1928.
Rev. A. Broadley-East of Barneboro will preach at 10:30 A. M. The pastor will speak at 7:30 P. M. on the Life and Times of Abraham Lincoln. The Boy Scouts are to attend in a body, and our Baptist brethren will join with us in this service. All who are interested in the life-story of the Great Emancipator are invited to attend.

WILLIAM ZHILALA

William, three months old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zhilala, residing near Portage, died of pneumonia at the parental home Monday morning. The child is survived by his parents, two sisters and three brothers. One of his brothers is serving in the United States Army Aviation Corps. Funeral services were held at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning in St. Mary's Slovak Catholic Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

PATTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Phil T. Gorman—Pastor
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
Reception of members.
Baptism of adults and children.
Epworth League 8:30
Evening Worship 7:30
Prayer Service—Wednesday—7:30

KIWANIS PROGRAM INTERESTING ONE

"Community Assets" Topic and Reuel Somerville Lauded As Such in Patton.

The Northern Cambria Kiwanis Club held a meeting that was a little out of the ordinary on Thursday at their regular weekly gathering and luncheon at the Brandon Hotel, Spangler, on Monday evening last.

A very fine attendance was present for the "Community Assets" program announced and speakers among the Kiwanians from the several towns had as guests men from the communities whom they considered leading citizens, and those whom they regarded as being true "builders" of the town.

M. B. Cowher spoke for the Patton delegation, and his laudation was given to Attorney Reuel Somerville. He spoke of Mr. Somerville as a man of high character, consulted before any community movement was undertaken. He told of him as an untiring worker in every public enterprise that was worthy in the community. C. C. Adams of Carrolltown, speaking of the Hastings "Assets," told of his knowledge of A. B. Clark of that place. J. Edw. Stevens, of Carrolltown, had as his favorite G. E. Hips of editor of the Carrolltown "News" and told of his untiring efforts in building up the school system in Carrolltown. J. Bert Holsoppe of Spangler, told of the qualifications of James A. McClain and A. E. Fox of his town; the Rev. A. Broadley-East of Barneboro lauded Dr. G. R. Anderson and the Hon. Milton Spencer, and Prof. R. O. Lytle of Cherrytree had four of the leaders of his community to praise. In all instances the men referred to were not members of the club, were guests for the evening. L. Steele Clark, of Cherrytree, although not present, was mentioned as a fitting climax, praised the efforts of the men who had the program in charge—Mr. M. B. Cowher of this place and Richard Scott of Barneboro.

Next week's meeting promises to be interesting. Frank Brown, is the chairman and the "Care of Criminals" is the topic.

KENNETH FRAZIER GOES TO MORGANZA FOR THEFTS

New Trial Denied in Case Where Cellar Banker Accused Two Men; Maglielzo's Story of Robbery Sticks
Kenneth Frazier, of Patton, before the court Monday on a charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods in connection with the robbery of a motor car belonging to N. E. Mostler Jan. 20, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to Pennsylvania Training school at Morgantown for a term of 18 months.

Judge S. L. Reed filed an opinion in the interesting case of James Cunningham of Altoona and Russell Drandrea of Patton. The case was set for a new trial and ordering them to appear in court for sentence next Monday.

Cunningham and Drandrea were convicted in Springdale of receiving stolen goods. John Miglielzo of Patton testified that May 7 of last year, a man had come to his home and interested him in buying an automobile belonging to him in a garage. The stranger, said Miglielzo, told him he could get the job, but that it would be necessary for him to put up a \$1000 cash. Miglielzo, Patton man, the same man called for him and they started toward Altoona. Near Ashville they met another man, who called them to stop. The man, Miglielzo said, asked him if he had with him the money to pay for the automobile. He had the cash, so they all returned to Patton to get it.

When they were inside Miglielzo's home, he testified, the stranger locked the door and demanded the money. The Patton man kept his cash in a jar in the basement, he said. There was \$1,750 in the jar. One man drew revolver, threatened him, warned him not to tell anyone then the two fled in the automobile with the money. Miglielzo said he had no one about the occurrence but he went to Altoona to do some private detective work and as he passed along the street one day saw two men working on a foundation of a building and recognized them as those who had robbed him. One had a scar on his face and the other lacked two teeth.

At the trial Miglielzo said Drandrea was the man who came to his home first and Cunningham was taken to the car. When they got near Altoona, Miglielzo said, the car again stopped and the driver asked him if he had with him the money to pay for the automobile. He had the cash, so they all returned to Patton to get it.

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LEGION BODIES TO HOLD BENEFIT FOR NEEDY

The members of Walter McCoy Post, No. 614, American Legion co-operating with the Patton Post, Legion auxiliary of the same body are planning to hold a benefit in the Municipal building on the evening of Monday, February 20th, the proceeds of which will be used in relief of the needy families of the Patton section. There will be dancing and lunch and other features and a more complete story of the affair will be given in the next week when the plans are completed.

In this connection a special meeting of both the Legion and the Auxiliary will be held in the Municipal hall on Saturday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, and the presence of the members of both bodies is urgently requested.

SPLENDID PICTURE HERE FOR TWO DAYS

"Underworld" Will Be At The Grand Next Tuesday and Wednesday

"UNDERWORLD" a picture as frank as an expose by a fearless metropolitan newspaper, will be the attraction at the Grand Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

This is one production that is smashing in its treatment and that is also as absorbing a drama of modern life.

It is impressive because it makes one think, in addition to being a splendid entertainment. The unfolding of the lives of underworld characters in an environment of crime, their methods of preying on the honest, their forefocous with men paid to uphold the law and the intimate side of their natures in following out impulses emotion in love and hate, provide the viewer with a picture written by Ben Hecht for Paramount.

The climax is extraordinarily thrilling, showing how a city street may take on a life of its own, and how the police forces rushing up to a house where a desperate gangster is trapped and has decided to die fighting. Searchlights, machine guns, gramophones, automatic revolvers, shields and all the equipment of soldiery come into play when the house is stormed.

The gangster characters are splendidly portrayed by George Bancroft, gangster leader; Evelyn Brent, a girl whose moral consciousness is not awakened until she falls in love; and a crowd of other good breeding who falls into a life of crime; Larry Semon, a crook with a streak of his better nature; and a leader of a gang opposing Bancroft's.

Josef Von Sternberg, who directed the underworld drama under Hector Turner's supervision, has made a picture that is a masterpiece of its kind.

The picture should cause much comment through its faithful depiction in a health institution of a condition that exists in American cities today.

ST. AUGUSTINE NEWS

George Adams has returned from Carrolltown where he spent a few days with relatives.

Rose Mary and Margaret Willis of Barneboro spent the week-end here with relatives.

Elmer Adams of Altoona is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Adams of Patton.

Joseph Sheehan of Chest Springs was a caller at his home here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Krise have gone to Altoona to visit their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. J. Shaffer.

A series of Cluch Games will be played in the Church Hall here on Sat. Feb. 11, and 18 until the end of Tuesday evening Feb. 21. Cash prizes will be given the winner in the three games. Also other prizes will be given. Lunch will be served.

Joseph Davis was a business caller in Blainburg on Friday.

Mrs. Pearl Dunmore of Cresson is visiting her father J. P. Warfield here this week.

Wm McNulty of this place was a Patton business caller on Saturday.

Miss Virginia Williams, who has been confined to her home by illness for several days, was reported improved.

Miss Grace Johnson of Ashville is spending a few days here with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Detwiler of Altoona have concluded a visit here with friends and relatives.

Robert Carroll of Altoona was the guest of friends and relatives here recently.

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, aged 84 years, one of Blainburg's oldest residents; who died of dropsy last Thursday were held Sunday afternoon in Baptist Church at Mountblain. Interment was in the Cambria Mills Cemetery.

The deceased was born in White Township, this county. She leaves three children: W. B. Brown, with whom she lived, and Charles A. Joseph D. and G. Brown all of Blainburg. Fourteen grandchildren also survive.

BURGESS CITES AUTO LAW DURING FIRES

Calls Attention of Patton Citizens to New Code Affecting Traffic Rules.

The new automobile laws, insofar as they pertain to traffic at the time of the fire apparatus caused Burgess Thomas, McQuillan, of Patton, to call attention of our readers to the following sections of the automobile code and to offer some additional rules affecting the borough:

The driver of a vehicle upon a highway shall yield the right of way to police and fire apparatus. This provision shall not operate to relieve the driver of a police or fire department vehicle or ambulance of the safety of all persons using the highway, nor shall it protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequence of an arbitrary exercise of such right of way.

Upon the approach of any police or fire department vehicle or ambulance, giving audible signal by bell, siren or exhaust whistle, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right hand edge or curb of the highway, clear of any intersection of highways, and shall stop and remain in such position unless otherwise directed by a police or traffic officer, until the police or fire department vehicle or ambulance shall have passed.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, other than a fire apparatus, to follow any fire apparatus, traveling in response to a fire alarm, faster than five hundred (500) feet, or to drive into or park such vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.

All persons except firemen are forbidden to ride to or from any fire on fire truck.

THOMAS A. McQUILLAN
Chief Burgess

SCOUTS OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY AND WILL HAVE PARENTS' NIGHT

This is anniversary week for the Boy Scouts and the Patton Scouts are observing it. The Scouts are wearing their uniforms to school and are also making hurried preparations for Parents' Night, which will be held next Friday night.

The Scouts held their regular meeting on Friday evening and it consisted mostly of preparations for the Parents.

The boys are putting in a very busy week. Parents' Night will be celebrated for the first time. On Saturday the boys intend to take an all day hike. On Sunday the boys will bring to a close another week by attending the Presbyterian church.

The Scout officers would like to have every father and mother of the Scouts come on Parents' Night, and see what the Scouts can do.

The new Scout Hall is in the Good Building, in the old American Legion Hall.

TRUCK OF WHISKY SEIZED BY POLICE

Twelve barrels of moonshine whiskey and a motor truck were confiscated by State Police Nicholas Sargent and Henry Weller, Chief of Police, Russell Epplett and Constable James B. Wilson on the outskirts of South Fork about 2 o'clock Monday morning. Discovery of the truck loaded with whiskey was made by the South Fork police and the State Police.

Sist D. Crosina, of South Fork, driver of the truck was placed under arrest on a charge of transporting liquor. Information was made against Crosina before Justice of the Peace John S. Wicks and was held for court under \$1000 bail.

The truck is owned by Tony Nastic, of Beaverdam. It is claimed that the truck had been posted for the release of the truck. The confiscated whiskey has been removed to the courthouse at Ebensburg.

CHEST SPRINGS NOTES

A church party was held in the grange hall Wednesday, and a large crowd attended.

A leap year dance will be held in the Chest Springs hall Saturday evening. An orchestra from Gallitzin has been invited to furnish the musical program.

Mrs. William Gibbons, Mrs. A. Mulligan, Mrs. Hugh Schenk and Mrs. Little have concluded a visit in Altoona.

Mrs. August McElheney, who has been confined to her home by illness for several days, was reported improved.

Frank Reich, who has been ill for several days, was reported improved.

Mrs. Edward Wise has been removed to the Mercy Hospital in Altoona, where she will undergo an operation.

Miss Agatha Wharton, who has been confined to her home by illness for a few days, was reported improved.

Miss Marie Schenk of Altoona spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Schenk.

C. J. Willis was a recent business caller in Altoona.

Rose Agnes Fiek has returned to her home here, after a visit in Ebensburg.

Mrs. Edgar McElheney is able to be about again after being confined to her home by illness for several days.

Miss Grace Johnson of Ashville is spending a few days here with friends and relatives.

PROTEST TRANSFER OF COUNTY BUS COMPANIES

A vigorous protest was made before the Public Service Commission Friday when the application of the Cambria Bus Company, to acquire the properties and franchises of the Southern Cambria Bus Company and the Beaverdale-South Fork Bus Company was heard by the Commission.

The protesters were the Southern Cambria Railway Company and a group of bondholders of the same company, when testimony was taken before Major E. M. Vale, an examiner of the Commission.

Sale of certain bus lines holdings by certain Directors of the Southern Cambria Railway Company was alleged by the dissenting bondholders to have been made illegally.

Other applications by the Cambria Bus Company ask the right to conduct a group service from Cambria County to other points; additional rights to operate as common carriers of passengers between Johnston and Ebensburg, and Nanty-Glo, Johnston and Ebensburg, Johnston and God's Corner, Wesley Chapel and Ebensburg, and Johnston and South Fork, Lamb's Bridge and Johnston and Nanty-Glo and Wehrum.

For the transportation of freight between Johnston, Ebensburg, West Point, Ebensburg, Nanty-Glo, Beisano and Johnston and between Beaverdale; South Fork and Johnston.

PASSING THE BUCK DOES NOT PAY IN EVERYTHING