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\$2.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE.

Grand to Open With Talkies Friday Night

One Hundred Per Cent Sound Effect in "The Drag," A Richard Barthlemess First National Vitaphone Special Has Been Selected for the Opening Attraction.

INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT WAS QUITE A MATTER

BLATT BROS. HAVE GONE INTO MUCH RESEARCH WORK BEFORE INSTALLING.

The Grand theatre, which has been closed down since the first of the week will re-open tomorrow, Friday, with one of the new Vitaphone 100 per cent talking pictures—Richard Barthlemess in "THE DRAG." The installation of sound equipment has finally been completed in Patton and the picture leading show towns of Cambria county.

The installation of talking picture equipment was no small matter. It required much consideration by Blatt Bros. before they could determine just what type of instrument would best suit the needs of the Grand theatre, there being more than eighty different machines to choose from. It was only after careful analysis of all the different equipments that the type was finally selected by them. Their decision was made after experimenting for months with different talking picture equipment in their theatres at Somerset and Corry. However, it was long ago realized that each theatre presented a new problem when it came to reproducing voice and music perfectly, due to the acoustics of the house, and it was found that the only way to overcome by adding the walls, tenths of the theatres in the country were improperly built for the reproduction of talking pictures. The echo of ten drums out the sound of the voice so much that it is impossible to determine its meaning, or understand the words spoken. This, however, must be overcome by padding the walls with felt or by hanging heavy draperies that will absorb the sound. More than three hundred square yards will be used in the Grand theatre.

The talking picture equipment at the Grand, while one of the best, will be constantly improved by the addition of all the latest regulations to secure perfect reproduction.

For a couple of months silent pictures will still be shown at the Grand on Wednesday and Thursday nights. However, this will soon be supplemented by talking programs also.

ALTOONA WOMAN AND CHAUFFEUR INJURED

Mrs. Bertha McCormick, 37, and Wade Hampton, 35 years old negro, were seriously injured about four o'clock on Saturday afternoon when a car in which they were driving to Ebensburg crashed into a stone wall surrounding the estate of Charles M. Schwab of Loretto.

The injured persons were removed to the Altoona hospital, where Mrs. McCormick's injuries were diagnosed as lacerations of the head and hands and a possible fracture of the right leg. Hampton sustained a fracture of the right leg and lacerations of the face, head hands and legs.

Mrs. McCormick's widow with several children, is employed as cook at the Ebensburg Inn. Her home is in Altoona, and according to her usual custom, she had spent Friday, her day off, with her children, Hampton, also employed at the Inn, had been sent to Altoona to drive her back to Ebensburg.

Coming down a long steep hill from Chest Springs toward Loretto the brakes failed to hold and Hampton lost control of the machine which skidded for a distance of more than 30 feet and crashed into the stone wall head on. The impact was so great that cap stones on the massive barrier were moved several inches.

The injured were given first aid treatment by a Loretto physician and removed to the Altoona hospital in an ambulance.

So great was the impact when the car hit the wall that the motor was driven two feet back into the body of the car, which was virtually demolished.

BARNESBORO CHILD DROWNS IN CREEK

Lester C. Krouse, Jr., the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Krouse of Barnesboro, was drowned Saturday afternoon when he fell into a shallow creek at Sinking Valley, Blair county. The body was recovered a few minutes after it was discovered that the child was missing. He was rushed to the Altoona hospital, where an attempt was made to resuscitate him with a pulmonary, but the efforts of the hospital surgeons proved futile.

The Krouse child was born at Barnesboro. He is survived by his parents and three sisters.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon with burial in the North Barnesboro cemetery.

MRS. J. N. BANKS, Mrs. Huella (Wilson) Banks, aged 82 years, widow of Attorney John N. Banks, died of a complication of diseases at the home of a daughter in Cresson early on Tuesday morning. Her husband was a well known Indiana county attorney. She has lived in Cresson since his death seven years ago.

LOCAL AND STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Condensed Items Gathered from Various Sources for the Busy Reader.

The court at Ebensburg Saturday, through Judge Evans, granted divorces in the following cases: Harry M. Loder of Johnstown against Martha M. Loder, formerly of Tyrone, I. Irene (Williams) Guise, of Johnstown, against Earl Guise, of Detroit, Mich.

Arrested on charges of transporting liquor, Ralph Facciani and Joe Ramania of South Fork posted bond for appearance in federal court at a hearing Saturday before United States Commissioner Ray Patton Smith. The men were arrested in Somerset County.

Nancy, the one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Vedak of Elmora, died on Sunday afternoon at the Miller's hospital in Spangler. The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon in the SS. Peter and Paul church at Barnesboro and interment was in the church cemetery.

Frances, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maccurio of Barnesboro, died at six o'clock on Saturday evening in the Spangler hospital, aged 13 months. The parents reside in Barnesboro and funeral services were held at the St. Carmel church there on Monday with interment in the Holy Cross cemetery at Spangler.

Miss Violet Leslie and James Baker, both of Carrolltown, recently were united in marriage at Lilly in St. Bridg's Catholic church, by the Rev. P. P. Corcoran, pastor.

Thomas Mechoric, aged 33 years, formerly of Johnstown, died at the Cambria County Home at 7:15 o'clock Saturday evening. Death was caused by tuberculosis of the lungs. He was admitted to the institution on July 2nd.

The body of Fabert Bendin, aged 26 years, formerly a resident of Barnesboro, who died of a complication of diseases on Wednesday of last week in Cleveland, O., was brought to Gallitzin, where funeral services were held at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning in St. Patrick's church, with interment in the church cemetery. He is survived by his widow.

Five year old Marion Little of Nanty-Glo, suffered a fracture of the nose, marked contusions of the face and abrasions of the right ankle on Sunday evening when she was struck by an automobile while crossing a street in Nanty-Glo. She is a patient at the Lee hospital in Johnstown, and is convalescing.

Isaac Greesley, of Barnesboro, aged 60, died of apoplexy at the Spangler hospital on Thursday morning of last week. He is survived by his widow and a number of children.

John A. Antis, a native of Clearfield county, died at his home in Nanty-Glo on Saturday morning, following a stroke of paralysis. He was ill only 6 hours. He is survived by his widow and a number of children.

The South Fork Civic Federation recently was organized, and the appointment of several committees.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WILL IMPROVE DETOUR

As a result of the closing of the state highway route No. 22, leading from Dunsmuir to Cresson, motorists now must detour via the Buckhorn, Coupon and Gallitzin. Due to a bad stretch of road between the latter two points, members of the Blair county Motor Club have taken the matter up and have been assured some help by the highway department.

The highway department, which has been offered earlier in the season but because of the rather heavy traffic prior to the establishment of this section as a detour route, the road surface broke down and has become filled with innumerable ruts and bumps.

The Motor Club officials appealed to Representative Fred A. Bell and he in turn took the matter up with the state highway officials at Harrisburg with a view of having the road put in better condition, particularly while it is in use as a detour section.

Mr. Bell has just been informed by the state highway men that despite the fact that it is a township road, one on which the state usually does not do any work under such conditions such as at present exist, nevertheless the department has promised to do some grading there, and to put the road in good order for the accommodation of the public.

With this road in shape the detour will be one of first class condition. All hard surface road is encountered other than except for this one section between Coupon and Gallitzin.

SCOUT REPORT.

The Scouts held their meeting on Wednesday at 7:30. Assembly was first held in previous years at a chicken dinner and supper, of course, will be an inducement as heretofore. There will be games and amusements of various kinds, and dancing will be another of the features. Plan to attend the picnic.

NOTICE.

First class Barbering at Reduced Prices. Ladies' hair cutting, 35c; gentlemen's hair cutting, 35c; children's hair cutting, 35c; shaving, 15c. To old and new customers alike. We will invite your patronage. Call at A. F. Fegley's Barber Shop, across from the Spot Cash Store, 506 Magee Ave. Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher and son, Lester, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cochran and daughter, Martha, and Mrs. Eliza Lee of this place attended the funeral of Mrs. Louisa Jones of South Fork recently.

White Township To Change Roads

Upon petition of a number of residents and taxpayers of White township the court on Tuesday afternoon appointed Attorney A. M. Shoemaker, Adam Shuman and J. D. Ritter as a board of viewers to view the premises and make a report thereof, as provided by law. The board is to prepare plans and specifications for a two-room school building at the Children's Home and also to prepare preliminary sketches for an additional building at the Children's home to provide living quarters for approximately 150 children. Mr. Howard is DuBois, Clearfield county, Pa., as his compensation for preparing the plans and specifications for the school building and to prepare the preliminary sketches of the other building at actual cost. Commissioners John D. Walker and W. J. Cavanaugh voted in favor of the resolution and Commissioner Homer C. George voted "no" to both of them.

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CORRECT THE CHILD'S PHYSICAL DEFECTS

"Thousands of young people will start to school for the first time this autumn. And many parents are going to take the physical condition of their children for granted. They will, of course, have them vaccinated before the law requires this be done. Then diseases of the body will start to work on their way with much of the job unfinished," said Dr. Theo. B. Appel, secretary of health, this week.

"Throughout the summer months the department's mobile health units are invading many remote rural sections where thorough physical examinations are being made upon the pre-school children and advice for the correction of physical defects are being suggested and followed up. These children are fortunate, indeed.

"However, there yet remains a large portion of the children in the cities and towns to whom this service is not available in this form but whose need for it is just as great as it is for the child in the isolated sections.

"It is not enough that the prospective pupil does not complain of any physical defect, or that the child is not available in this form but whose need for it is just as great as it is for the child in the isolated sections.

"The young school children deserve an even better physical deal. Give it to them by starting them to school physically fit."

CORNERSTONE OF NEW MONASTERY IS PLACED

The cornerstone of the new monastery of the Franciscan order at Kladder station, near Hollidaysburg, was laid on Sunday afternoon last with impressive services in charge of the Rt. Rev. Bishop John J. McCort of the Catholic diocese of Altoona. Franciscan priests of the Province of the Immaculate Conception, Altoona, and numerous diocesan secular priests, took part in the cornerstone laying.

The monastery will be ready for occupancy this fall and will be the novitiate of the Immaculate Conception Province, of which the Rev. Father Jerome N. Zazzara, T. O. R., is provincial.

A distinguished prelate in attendance at the services on Sunday afternoon was the Most Rev. Father Arnaldo Rigo, minister general of the Third Order Regular, who arrived from Rome last week on a tour that will take him to all the houses of the Franciscan fathers in this country.

FOR RENT OR SALE

House for rent or sale, nine rooms, all modern conveniences, in heart of Patton. Inquire at Courier office.

ORPHANAGE SCHOOL ARCHITECT HIRED

County Commissioners Plan New Building at the Children's Home.

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ANNA DESCENDANTS HOLD REUNION AT HORNE HOME

A reunion of the descendants of the late Charles Anna was held last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horne at St. Augustine. Approximately one hundred people attended the outing which was featured by a program of races and games for the children and other diversions for the older folks. Dinner and supper were served in picnic fashion at large tables grouped on the lawn at the Horne homestead.

Charles Anna, who was but four years old when he was brought from Germany to Patton by his parents, lived on a vast tract of untouched forest land, part of which was later cleared and sold as a site for Patton. The first land was cleared about 88 years ago, many years before the mining and clay manufacturing industries which support the town were begun.

Mr. Anna died in 1908, and the following children survive him: Mrs. Joseph Horne, of St. Augustine; Mrs. Peter Yeager, of Hastings; Mrs. Frank E. Farabaugh, Plus Anna, Mrs. John Ulrich and Miss Martha Anna, all of Patton, and Otto Anna, of Canon City, Colorado.

REFUSES TO INSTITUTE OUSTER PROCEEDINGS

In an opinion handed down last week Attorney General Cyrus E. Woods refuses to institute quo warranto proceedings against Frank P. Barnhart, additional law judge of Cambria county, holding that there is no warrant in law to sustain the contention of Joseph A. Winer, et al, of Cambria county, that Judge Barnhart is ineligible to office.

The attorney general, in his opinion, reviews the proceedings brought against Judge Barnhart, in which proceedings were instituted through the attorney general, was asked to institute action in the supreme court seeking to oust Judge Barnhart, on the ground that a plea of sole contendere entered by Mr. Barnhart 11 years ago on an indictment charging forgery by seal, in that he wrote the word "seal" after a signature on a note, was a "conviction" under the law.

Attorney General Woods disposes of this by declaring that in his opinion, "The plea of sole contendere is not a conviction" nor is a suspension of sentence by the court on payment of costs.

ST. AUGUSTINE PICNIC ON SATURDAY AUGUST 24

Posters are out announcing that the annual picnic held under the auspices of the parishioners of St. Augustine's Catholic church at St. Augustine will be held on Saturday, August 24th.

The plans of the picnic are already in definite shape, despite the advanced date. No stone is being left unturned to insure the success of the annual event. Games and amusement, a chicken dinner and supper, and music and dancing will be features. It will be a day of reunion as well, and the general public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

BOOSTERS PAY VISIT

The board of county commissioners accompanied a large delegation of main line residents to Harrisburg this week, where they conferred with officials of the state highway department in regard to the improvement of that section of state route No. 53 between Ashville and Gallitzin. This is the only section of this route that is not improved at the present time and when improved will afford the shortest, hard surfaced road between the National and Lincoln highway and points north. The part of the road to be improved has been taken over by the state and placed on the secondary system.

Grand Jury Reports On Its Investigation

Body Finds No Personal Misconduct on Part of Officials But Is of Opinion That Law Enforcement Was Quite Lax. South of County Seems to Be the Most At Fault.

SAY INVESTIGATOR SHOULD BE HIRED BY POOR BOARD

Finding that fines imposed by the mayor of Johnstown on violators of the liquor law are "inadequate to act as a sufficient deterrent to offenders," and the sale of lots on the Beuna Vista plan in the Seventeenth ward of the city of Johnstown, made by Meade Caultiff, son of the mayor, to "men and women whose business subjected them to appearance before the mayor in his capacity as police magistrate," a practice to be condemned, the June grand jury filed its report before Judge McCann on Tuesday and was discharged.

Reconvened June 11 to conduct a general investigation of law enforcement conditions in the city of Johnstown and Cambria County, the grand jury was in session seven weeks and heard testimony from 70 witnesses.

"After conducting a most searching inquiry," the report says, "we find no corruption, bribery, collusion or personal misconduct on the part of any official of Cambria County or of any detective or member of the police force of the city of Johnstown."

In its findings, however, the grand jury points out that it has exposed a most lax enforcement of the liquor laws in several boroughs, notably the municipalities of East Conemaugh and Franklin, "where offenders against the liquor laws are at intervals, fined under tipping house ordinances, without any serious effort being made to prevent further violations. This practice has resulted in virtual licensing of law violation for the benefit of municipal treasuries and is strongly to be condemned."

The grand jury also recommends that in the future all arrests in the city of Johnstown on charges of violating the liquor laws be made on the basis of commonwealth charges, "so that adequate punishment may be imposed upon persons who continue to violate the law."

"It would appear," says the report, "that the constabulary, with few exceptions, are not active in the enforcement, nor in tracing the manufacture and disposition of illicit liquor," and that the activities of the district attorney's office in regard to liquor law enforcement, "have been more restricted than might be desired."

The report continues, "It is claimed by prominent federal enforcement officers that there was very little cooperation between them and the district attorney's office and that as a result of this, as well as of alleged light penalties imposed within the county, federal prosecutions relating to liquor law violations in this county have been made in the federal courts."

Constables likewise have complained that full cooperation has not been given them by the district attorney's office. The grand jury reports adding that it has been "unable to find that there

has been any serious failure in this respect."

The grand jury did find, however, that the "violation of the liquor laws in Cambria county is alarming."

The grand jury finds that its original recommendations to the poor board to remedy conditions at the county poor farm are being carried out in a meritorious manner.

A recommendation that a trained investigator be employed to look into applications for poor relief is contained in the report, the grand jury finding that the "labor and responsibility of investigation, passing upon and caring for the large number of people in on the three members of the poor board entirely with the result that only one member could have any idea of the conditions existing in any one case."

The employment of an investigator will, the inquiring body believes, "result in a material saving to the taxpayers of the county."

Referring to the parole system in vogue in Cambria county, the grand jury finds that "many persons violating the liquor laws are apprehended by municipal or federal authorities after having been paroled for good behavior by the county courts, but this information is not 'brought to the attention of the police force of the county in violation of the parole goes unnoticed.'"

Commenting on the lack of public interest manifest in law enforcement, the report says: "The integrity of officials has been definitely determined. In spite of integrity, laxity has likewise been found. Such laxity is in proportion to the interest which the public has in enforcement."

"It is felt that disrespect for the liquor laws has produced disrespect for all law and there is a serious alarm over what the future might develop," the report continues.

"The existing degree of disrespect for law and lack of confidence in the administration of justice is always a most serious matter, whether justified or not, and if it is necessary for those charged with the enforcement of law to accept more responsibility than the strict letter of the law demands in order that respect for law may be maintained, such added duties should unhesitatingly be assumed. Leadership and example are expected from those selected for the honor of public office."

In discharging the grand jury Judge McCann expressed the appreciation of the court for the faithful work of its members and the special prosecutor, Russell R. Yost, and assured them that they had the complete confidence of the court throughout their investigations.

Judge McCann declared that he had visited a number of counties in Pennsylvania and that he believed Cambria County compared most favorably as to law enforcement, even with the so-called "dry" counties.

CHETREMON CLUB TRIMS EBENSBURG

A group of golfers representing the Chetremont Country Club on Thursday afternoon defeated the Ebensburg Country Club's team 35 to 25 points. The tournament was held at Ebensburg and was participated in by 20 members from each club. The scores made by the individual players follows:

Ebensburg	Chetremont	
Little	84 McArdully	75
P. Larimer	88 Dill	84
C. R. Myers	83 W. Gardner	81
Dunnick	85 Brown	86
R. S. Davis	33 F. Brown	84
M. Larimer	85 R. Brown	89
Wes	88 McKeehan	91
Oswald	79 P. Crist	87
Nelson	111 Rhody	104
Grant	121 Taylor	114
Knee	90 C. Griest	105
F. J. Myers	93 McKeehan	92
Buck	108 Cowher	102
T. Larimer	96 Dinsmore	98
Miller	109 Lang	104
Levan	83 Costin	83
Campbell	111 Brinton	87
Good	118 Todhunter	101
Thomas	104 D. W. Hawes	100
C. E. Davis	82 Fritz Hawes	81

Following the tournament the Ebensburg club entertained the Chetremont club with a dinner at the New Highland hotel.

IN THE CHURCH LEAGUE.

St. Mary's defeated the St. George team, 10 to 6, the other evening. The batteries: St. Mary's—Lamont and Jenkins. St. George—E. Haluska and Shuss.

The church league will not play on regular schedule on August 15th, but will make way instead for the much heralded Army and Navy game.

Coming games are: Thursday, August 1, Methodist-Presbyterians vs. SS. Peter and Paul, Tuesday, August 6, Methodist-Presbyterians vs. St. George; Thursday, August 8th, St. Mary's vs. SS. Peter and Paul.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Mary's	4	0	1000
SS. Peter Paul	2	1	.667
M. E. and Pres.	1	2	.333
St. George	0	4	.000

MONS. SAAS TO BE ELEVATED AUG. 15TH

Dates for the formal elevation of 3 priests for the Catholic Diocese of Altoona to the Monsignori of the church have been announced by the Rt. Rev. Bishop John J. McCort. Announcement of the bestowing of the honor upon the priests was made last month by Pope Pius XI supreme pontiff of the Catholic church, who designated the honored clergymen as domestic prelates and members of the Vatican household.

The Rt. Rev. Mons. John P. Sass, irremovable rector of the historic St. Michael's Church, Loretto, will be elevated to the Monsignori on Thursday, August 15th, which is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The ceremonies incident to the elevation, which will be attended by the Rt. Rev. Bishop and other clergy in the diocese, will take place at St. Michael's church.

The same honor will be officially bestowed upon the Rt. Rev. Mons. Peter Fox, LL. D., pastor of St. Mark's church, Altoona, formerly of the Church of the Holy Name, Ebensburg, and the Church of the Sacred Heart, Conemaugh, on Sunday, September 8th.

Similar services will be held in honor of the Rt. Rev. Mons. Bernard Coum, chancellor of the diocese and pastor of the Church of the Holy Rosary, Juniata, on Sunday, September 15th.

The fourth priest named a Monsignor by Pope Pius in June, the Rt. Rev. Mons. Hugh M. O'Neill, pastor of the Holy Name Church at Ebensburg, was formally invested with the purple robes of the church recently.

GALLITZIN STORE AND STATION ARE ROBBED

Harmonica thieves who seemed to crave mouth organs to jewelry and who helped themselves to a supply in the John Maruska jewelry store in Gallitzin, are believed to be the same who broke into the P. R. R. station in the same town a short time before and stole 29 cents in cash. The thieves bear earmarks of local talent, and arrests are believed not far off.