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LOCAL AND STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Condensed Items Gathered from Various Sources for the Busy Reader.

Nellie McCracken aged 18 of Ligonier township near Greensburg, has been sentenced to one year in the Westmoreland County jail, when she pleaded guilty to a blackmail plot in which she endeavored to extort five thousand dollars from J. A. Seger, wealthy coal and lumber dealer of Ligonier.

Frank Minor, abed 21, of Birmingham is in a serious condition at the Altoona hospital suffering from severe injuries received last week when a shot gun exploded when he was returning home from shooting mark. Minor's left arm and side were terribly shattered.

Next Monday evening, February 20th, the Fox-Peale Post American Legion of Carrolltown will stage a stag Cinch party in the Legion Home and the general public is cordially invited. The committee in charge assures patrons p enty of fun for their money and many unique entertaining features will be on the card.

Pennsylvania's winter wheat crop has been seriously damaged by the unfavorable weather of the last few weeks, it is announced by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. The lack of snow coverage and the successive freezes and thaws of the last few months are thought to have caused much damage.

James Quinn, aged 44 years, formerly of Johnstown died at the county home at Ebensburg at 3:30 o'clock on Saturday morning. Death was caused by tuberculosis. He was admitted to the institution on September 27th last. Interment was in the county cemetery on Monday.

Of 87000 men still living who fought with the Union army in the Civil War, less than 40,000 are on the roster of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Michigan with a vast mileage of concrete roads, has gone a step further by making no limitation beyond that of stipulating penalties for reckless driving, a reservation which still gives that state a definite check on those who endanger the lives and property of others. Michigan's new law states that a car shall not be driven at a speed more nor less than is reasonable and proper. Thus the slow poke is remembered with the fast guy.

The survey of the Benjamin Franklin Highway from Indiana east has been authorized and will mean the building of a part of the road between Indiana and Ebensburg at an early date. That part of the road from Indiana west to Shelocta is now under contract.

Robert Reed, son of Mr .and Mrs. Edward Reed of Bakerton was badly injured when he was running a mine locomotive in the Reed Coal Company Mine on Saturday a week ago. He was caught between the roof of the mine and the locomotive. The impact resulted in crushing his forehead and nose. Mr. Reed is a patient at the Spangler hospital where he is reported to be getting along well.

Charlie Chaplin of movie fame is the latest celebrity added to the membership rolls of the Tiny Tim Club, the organization which helps support the work in the Kiwanis Orthopedic Ward at Memorial hospital, Johnstown. His name now graces the roster along with Gene Tunney, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig—favorites one and all with the younger generation.

Struck by a trailer attached to a truck of the Penn Central Light and Power Co. Edna Henderson, aged 8, of near Bedford was instantly killed late on Thursday. She was rushed to the Bedford hospital but died on the way.

Lorraine Gaboski, two months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gaboski of Emeigh Run, died at the parental home on Friday. Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon in Barnesboro.

John, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Trish of Lloydell, died at the parental home on Wednesday of last week. Funeral was held in Beaverdale on Saturday.

Announcement was made last week of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Halfpenny of McGees Mills and Harry M. Huether of Hastings at the parsonage of the Ebensburg Christian church on Dec. 3st, last, by the Rev. Q. D. Young.

Miss Edith Allport Lewis of Hastings and Mervill Bloom of Baresboro were united in marriage on January 28th in the Methodist Episcopal church in Patton by the Rev. P. T. Gorman.

Mrs. Olive Elsie Macalvaney, aged 42 years, wife of James Macalvaney of St. Benedict died at the Miners' hospital at Spangler on Saturday morning. The deceased is survived by her husband and several children.

HUSBAND FINDS WIFE DEAD ON HIS RETURN HOME SATURDTY

Mrs. Mary Brown, aged 48 years, wife of J. M. Brown residing in Cambria township near Ebensburg, was found dead at her home late Saturday afternoon. The lifeless body was found lying on the floor by Mr. Brown upon his return from employment at the Heisley Mines at Nanty-Glo. A physician was summoned and pronounced the victim dead. Death was attributed to heart failure.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at Nanty-Glo and burial was in the Pineland cemetery at Strongstown. Mrs. Brown had been badly burned some time ago but had practically recovered. She is survived by her husband.

NICHOLAS WYLAND.

Nicholas Wyland, aged 73 years, died at his home at Cresson on Saturday morning at 9:15 o'clock of a complication of diseases. He was one of the best known residents of Cresson and had resided there for the past 15 years, prior to which he had lived in Ebensburg for 20 years. He formerly was proprietor of the Exchange Hotel at Ebensburg.

The deceased is survived by his widow—Mrs. Jane Hott Wyland and the following children—Mrs. J. E. Hogue of Aspinwall; Mrs. P. A. Melhorn and B. F. Wyland both of Cresson; and A. P. Wyland, at home. Eleven grandchildren and one great grand child also survive.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock in St. Xavier's church at Cresson and burial was made in St. Benedict's cemetery at Carrolltown.

MRS. THOMAS WILKIE EXPIRES SATURDAY AT JOHNSTOWN

Mrs. Alice Young Murdock Wilkie, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murdock of Johnstown, and wife of Thomas Wilkie a former Patton young man, died at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening last at the Murdock home following an extended illness. Mrs. Wilkie suffered from a heart affliction for the past four years, the greater part of which time she was bedfast. Mrs. Wilkie was born March 24, 1894. In addition to her parents and her husband, she is survived by a brother, J. Milton Murdock Johnstown.

On Christmas day, 1920, she and Thomas B. Wilkie were married at the Franklin Street Methodist Episcopal church by the Rev. Dr. J. Lane Miller.

The funeral services were conducted at 2.30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the Murdock residence and interment was in Grandview cemetery.

HERE IS THE SHOW YOU HAVE AWAITED

"Beau Sabreur" Comes to the Grand Theatre Two Days Next Week.

Ever since that great picture "Beau Geste" was screened at the Grand theatre some few months ago Patton theatregoers have been eagerly awaiting the announcement of the coming of "Beau Sabreur," heralded as being just as good—and in fact by some—much better.

This companion picture of the former film feature portraying the French Foreign Legion, will be the attracion at the Grand theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, and will be filled with the thrills you all desire.

It, of course has a cast of excellent stars, chief among them being Cary Cooper, Evelyn Brent, Noah Beery and William Powell. Paramount takes great pride in this picture and an excellent entertainment is assured. The picture is really the thrill of the year. There will be two shows each evening on Tuesday and Wednesday next at 7 and 9 o'clock. A matinee will be held on Tuesday at 4 P. M. Admission prices for the matinee will be 10c and 30c, and for the evening shows 15c and 40c.

Tonight at the Grand Hoot Gibson is the star in "Galloping Fury," and the last chapter of the old and the first of a new serial will be shown. On Friday and Saturday of this week a picture similar to "The Underworld," "Chicago After Midnight," is the atraction. On Monday a benefit feature for the P. O. of A., one of the best aviation pictures ever—"The Lone Eagle" will be the attraction.

ROAD SUPERVISORS INVOLVED IN CASE

Workman Asks Compensation for Injury in Clearfield Township.

When Referee Frank A. Hess of DuBois, continued a three day session of the Compensation court in Johnstown on Thursday last one of the interesting cases before him involved the Clearfield Township Road Supervisors who were represented by the State Workmen's Insurance fund. The petitioner in the case is C. Bartie Thomas of Patton R. D. No. 2, who was a laborer in the employ of the supervisors when he was injured on August 19th last, the records indicate.

Basing his petition on his assertion that he was hurt while operating a plow for the plowing of the road bed Thomas has requested compensation for total disability from August 23rd to October 16, and for partial disability from the latter date to October 24th.

Two of the supervisors—Lawrence Creighton and V. M. Sheehan, both of whom reside near Patton, were among the witnesses who testified. Louis Lilly and Charles Thomas of Patton R. D. 2, were two other persons asked to give their version of the case. The question of whether Thomas' report of the accident was properly made out was introduced and the witnesses questioned on this score. Referee Hess reserved his decision, announcing that the case is closed.

COMMISSIONERS RAISE TAX RATE TO 9 MILLS

Cambria County's tax rate was fived Wednesday at 9 mills for 1928, or 90 cents on each $100 of assessed valuation, an increase of 3 mills, or 30 cents on each $100. County Commissioners John D. Walker and William J. Cavanaugh voted in favor of the resolution. Commissioner Homer C. George opposed it.

The county valuation for assessment purposes is about one hundred and seventy million dollars, so that each mill of tax represents one hundred and seventy four thousand each year less some probable reductions by revisions and delinquencies to be collected in succeeding years. The millage set will bring in revenues of about $1,566,000. The revenues at the former rate of six mills would yield approximately $1,044,000. The increased revenue by county taxes therefore is approximately $522,000. There will be a slight shrinkage of course by reason of taxes which cannot be collected. Taxes on an average home valued at $5,000 which were $30 at the six mill rate will be $45 at the nine mills rate.

Commissioner Cavanaugh stated last night that most of the increase in revenue is to be used to bring Cambria County's administration of running expenses and for improvements to a pay-as-you-go basis within three or four years if possible with gradual reduction of the rate as this is accomplished, probably a mill a year. This is the aim, he said.

A slighter increase might have served a temporary purpose but the Commissioners stated that two of them agreed it was not possible under the estimate of expenditures for 1928 to remain within the former six mill rate. In the first place the amount of money required for the payment of interest and the retirement of bonds which must be definitely fixed each year and paid when due now represents about four and one-half mills or more than two-thirds of the six mill rate and still practically one-half the nine mill rate. Running expenses, road work, county institutions etc. will take the rest.

MAJOR ALLPORT FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE

Barnesboro Man Seeks Seat at Big Convention in Kansas City in July.

Announcement has been made on behalf of Major James H. Allport of Barnesboro, as a candidate for one of the two places in the Cambria County delegation to the Republican National Convention in Kansas City in July.

Long actively identified with Republican politics in this county and frequently urged to run for office, this is Major Allport's first venture in politics as a candidate, though if chosen by his party it will be by no means his first public service.

Major Allport's service in the World War marks him as one of the few men from Cambria County whose work for the government was of outstanding national and international importance. In addition to active participation on a number of government boards whose work in the war was of natioual scope, Major Allport as specially commissioned by President Wilson as the representative of the Chief Executive to investigate the coal situation of the world, then of the most vital importance to the winning of the war by the Allies, and in this capacity spent six months in Europe.

He was at that time regularly commissioned under the National Security and Defense, and his work throughout the war in the service of the government was as a volunteer at a dollar a year.

Major Allport's service in the cause espoused by the United States began before this country entered the World War when he took a prominent part as a member of the War Preparedness Board, the American Protective League and other pre-war activities. He was Chairman of the Four Minute Men of Barnesboro, of the Barnesboro Liberty Loan Committee, serving also as a member of the Cambria County Chapter of the Red Cross before he was called for national work. As a member of the National Y. M. C. A. War Work Fund Committee he sent two field workers overseas at his own expense.

Taken from his local field of endeavor Major Allport served in many capacities during and after the United States' participation in the war, among them being as a special agent of the United States Treasury, member of the Naval Consulting Board of the United States Field Aid, Engineer for the United States Fuel Administration and, after the war, special representative of the French government of reparations and reconstruction.

Recognized internationally as an authority on mining problems Major Allport after the United States Coal Commission had failed to settle serious labor difficulties, was appointed by President Wilson a referee in the matter and accomplished a saisfactory settlement.

Major Allport has been a resident of Cambria County for nearly 35 years and though his interests take him to many other sections he has always been solicitous for the promotion of Cambria County's business and industry. He is general manager of the Rich Hill Coal Company of Hastings, President of the First National Bank of Barnesboro, Vice President of the Barnesboro Building and Loan Association. He is consulting engineer for a large clientele of banks and trust companies throughout the United States.

BOY SCOUTS "PARENTS NIGHT" WAS TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

"Parents' Night" was a great success and was a good example of what the Patton Boy Scouts can do. The boys were highly complimented on their work but the success of the evening goes to our respected Socoutmaster and his two assistants, Rev. P. T. Gorman and Prof. H. W. Fleming and Mr. Thos. Quinn Jr.

The program was as follows:

Scout Oath and Law..... Troop
First Aid ..... Troop
Talks by Messrs. Fred Blankenhorn; Reuel Somerville; F. L. Brown and the Scoutmaster, Rev. Gorman.
Boxing Match ....Bob Green, Earl Stoltz
Stunts ..... Troop
Pledge of Allegiance .....Troop
Taps ..... Louis Smale

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Mac Shannon; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ratowsky; Mrs. Rachel Dinsmore; Mr. and Mrs. Reuel Somerville; Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Blankenhorn; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Stoltz; Mrs. A. O. Somerville; Mrs Gladys Greene; Mrs. John Cornelius and son William; Mrs. Alwilda Bennett; Mr. D. H. Baker; Mr. and Mrs. Barney Blankfeld; Mrs. Rose Kusner; Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Rishel; Mr. Clair Smale and Miss Ruth Grant, teacher in the Patton High School. The Girl Scouts attended in a body accompanied by Miss Miriam Lilly and Mrs. Clair Kelly.

NORTHERN CAMBRIA KIWANIANS HEAR JUDGE

With Judge Samuel Lemmon Reed of Ebensburg as principal speaker at the regular weekly luncheon of the Northern Cambria Kiwanis Club held at the Brandon hotel, Spangler on Monday evening, the session was one of the best of the winter. Judge Reed took as his subject "Crime and Criminals."

Frank Brown of this place was the chairman of the program. Miss Clotilda Love of Carrolltown, pleased with vocal selections and three new members were formally initiated into the club, they being James Sims of this place, Victor Kline of Hastings and Frank McCombie of Spangler.

Business Standards will be the talk at the meeting next Monday night. A. O. Somerville W. L. Thompson and Barney Blankfeld will be in charge.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A. Nugent Samwell, Rector.
Sunday, February 19th, Morning Prayer and sermon at 8:30 A. M. Children's Choir.
Church school at 9:45 A. M.

HURT IN AUTO WRECK.

Francis Green of Carrolltown sustained a sprained back and other injuries when an automobile in which he was riding overturned on a road near Carrolltown on Monday morning. Several other occupants of the car escaped injury.

MINER AT REILLY'S IS DEAD OF HEART ATTACK

Seized by an atack of heart failure Joseph Lanoy, aged 42 years of Reilly's Mines near here, died suddenly at his home on Monday evening. His death occurred shortly after his return home from work in the mines. The county coroner was notified.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock this Thursday afternoon in the Methodist Episcopal church and interment will be in Fairview cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his widow and three children—Helen, Joseph and Arthur—all at home. He also leaves three sisters—Mrs. Alex Roberts and Mrs. Gideon Lauwerts of Newark, N. J., and Mrs. August Courtin of Danville, Ills. He was a member of the United Mine Workers of America and the Improved Order of Red Men.

GIVEN LONG TERMS FOR A ROBBERY

James Cunningham of Altoona and Russell Dandrea of Patton Get 3 Years.

James Cunningham of Altoona and Russell Dandrea of Patton, convicted by a jury last September of the robbery of John Migielicz, of Patton, and recently denied a new trial, were sentenced by the court on Monday to pay the costs jointly, make restitution and to serve not less than three nor more than six years in the county jail.

According to Migielicz, one of the defendants on May 7th last appeared at his residence and told him he had a job for him in a garage in Altoona, for which Migielicz would have to post bond. The prosecutor agreed to take the position and two days later one of the defendants came back and started with him to Altoona, meeting the other defendant at Ashville. Here the prosecutor claims he was atacked and robbed of more than $1,700. Migielicz said nothing about the mater at that time, but investigated himself and three months later had the two defendants arrested in Altoona.

Harvey Connors of Amsbry, charged with aggravated assault and battery on his wife and sixteen months old child, pleaded guilty on Monday and was sentenced to pay the costs and to serve nine months in the county jail.

Tony Pekaski of Kelso pleaded guilty to violation of the liquor laws and was ordered to pay the costs, further sentence being suspended.

John Carlson, Francis Richards and John Phillips all of Portage, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a store in Portage and were sentenced to pay the costs and serve not less than three months nor more than three years in the county jail.

Norbert Bradley of Cresson pleaded guilty to the larceny of 11 chickens and was ordered to pay the costs, make restitution and further sentence was suspended. Bradley already has served 56 days in the county jail.

Peter Cummings of Morrellville, pleaded guilty to driving an automobile while intoxicated and was sentenced to pay the costs and to serve thirty days in the county jail.

COUNTY BANKERS HOLD A REGULAR MEETING

A meeting of the Cambria County Bankers Protective Association was held at Ebensburg last Wednesday evening and was presided over by D. S. M. McFeaters of the Johnstown Trust Company. About 70 members of the association were present, representing different institutions in the county.

Irving L. Camp, of Johnstown president of the Lions International, was the principal speaker and spoke of the coal problems in Pennsylvania. Mr. Camp stated that there was no branch of industry more fundamentally connected with the banking business than the coal business. He related the history of coal expansion during the war and recited statistics to show that the output in Pennsylvania has been on the decline rather than on an upward trend.

The output in West Virginia, the speaker declared, was greatly on the increase due to the prevailing freight rates. It is not fair or equitable to the state of Pennsylvania and it is high time business men came to a conclusion that something be done to correct the situation. The speaker told of the agressiveness of West Virginia and the lethargy of Pennsylvania in regards to the adjustment of unjust freight rates.

In conclusion Mr. Camp declared that the time has come when all must work together and forget desires of obtaining an advantage in an endeavor to obtain a fair adjustment in order that the coal industry of Pennsylvania survive.

The Black Diamond quartet rendered several vocal selections and after the address of Mr. Camp the regular business session of the association was held.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY IS HELD FOR PATTON LADY

Mrs. Martha Spangle of 609 Magee avenue, was the guest of honor on Monday evening at a surprise birthday party held at her home by neighbors and friends. The evening was spent in music and games, at the conclusion of which a lunch was served. Many beautiful and practical gifts were received by Mrs. Spangle, it being her 78th birthday on February 14th. Those present were: Miss Wilkins; Mrs. Sara Whitehead; Mrs. McQuillan; Mrs. Walter Little; Mrs. Lacue; Mrs. C. P. Welty; Mrs. L. Claire Smale; Mrs Geo. Kane; Mrs. Winslow; Mrs Lilly; Miss Anna McQuillan; Mrs. Mary Montieth; Mrs. St. Clair Montieth; Oliva Montieth and Robert Little.

TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Philip T. Gorman, pastor.
Sunday school at 10:00.
Morning worship at 11:00. Communion service. Baptism of children and adults.
Epworth League at 6:30.
Evening worship at 7:30. Continuing the communion.
Prayer service Wednesday at 7:30.

OYSTER SUPPER.

The Ladies Guild of Holy Trinity Episcopal church will serve an Oyster Supper on St. Patrick's Day March 17th, in the Firemen's hall. Tickets will be on sale about March 1st.

MANY CARED FOR AT THE COUNTY HOME

Almshouse Is Overcrowded and Authorities Have Problem Before Them.

More indigent persons were cared for at the Cambria County Almshouse during 1927 than ever before in the history of the institution, according to the annual report of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Owens, for many years Steward and Matron at the Poor Farm.

The great increase in population and the larger number of men walking the highways and seeking shelter over night or a meal or two, which the Steward believes according to his annual statement, to show a tendency toward permanency and not to be ascribed wholly to depression in the coal fields last year has presented a grave problem to Poor Directors John L. Evans, Walter Devore and Mrs. Alice Llewellyn.

At the present time the Almshouse is badly overcrowded, endangering the health of the inmates and causing great concern from the menace of fire. To provide accommodations for those continually seeking admission, the authorities have had to place beds on the porches, in the chapel in hallways and even on the floors.

At the first of this year there were 276 inmates in the institution of wihch number 191 were males 76 females and nine children. In 1927 294 were admittedand nine babies were born, and in the same year 170 were discharged, 25 left of their own accord and 54 died.

Steward Owens reports that the average physical and mental condition of those admitted last year was such that they could not have found employment at anything and for his reason does believe the coal strike and general depression in the industry responsible for the increase.

In addition to those actually housed in the institution Steward and Mrs. Owens have had to provide transitory lodging and meals to men traveling the highways afoot. These extra meals put an additional burden on the kitchen facilities, and the Almshouse also feeds in the summer months, county prisoners who work on the farm and provides the bread throughout the year to the Childrens' Home.

Besides the insane who were taken care of at the Almshouse the Directors of the Poor provide for the care of 16 insane from the county in state institutions and also provide for the manitenance of 23 Cambria County Children at the State School at Polk.

Outside the Almshouse and scatered over all sections of the county the poor directors in 1927 gave relief to a total of 2744 people of whom 388 were widows with 1,158 children. Temporary sickness was the cause for the need of help in the cases of 28 men, 25 women and 111 children; disability accounted for 85 men, 78 women and 297 children; 57 women with a total of 201 children gave as the cause of their distress the fact that their husbands were in jail; relief because of old age was given 53 men 52 women with 22 children dependent upon them; mental disability was the condition in the case of five women, seven men and 29 children, while the death of one of the parents was the case with four men, and five women, with 27 dependent children.

Only two men and two women with 11 children dependent upon them, gave as the cause for their need the inability to find employment.

The cost of maintenance at the almshouse per capita per day was 42 cents. From all sources of revenue Steward Owens turned over to the county treasurer in 1927 the sum of $3,492.31.

JUVENILE MUSIC CLUB ENTERTAINS PARENTS AND FRIENDS

On Saturday evening last the Juvenile Music Club entertained the parents and friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Good.

The president, Alan Somerville, Jr. announced the program which consisted chiefly of historic American songs. Elizabeth Somerville and Kathryn Cowher played a piano duet and Alan Somerville a piano solo. The concert closed with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Following this the young people themselves served delicious refreshments.

The officers and members of the club are as follows:

Alan Somerville Jr., President; Naomi Somerville—secretary; George Good—treasurer. Leonare Rishel; Mary McSann; Kathryn Cowher; Elizabeth Somerville; Eleanore Good; George Rishel; William Youngquist; Philip Gorman; Richard Greene; Melvin Gardner; Alan Blankfeld; Richard Murray.

The club meets every Saturday evening at seven o'clock for the study and enjoyment of music.

MINER IS BADLY INJURED.

John Gissler aged 21 years, of Emmons, near Barnesboro; employed by the Gulf Coal Company, was seriously injured late Saturday afternoon when caught under a fall of rock. He suffered fractures of both legs below the knees. He was taken to the Miners hospital at Spangler where he is resting well. He is a son of Julius Gisler.

TONY KOHUT.

Tony Kohut, aged 45 years, died of pneumonia at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home in NantyGlo. He had been ill since last Friday. A brother in law of the deceased passed away at the Kohut home on Wednesday of last week.

The funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning in St. Mary's church at Nanty-Glo and interment will be made in the church cemetery

The deceased is survived by his widow—Mary Kohut and three children—also two brothers.

VISITED CONGRESSMAN LEECH

Maj. Gen. Charles T. Menoher of Johnstown, who commanded the 42nd or Rainbow Division in the World War in France, called recently on Representative J. Russell Leech in Washington.

MRS. CARRIE HOFFMAN.

Mrs. Carrie Hoffman aged 44, of Scalp Level, died of pneumonia at her home on Sunday evening.

And why not sit down and write us out that subscription check right now?

HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DIES AT AGE OF SIXTEEN YEARS

Elmer Bernard Fors, sixteen year old son of Gust Fors, of Hastings and a member of the Senior Class of Hastings High School, died at his home at 3:45 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Death was attributed to a diabetic ailment. He had been ill for the past three weeks.

The funeral services were held at two o'clock on Wdnesday afternoon in the Hastings Methodist Episcopal church in charge of the Rev. Mr. Andrews. Interment was made in Union cemetery.

The deceased's mother preceded him to the grave about two years ago. He is survived by his father and these brothers and sisters. Adolph, Louis and Alma Fors and Ellen, wife of Jack Lundberg all of Chicago; Mrs. Axel Peterson of Hastings; and Helma Fors at home. Elmer Fors was a pianist in the high school and also in the M. E. Church. He was a member of the Hastings Band. He would have graduated this coming June had he lived.

BENEFIT FETE TO HELP THE NEEDY

Will Be Held in the Municipal Hall on Monday by Local Legion Bodies.

Conditions in Patton and vicinity as well as in all the coal mining areas of this section have been fraught with poverty and distress for many a time due to the long period in which the breadwinners have been idle. Realizing the condition of many families of this section and the urgent necessity of relief, the members of Walter McCoy Post American Legion and the members of the Ladies Auxiliary Unit of the Legion will on Monday evening next hold social fetes in the Municipal hall, the proceeds of which will be given to the needy.

A lunch will be served; a cinch party will be inaugurated and a big dance will also be on the card.

There will alos be other entertainment and the committee in charge has been preparing for some time to make it a big time for all who attend.

The ultimate success of the venture, however, rests entirely with the people of the Patton community. Only through your attendance and your liberality at the benefit event will the Legion bodies be able to attain the desired goal.

After all, charity begins at home—and it doesn't take much of a survey to find plenty to work on.

Make your plans to attend the benefit party. You'll have a good time, and you'll have a happy conscience.

LECTURES AT CHURCH OF GOD CHAPEL SOON

J. H. Rupert of Emlenton, Pa., to Speak Beginning Next Sunday Evening.

"The Midnight Cry"—"The Signs of the Times", is the title given a series of lectures to begin next Sunday evening, at 7:30 P. M. in the Church of God Chapel Patton, by J. H. Rupert, of Emlenton Pa. The speaker is well known and will deliver messages of interest to all. All seats are free and everybody is welcome. It is suggested that folks bring their Bibles and follow the speaker.

These lectures will be very interesting as well as instructive to all those who believe God's Word. You will be surprised to learn that we the Gentiles are fulfilling the last lap of God's cycle of time and that "The Midnight Cry" is awakening those "who have oil in their lamps from their slumber." We will show without the shadow of a doubt by the Word of God and the spiritual, social, commercial and intellectual signs what "The Midnight Cry" really is. During these lectures the Millenium will be clearly explained to anyone who is not clear on this subject. Be sure to come. We venture to say you will know more about it when you leave.

JAMES BITER, UNDERTAKER AT LORETTO, DIES IN A HOSPITAL

James Biter, aged 70 years, of Loretto and one of Cambria County's oldest undertakers and embalmers, died at the Mercy hospital in Johnstown about six o'clock last Friday evening. Death was due to blood poisoning and gangrene which developed from an abrasion on the shin as the result of a fall about two months ago. He did not regard the injury as serious and the leg became infected. He was taken to the hospital on January 30th and amputation of the leg was resorted to on Wednesday of last week in an effort to save his life.

The body was taken to Loretto and funeral services were held on Tuesday morning in St. Michael's Catholic church. A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Father James Saas, the pastor. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Biter is survived by his widow, Mrs. Charity (Hall) Biter, and three children.

J. NELSON SIPE.

J. Nelson Sipe, aged 73 years, died at his home in Ebensburg on Tuesday night of last week after an illness of two years from a complication of diseases. Mr. Sipe had been a resident of Ebensburg for about 40 years. The funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon at his late residence in charge of the Rev. Baumgartel of the Presbyterian church and interment was in the Lloyd cemetery.

Mr. Sipe is survived by his widow, Anna Mary (Bailey) Sipe, and these children: Mrs. Arthur Dillinger of Wilkinsburg; Mrs. Cress F. Hollinger of York; Mrs. Ralph Kauffman of Johnstown; Wm Sipe of Ebensburg and Charles Sipe of Philadelphia.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

French McAfee, Minister.
Morning service at 10:30.
Sunday school at 11:45.
Evening service at 7:30.
At 7:30 P. M. on Wednesday, Washington's Birthday, a union patriotic service will be held in the Baptist Church. This will take the place of the regular mid-week service.

FARM ASSOCIATION SELECTS OFFICERS

Twelfth Annual Gathering of the Cambria County Agricultural Extension.

The 12th annual meeting of the Cambria County Agricultural Extension Association was held in the main court room at Ebensburg on Thursday of last week with a large number of farmers from all sections of the county in attendance. At the same time a special morning session for women was held in Court Room No. 2, the feature of this meeting being an address by J. R. Haswell of State College, on "Modern Equipment for the Home."

In his annual address, P. C. Strittmatter of near this place, President of the association, declared that the work of the organization of farmers would be amply justified with the accomplishment of one of its most important activities in which considerable progress has been made in recent months. He referred to the campaign being carried on by the association with the aid of the state and other agencies for the eradication of tuberculosis among cattle. The testing for tuberculosis, he said, has been completed in twelve townships of the county and has shown a lower percentage of affected cows. The campaign will be continued until the herds in all townships have been tested and the affected cows condemned.

President Stritmatter took occasion to commend the members of the Board of Commissioners for the manner in which they have co-operated with the farmers on all occasions. He recommended to the Resolutions committee that a resolution be presented expressing the gratification of the farmers for the help given them by the commissioners.

An interestin gaddress was given by E. M. Nedimyer of Flinton on "The Value of Spraying Orchards." Short talks were given at the morning session by W. A. Westrick, residing near Patton, on "The Progress in Potato Seed Improvement in This County." Edwin Jones of Wilmore—"Signing Up A Township for Tuberculosis Testing." Edwin Karlheim of East Carroll Township—"The Value of Cow Testing Association Work." and C. T. Settlemyer of Wilmore who spoke on an extension service as an aid to the vegetable growers. The annual report of County Farm Agent H. C. McWilliams was given at the morning session.

Officers for the ensuing year in the afternon were elected as follows: President—C. T. Setlemyer of Wilmore; Vice President—R. M. Luther of Johnstown R. D.; Secretary—G. H. Dumm of Cambria township; Treasurer—J. A. Farabaugh of Bradley Junction; Executive Committee—A. B. Kirsch of Nicktown; Edward Westrick of Patton R. D.; and Peter Berkey of South Fork R. D.

The feature of the afternoon session was an address by Prof. F. P. Weaver of State College who has made a comprehensive study of taxes in Pennsylvania, of assessments and of what percentage of earning power, particularly that of the farmers, goes towards the payment of taxes. Prof. Weaver illustrated his address with references to a number of charts compiled by him.

The people of Pennsylvania pay in local taxes a total of six hundred and eighty seven millions at dollars of which the share of the farmer is thirty six millions, Prof. Weaver said. In Cambria County, according to the speaker's figures, 8.01 per cent of the total taxes for county, road, school and city is paid by agricultural property; the average for the state being 7.01. The taxes paid by the farmers of this county represent 15.2 per cent of the value of their products.

Prof. Weaver indicated strongly that the tax burden is not evenly distributed and that a number of faults are to be found with the present manner of assessment. He discussed the proposed plan that has been before the Legislature for the making of assessments by a county board, but also referred to the objections made to this system by farmers and others because of the centralization of further power. He suggested as a compromise with this scheme that the school directors of each township be given authority to make assessments, suggesting that a board of this kind would be more liable to make just assessments than one man.

FARMERS WILL SIGN UP FOR CATTLE T. B. TESTS

At a meeting held at St. Augustine on Wednesday of last week, attended by 40 farmers and others interested in dairying, an effort was made to organize the township to sign up the owners of cattle for the tuberculosis test. Mr. Sprout of Ashville was selected as township chairman to take charge of the canvass.

The township was laid out into districts and individuals were appointed to cover the territory, distributing the blanks prepared and furnished by the bureau of animal industry at Harrisburg with instructions to have the same filled out and returned to the chairman within a week. Upon a return of the blanks indicating that 90 per cent of the owners desire to have the test made, arrangements will be made at once.

Portage township last week reported 90 per cent of the owners signed up and the tests will be made in that district just as soon as veterinarians can be procured to do this work.

BALLOTS ARE AWARDED.

Contracts were awarded on Wednesday by the county commissioners to the Carrolltown News for printing Primary Election Ballots at $7.50 per thousand; to Charles A. McKeown Co. of Johnstown for registry lists and ballot and voting check lists at $199, for transcripts at $70 and for printing small tax duplicates at $169, and to the Telegraph Press Harrisburg, for 175 boxes of election supplies at $568.75. The Dispatch Printing Company of Portage was low bidder on the ballots at $5.12 per thousand but was not awarded the contract because it was stated hat work done on other such contracts had not been satisfactory.

JOHN URBANIC.

John Urbanic, aged 42, formerly of Cassandra died on Tuesday night of tuberculosis at the County Home at Ebensburg where he was admitted on December 13th.

Whether or not the groundhog is responsible—nevertheless we are having a varied selection of weather.