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LOCAL AND STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Condensed Items Gathered from Various Sources for the Busy Reader.

The Blair County Game, Fish and Forestry Association will superintend the erection of more than 500 bird boxes in Altoona and vicinity. The boxes, built by vocational students in Altoona High School, will be distributed to pupils in various sections. Each will report on the bird house occupancy to complete for prizes.

Violation of the State motor code cost seven Pennsylvanians their right to operate automobile during the period ending March 1, the State Department of Highways announced recently. For the first time in recent months the department black-listed more drivers for law violations than it revoked licenses. The number of names placed on the department's blacklist is eight.

Gladys Runyon, eight years old, was killed almost instantly Saturday when she was struck by an automobile while crossing a street at a protected corner.

At midnight, Wednesday, February 29, a new telephone era was ushered in which all telephones in Carrolltown were connected to the Bell switchboard. This ended the duplication of telephone facilities which made it necessary for some people to have two telephones in order to reach every subscriber. Now with the purchase of the property of the Huntington & Clearfield Telephone Company by the Bell Company, all users in this community are connected to the same system.

Income Taxes are soon due. Millions of dollars began pouring into the Treasury Saturday as first installments of the income tax due March 15 were transferred from Federal Reserve banks to the Government's money coffers.

More than 80 appointments to state service during the last two weeks in February were announced at the office of Governor Fisher. The majority of appointments were in the Department of Highways. Among the appointees is Helen L. Roberts of Ebensburg, a procedure clerk in the department of highways.

The state highway department has awarded the contract for 19,128 feet of improved highway in Richland and Conemaugh townships to E. H. Brua of Hollidaysburg for \$1,000.

Mrs. Joseph Clark of Glen Campbell was hostess at luncheon at her residence recently. Mrs. Reuel Somerville and Mrs. P. A. Youngquist, of this place were numbered among the guests.

Road signs by the state highway department at the approaches of Carrolltown "read" as follows: "Carrolltown, named for John Carroll, signer of the Declaration of Independence," are incorrect, and will be replaced by the state with the following: "Carrolltown, founded by Prince Gallitzin, and named for John Carroll, first Archbishop of Baltimore."

Fire starting from a defective flue, gutted the home of Prof. Norris, superintendent of schools at Curwensville, last week.

Claude Lee has been arrested at the Blue Ball Brick Works at Clearfield and placed in the county jail there to face charges of murdering Robert Smith at Moorehead, Kentucky, last November.

Mahlon H. Baumgardner of Richland township, has filed his petitions to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for the Republican nomination for assembly from the second Cambria district. Mr. Baumgardner is a practicing attorney and active in civic affairs, is a son of the late E. W. Baumgardner, who died while serving as county commissioner. The younger Mr. Baumgardner has never before been a candidate for office.

A skunk is a skunk, according to an agreement which was recently adopted by representatives of the fur industry. They have come to the conclusion that a system must be established, thus naming and marking furs under which the correct name of the animal from which the pelt is obtained will be stamped plainly on the skin.

Personal files in the Governor's office show that there are twenty-two employees of the Commonwealth who have served continuously for thirty or more years. Evidently, a succeeding governor does not change the working personnel completely.

Twenty-two new patients were admitted last Thursday to the State Sanatorium at the Summit. There are now 709 patients receiving treatment for tuberculosis at the institution.

Brood I of the periodical cicada or 17 year locust will appear in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill and Wyoming counties this year, according to entomologists of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Brood I of this insect appeared in certain sections of the Commonwealth last year.

Miss Margaret Beayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beayer of East Carroll township, and James Kirtley of Detroit, Mich., were married in St. Catherine's church at Detroit, on the morning of Feb. 21. The bride has been a resident of Detroit for about a year.

HE EATS NAILS AND TACKS AND GLASS

Prof. Bartell, The Human Ostrich, Will Be at Grand Theatre, Saturday.

You may have heard of all kinds of food and diets, but here is the case of a man who eats tacks, nails, glass and crockery!

Impossible! You say.

Nevertheless, it is true! A trip to the Grand theatre on Saturday of this week will introduce you to Prof. Bartell, and he will show you how he does it.

The management of the Grand theatre, somewhat skeptical of Prof. Bartell's claims, before he booked him as the Saturday attraction, had him display his eating qualities in the presence of competent Patton witnesses. Prof. Bartell does all that he claims. He will also hold a blow torch to his body without showing any effect.

Prof. Bartell, comes to the Grand on Saturday with "Coney Island," the picture program of Friday and Saturday. However the Prof. will be at the theatre on Saturday only.

Good shows are replete at the Grand these days. Tonight, Tom Mix, comes in "Silver Valley." Next Monday, two features for the price of one, "Stark Love," and "Adventure Mad," will be the attractions, and on Tuesday and Wednesday next, Clara Bow in "Get Your Man." See them all.

JOHN L. SECHLER OF EBENSBURG, IS DEAD

John H. Sechler, aged 59 years, of Ebensburg, well known hotel proprietor and former newspaper man, died at the Mercy hospital in Johnstown on Friday morning. Death followed a lingering illness from a complication of diseases which became acute about two months ago. Mr. Sechler had been a patient at the hospital for about a week, but had been too weak for an operation that had been deemed necessary.

Funeral services were conducted at nine o'clock on Monday morning in the Holy Name Catholic church at Ebensburg and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Sechler was born in Ebensburg on September 9, 1868, the son of the late Attorney William H. and Margaret Lloyd Sechler. On June 30, 1896, he was united in marriage at South Fork to Elsie Baker. At that time Mr. Sechler was the editor and publisher of the "South Fork Record." He later was proprietor of the Hotel Baker, now the Arlington hotel, at South Fork.

Mr. Sechler took a prominent part in the founding of St. Michael on the site of the old South Fork Dam, the bursting of which was the cause of the Johnstown Flood, in 1889. Mr. Sechler laid out the town and selected its name. He converted the club house of the Pittsburgh Hunting and Fishing Club, the owner of the South Fork dam, into the present St. Michael hotel, and conducted this hostelry for some time. At that time St. Michael was a new coal operation promoted by the Maryland Coal & Coke Company, then an independent operation, which was later taken over by the Berwind-White interests.

At the time of the founding of Johnstown "Leader," Mr. Sechler was selected as the business manager and acted in that capacity for several years. He was appointed to position in the Department of Internal Affairs at Harrisburg and from there came to Ebensburg to open the Metropolitan Hotel in the fall of 1923. Last year Mr. Sechler opened the new Hotel Highland and conducted both hotels.

Mr. Sechler is survived by his widow and two children, Margaret Louise and William Baker Sechler, the former of New York City and the latter at home. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Miriam Simpson of Kansas City, Mo., and a brother, Charles H. Sechler, of St. Helen, Oregon.

Mr. Sechler was a Republican and was active throughout his life in the affairs of his party. He was at one time the Republican candidate for sheriff of Cambria County and had held several appointive positions. He was recently appointed assistant mercantile appraiser for this county.

SPORTSMEN, NOTICE!

The Patton Sportsmen's Association is planning for an active year and all old members as well as the new, are urgently requested to pay their dues for the year and help along the good work. The officers recently sent out notices to the members. The association meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Municipal building.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish in this manner to thank the neighbors and friends and the Red Men for their kindness and sympathy at the death of our Brother, William Williams, and also those in kindness, who furnished flowers and automobiles.—Daughter, Son, Brothers and Sisters.

Earl Ruffner of Indiana, was apprehended in Pittsburgh and taken to the county jail at Clearfield last week to await trial for robbing a Berwind-White store at Beulah more than a year ago.

Getting Out of Patience



MR. AND MRS. BERKEY'S 50TH WEDDING DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Berkey of West Mellon avenue, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home recently.

Mr. Berkey and Miss Matilda Farabaugh were united in marriage in Carrolltown by the Rev. Father Otto, O. S. B., in 1878.

The following children were born of this union: Sebastian, of Johnstown; Leonard of New York; Dennis of Patton; Mrs. Angela Malloy of Latrobe; Edwin J., of Patton; Gust, of Johnstown, and Mrs. Joseph Novick, of Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkey have 34 grand children and three great grand children. All of the children attended the informal anniversary dinner given for Mr. and Mrs. Berkey. A purse of \$50 in gold was presented to the couple. The condition of Mr. Berkey is not much improved since being stricken with a severe illness about a month ago.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PATTON SCOUTS DURING THE WEEK

The regular meeting of the Patton Scouts on Friday evening last opened with the scout law and oath. Semaphore messages were the featuring events of the evening. After transmitting a few messages Prof. Flemming announced that the Scout making the most progress in signaling from March to May will receive a set of semaphore flags.

Prof. Flemming also broached the subject of a trip to Gettysburg to review the famous battle field. He encouraged the scouts to try for the trip as it is a great honor to be selected from the troop to fill this position.

Games featured the rest of the meeting. A series of games is being played among which is a game of dart base ball. The patrols are playing the game between themselves and at the meeting the third patrol defeated the second. Next week the 1st and 4th patrols will play and the victors of this game will play the third patrol for the championship.

On Saturday the boys enjoyed a long hike to St. Lawrence.

CLAY WORKS WINS FROM THE BUSINESS MEN AT DUCK PINS

The Clay Works Duck Pin Team, led by Bill Wertz, defeated the Business Men's Team, led by Ray Fink, on Tuesday evening by a total of 174 pins. Donahue was high score during the match. The summary:

Business Men.	
Link	140 109 138—387
Swab	138 145 443—426
Yerger	141 122 136—399
Thompson	108 110 124—342
Glazier	29 135 150—414
Fink	116 116 92—324
Totals	772 737 783—2292

Clay Works.	
Sheik	153 130 149—432
George M.	131 147 107—385
Furlage	104 154 107—365
Wertz	120 91 140—351
Broad	126 147 97—370
Donahue	168 207 163—538
Totals	801 846 819—2466

Joseph Swedler.

Joseph Swedler, aged 73 years, of Dunlo, died of pneumonia on Saturday morning. He had been a resident of Dunlo for the past 35 years. He is survived by his widow and four children—among the latter being Mrs. Helen Jacobin of Nicktown. The funeral services were held in the Corpus Christi Catholic church at Dunlo on Tuesday morning and interment was in the church cemetery.

NANTY-GLO MAN BEATEN TO DEATH

Was Mistaken for "Scab" Miner on Way to Work in Allegheny County.

Michael Yarsavage of Nanty-Glo, aged 42, father of five children, was beaten to death early Tuesday morning in the Walter's Chapel graveyard, Rural Hill, near Russellton, Allegheny county, having been mistaken for a non-union miner on his way to Russellton to do "scab" mining. It was reported last Tuesday evening that the victim had gone to Russellton from his home in Nanty-Glo to arrange for the adoption of one of his children.

Allegheny county detectives have confessions from five young men that they had beaten Yarsavage to death. The youths gave their names as Fred Simonetti, Joseph Bassitt, Joseph Micklow and Samuel and John Koneski, all of Russellton. According to the detectives, the youths say they mistook Yarsavage for a non-union miner.

The body was found Tuesday morning after a woman had reported to deputy sheriffs that she had heard a man shouting: "I'm not a scab; don't beat me; I'll go on the picket line tomorrow."

Justice of the Peace C. W. Sadler, of Russellton, one of the first men to see the scene following the discovery of the body, identified the body as that of a man who had called at his office Monday searching for his 14-year-old son. The victim was badly beaten about the head and chest with pallings torn from the cemetery fence.

Snow which covered the ground in the graveyard indicated that the man had put up a terrific fight for his life. Tracing the footprints through the snow officers went through the fence, where several pallings were missing, and found the body about feet outside the cemetery along a road.

Officers working on the case state that Yarsavage had a son working near Castle Shannon in addition to one living at Nanty-Glo, and that he was the father of three daughters, two in a home at Washington, Pa., and the third in the Pennsylvania Reformatory at Morgantown.

GEISTOWN COAL MINER TAKES LIFE BY HANGING

Stanley Fisher, 42, was found dead in an outhouse at his home at Geistown, near South Fork on Monday afternoon, apparently having taken his own life by hanging. Although no formal verdict had been given it was a plain case of suicide, according to persons closely associated with the case.

Mr. Fisher, it is said, had been mentally ill for quite a period and had been brooding over the labor troubles in that section. He is survived by his widow and four small children.

SERVICES AT THE CHURCH OF GOD CHAPEL.

Evangelistic services each evening this week at 7:30 by John H. Rupert. Sunday services—Bible school at 10 A. M. Preaching service at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

You are cordially invited to all these services.

L. G. Gorsuch, Pastor.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held next Tuesday evening March 13th, in the First Baptist church, at 7:45 P. M.

MINISTERS GUESTS AT KIWANIS MEET

Dr. Samuel McWilliams, Johnstown, Principal Speaker Monday Evening.

"Minister's Night" at the Brandon hotel in Spangler on Monday night, sponsored by the Northern Cambria Kiwanis club, was an auspicious occasion for guests and members of the association. Approximately a dozen members of the club were seated with the Kiwanians and others at the dinner which opened the evening's program. President George A. Clark presiding. The main speaker of the evening was the Rev. Dr. Samuel McWilliams of the Franklin Street Methodist Episcopal church, Johnstown, who took for his subject, "We Build," slogan of Kiwanism. His divine acquisition himself well on the topic of his discourse, poems being frequently dispensed among the well chosen thoughts expressed during the talk. The Rev. Mr. McWilliams proved himself to be a real orator and reader.

One of the features of the program was the quartette rendered by four ministers: The Rev. Mr. Gorman of Patton; the Rev. Mr. Beam of Bakerstown; the Rev. Mr. Applin of Barnesboro and the Rev. Mr. Oakley. The song was impromptu but carried through without any serious falling down in the respective parts. A hearty encore followed the vocal number. Short speeches were given by President Clark of Hastings and Attorney Reuel Somerville of Patton and by the Rev. Mr. Cowler of this place.

Next Monday a St. Patrick's Day program will be given and W. H. Denlinger of this place will serve as the chairman of the meeting.

PATTON COUPLE IS WEDDED 50 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bortman of West Mellon avenue, recently celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. Bortman and Mrs. (Snyder) Bortman were married by the Rev. Father Valentine O. S. B., in Carrolltown 50 years ago.

Nine children were born to this union, seven of whom survive—T. F. Bortman of Colorado; Mrs. Robert Nelson of Patton; Mrs. Frances Hiller of Ashtville; Walter J. Bortman, of Patton; Edwin Bortman of Altoona; Demetrius Bortman of Patton and Mrs. Gust McConnell of Patton.

Mrs. Bortman celebrated her seventy second birthday anniversary last week and Mr. Bortman was seventy-five years old in February. Mr. and Mrs. Bortman have thirty-two grand children. An anniversary dinner was given for Mr. and Mrs. Bortman at their home, and was attended by nearly all of the immediate family.

TEN YOUNG LADIES RECEIVE HABIT OF SISTERS OF MERCY

An impressive religious service was held at the Chapel of Mt. Aloysius academy at Cresson on Saturday afternoon, when the following young ladies received the habit of the Sisters of Mercy.

Anna Haug, Helen Hollingshead, Helen Pringle and Pauline Washington, all junior students of Altoona Catholic High; Anna Derie King, graduate of Mt. Aloysius Academy and Training school and for the last six years a nurse at the Mercy hospital in Johnstown; Genevieve Buddinger, a graduate of Holy Cross Academy, at Lancaster, Pa.; Gertrude Moyer, former student of Mt. Aloysius Academy; Genevieve Smeltzer of Loreto; Adelaide Kirkpatrick of Spangler, and Dorothy Stumpf, of Latrobe.

The Rt. Rev. John J. McCort, D. D., Bishop of the diocese of Altoona was there and took part in the services, along with the Very Rev. Father John P. M. Doyle, of St. Francis' College, Loreto, and a number of other priests of the diocese. Appropriate music was sung by the choir.

MONTESSORI PARENTS CLUB MET AT CARROLLTOWN

Mrs. Fred J. Fees and Miss Hattie Sharbaugh entertained the "Patton Parents of the Montessori Club" last Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was held at Miss Sharbaugh's studio in Carrolltown. A delicious afternoon tea was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Don Colter had charge of the program and read chapters addressed to parents. "The fathers being conspicuous by their absence," Mr. Patton's advice showing problems in the home, fell upon the ears of about 20 mothers. This Carrolltown meeting has outnumbered all other meetings since the club has been formed in Patton.

JAMESTOWN STORE BURNED.

Fire of an unknown origin completely destroyed the store of Joseph A. Lengyel, at Jamestown, near Portage, shortly after midnight, Tuesday. The damage was estimated at \$7,000, and is partly covered by insurance.

Making a run to the blaze the Portage fire apparatus skidded on an icy stretch at the corner near the bank and several of the firemen were thrown from the machine. No one was injured.

When the alarm was first given, firemen were told the blaze was in Spring Hill, the opposite direction, and considerable time was lost in getting to the scene of the conflagration. Lack of water pressure also was a handicap to the firemen.

MARCH TERM OF COURT CONVENES

Criminal Court Lists and Crowd Bigger Than Ever at Ebensburg.

The March term of court was opened at Ebensburg on Monday of this week with all three county judges on the bench. The Grand Jury is in session all of this week to consider the largest criminal list in the history of the county. Naturalization court was held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fred Krebs, Johnstown banker, was appointed foreman of the grand jury. True bills returned by the Grand Jury will be for trial next week.

The usual instructions were given to the constables who made their quarterly returns on Monday. The peace officers were warned again not to show any favoritism or to be in any disputes that may arise in their districts from labor disturbances and were told that it is also their duty to see to it that the supervisors keep township roads in passable condition, but were told not to be too hasty in bringing prosecutions at the opening of spring.

Two thirds of the large grist of cases before the grand jury this week are those for infractions of the prohibition law.

Phil Campanella, of Johnstown, convicted last December of carrying concealed weapons, was refused a new trial by Judge Evans and ordered to appear for sentence forthwith. Campanella was arrested early in the morning of Sept. 12, when he was discovered by a Johnstown police officer in the Seventh Ward carrying a basket which contained a bomb made up of 12 of 14 sticks of dynamite and equipped with a candle and fuse. He claimed that the infernal machine had been left in his house that night by some unidentified stranger, who broke into the home.

President Judge John E. Evans also handed down an order refusing a new trial to George Forsythe, Duane Kirk and James Solomon, of Patton, convicted of being accessories after the fact in aiding the escape of a fugitive wanted in the local criminal court. The defendants are ordered to appear for sentence next Monday afternoon. Solomon, one of the defendants, is now in the county jail, serving a sentence of not less than two, and one half, nor more than five years on conviction of having made an assault on a fourteen year old girl, residing near St. Boniface.

PORTAGE MAN AND WIFE CHARGED WITH ARSON

Michael and Katy Salensky were arrested at Portage on Tuesday evening with "firing with intent to defraud an insurer," preferred by fire chief Over of Portage, in connection with a blaze at the Salensky home about nine o'clock last Sunday morning. They were bound over to the June term of court after a hearing before Squire Lauffer.

According to Portage fire department officials a call was answered at the Salensky home and eight different locations, as well as a suitcase and a basket filled with oil soaked rags. It is alleged three fires had been started in joists in the attic, in three bed mattresses on the second floor and in two places on the first floor. There was little damage to the building.

Corp. W. S. Bloom, of the state police, stationed at Portage, served the warrant.

BIRTHDAY PARTY AT PATTON RESIDENCE

A delightful birthday party was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Welshire, of Beech avenue, in honor of their daughter, Lorraine's ninth birthday anniversary. An entertaining program of games and music was given for the guests.

Those present were Mary Catherine Colberg, Lorraine Morgan, Betty Lovew, Leona Merrill, Gladys Heninger, Thelma Butterbaugh, Erma Williams, Mae Lowes, Emma Williams, Ethel Link, Eva Fink, Lorraine Welshire, Lawrence Colberg, Walter Williams, Jr., Albert Welshire, Jr., Daniel and Thomas Welshire. A dainty lunch was served by the little hostess.

MRS. WALTER CONRAD

Mrs. Della Elizabeth Brant Conrad, wife of Walter F. Conrad, died at the Conrad home in Cresson, Thursday, after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Francis Xavier's Catholic church. Interment was in the St. Augustine cemetery.

Mrs. Edward Gates.

Mrs. Annie E. Gates, wife of Edward Gates, 1430 15th avenue, Altoona, died at her home at 11:12 P. M. on Wednesday, of pneumonia. She was born in St. Augustine, on Nov. 12th, 1868, a daughter of Patrick and Mary Henry. She was married on Nov. 7th, 1899. Surviving are her husband and two sons, Henry and John. Funeral services were conducted at St. Augustine on Saturday morning at nine o'clock with a high mass of requiem in charge of the Rev. Pollard W. Farren, the pastor, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maurer recently entertained a number of friends at dinner at their home on Magee avenue.