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# Patton Courier

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## BAKERTON MAN BANDIT KILLED

William Delaney Loses Life  
Following Beech Creek  
Bank Hold-Up.

William Delaney, for many years a resident of Carrolltown Roads, between Carrolltown and Bakerton, is dead as the result of his implication in a bank hold-up at Beech Creek, Center county, last Thursday. Another of the bandits is in the Center county hospital, a third is in the Center county jail, and the fourth made good his escape.

Delaney had been traveling under the name of George Williams of Pittsburg, and was captured near Snow Mountain by Dr. George Tibbins of Beech Creek, brother of the bank president, and Frank Williams of Howard, after the stolen car the bandits used crashed into a culvert. He died Thursday night. Prior to his death he divulged his real name.

A short while later a posse led by Sheriff Dunlap, of Bellefonte, captured two of the bandits at a railroad siding near Snow Shoe intersection. The posse fired several shots at the men, who surrendered without resistance.

The captured men said they were A. Raymond Shope, of Clearfield, and William Kline, of Cheney, near Pittsburg. Kline, who suffered several broken ribs when the getaway car crashed into the culvert, is under guard at the Center County Hospital, while Shope is being held in jail.

The two men together had \$275 of the bank loot. The rest of the money was found in the wrecked car after the machine crashed into the culvert and the bandits fled, leaving Williams behind to fall into the hands of Dr. Tibbins and Frank Williams.

The wrecked machine had been stolen before the bank hold-up from Milton Sykes, Beech Creek merchant, who was stopped at pistol point several miles from Beech Creek, robbed of \$70 and tied to a tree.

The bandits had hidden their own machine on Snow Mountain and driven into Beech Creek in the stolen machine.

The fourth bandit, whose name is not known, is believed to have made his way to the bank car for his escape. The body of Delaney was turned over to a Bellefonte undertaker, and when he communicated with Lester Delaney of Beaverdale, the family declined to accept the body. The mortician said the probable outcome would be burial in a potter's field.

**CARROLLTOWN MINE  
OPERATING AGAIN**  
Tipple Saved by Good Work of Firemen; Cleaning Plant Was Destroyed

Operations were resumed Saturday morning at Victor No. 6 Mine, of Peake, Peacock, Kerr, Inc., where a serious fire occurred Friday evening. Fortunately, the tipple was saved from destruction. Had this been destroyed, a number of men would have been thrown out of employment for some time. The fire occurred in the cleaning plant, which was attached to the tipple but good work on the part of the Barnesboro, Spangler and Carrolltown fire companies saved the tipple. The cleaning plant was destroyed. The cause of the fire is believed to have been defective wiring.

**FARM AGENTS WILL  
STUDY MARKETING**  
County Farm Agent H. C. McWilliams, who has been in charge of the Agricultural Extension Work in Cambria County since July, 1925, will devote a six months' period, beginning Monday, to a study of marketing conditions under the direction of the Department of Agricultural Economics, at State College.

## NEW LICENSE TAGS FULL OF MYSTERY

Letters and Figures Jumbled by  
Officials Preparing 1930  
Numbering Code

It will be a wise Pennsylvania motorist who knows his own license number in 1930. Under the new system of numbering devised by the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles there will be a hundred thousand or so sets of license plates with the regular digits, but these will be only a drop in the bucket compared with the two or three million tags that will bear cabalistic markings.

Some of the license-plate markings will look odd and will mean little except to the college professors who assisted experts of the bureau in evolving the code of letters and figures to a complete chart showing what each combination means.

The car owner who receives within the next few months license tags with OZRT77 on them will have no way of knowing that the letters and figures mean License No. 1,894,077. Under the new numbering code that is just what this mixture of the alphabet and numerals stands for. OH is not an expression of surprise in the bureau's terminology but License 370,000 issued by the Commonwealth for a passenger automobile.

**Plain C Means 120,000**  
Under the new system license plates will be 1930 blue and orange license plates with the Roman 100, but the Pennsylvania license number 120,000, while M, instead of standing for 1000 really means 210,000. A which under the system in vogue for the last few years stood for 1,000,000, drops down the scale under the new code to 100,000.

None of the 1930 tags will contain more than a total of five figures or letters. No 1 is the lowest, but there are numerous license plates with that number, for State Department and other groups will be assigned low numbers with various designating signs or words. No. 99,999 will be the highest number composed entirely of digits.

While it is not expected that the number of a next year will surpass the 2,000,000 mark, the new system has been worked out to the 000Z series, which concludes with 999UZ covering the license numbers from 2,039,000 to 2,639,999.

**Professors Might Know**  
Possibly a Lafayette College professor or two, who aided the State in formulating the new plan for license markings, may be able to give the number of a car that shoots by bearing the mystic talisman OOFY. If they can get it right, the number should be 2,018,000.

It is doubtful if Motor Bureau employes will know off-hand more than a few numbers. Even Commissioner Benjamin G. Eynon, who has worked out various systems for shortening the length of the metal license plates, will not carry more than a few hundred correct answers to alphabet-number tags in his head.

The chart containing the numbers and their abbreviations is a rather thick booklet. The experts also provided a supplemental book containing an explanation that when A comes first in a combined letter-numeral designation, it stands for ten, but when it occupies fifth place in the line-up it means ninety.

**ST. AUGUSTINE NEWS NOTES  
OF THE PAST WEEK OR SO**  
F. E. Farabough of Patton called on friends here recently.

## Official Count Gives George Plurality of 194 for Sheriff

Evans Defeats Price for Poor Director; Lantz Wins for  
Jury Commissioner; Official Count for All of the Offices.

The official count of ballots cast at the primary election on Tuesday of last week, was completed on Tuesday evening of this week at Ebensburg, this compilation of figures settling a number of results which had been in doubt. According to the official count Homer C. George defeated O. Webster Saylor by 194 votes for the Republican nomination for Sheriff. The Republican nomination for director of the poor department goes to John L. Evans who had a plurality of 128 over Edward J. Price, J. A. Farabough of Allegheny township, defeated Mrs. Martha Cunningham by 144 votes for Democratic poor director. P. A. Lantz of Spangler, won in a close battle with Phil S. Gordon for Democratic jury commissioner, leading by 210 votes. Ivan J. McKenrick defeated W. A. McGuire for the Democratic nomination for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas by 923 votes. Judge Barnhart defeated D. P. Weimer by 6,330 votes for Republican Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Judge Samuel Lemmon Reed had a lead of 2,268 over Charles C. Greer for Orphans' Court Judge. On the Democratic side all the offices not stated had only one candidate for each office before the voters of their party.

The official count on county candidates follows:

**REPUBLICAN.**  
Judge of the Superior Court.  
(Two to be nominated.)  
Thomas J. Baldrige ..... 18,408  
William H. Keller ..... 16,504

**Common Pleas Judge.**  
(One to be nominated.)  
Frank P. Barnhart ..... 15,944  
D. P. Weimer ..... 9,634  
Ray Patton Smith ..... 3,253

**DEMOCRATIC.**  
Judge of the Superior Court.  
(Two to be nominated.)  
George F. Douglas ..... 5,195  
Henry C. Niles ..... 4,587

**Common Pleas Judge.**  
(Two to be nominated.)  
Ivan J. McKenrick ..... 4,354  
William A. McGuire ..... 3,431

**Orphans' Court Judge.**  
Sheriff.  
George I. Keener ..... 6,278  
P. W. Pires ..... 2,677

**Jury Commissioner.**  
(One to be nominated.)  
P. A. Lantz ..... 3,087  
Phil S. Gordon ..... 2,677  
D. D. McHugh ..... 1,246

## FORMER PATTON RESIDENT EXPIRES

**Samuel E. Jones Died August  
4th, At His Home in  
California.**

Word has been received in Patton of the death of Mr. Samuel E. Jones, one of Patton's old time residents, who came here in 1892. He left Patton in 1903, moving to DuBois, and later to Montana where he bought a six hundred and forty acre sheep ranch. The last six years of his life, however, he had spent in Ontario, California.

Mr. Jones was remembered by his many friends as being the first blacksmith in Patton, being in partnership with Harry Buck. He was also Patton's first policeman, and served as a member of Patton's first school board.

Mr. Jones leaves a widow, Margaret E., and six children: Mrs. Harry K. Evans, of Ontario, Cal., Mrs. Albert A. Nelson, of Monrovia, Cal.; Mrs. John T. Seyler, of Twin Bridges, Montana; Mrs. G. V. Moser, of Phoenix, Arizona; Frank A. of Los Angeles, Cal., and Samuel Earl, of Redlands, Cal. He is also survived by ten grandchildren, and one brother, John E. Jones of Mansfield, Pa.

**CAR HITS SCHWAB'S WALL,  
3 ALTOONA GIRLS HURT**

Three Altoona girls were injured last Monday night when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into a stone wall surrounding the estate of Charles M. Schwab near Loretto, Monday night. Those injured are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. T. Doyle, of Altoona, Catherine, 19, Mary, 17, and Sara, 21. It is believed the machine got out of control of Frank Anderson, also of that place, who was driving the car.

R. P. Miller, of Altoona who was motoring from Pittsburg and found the wrecked machine with blood running from numerous lacerations. He took the injured to Mercy hospital. Catherine and Mary Doyle were both admitted to the institution after receiving treatment in the dispensary. Their condition is reported as fair. Sara was removed to her home after receiving treatment. Anderson is reported to have escaped injury.

**MRS. ANNIE RYAN**  
Mrs. Annie Ryan, widow of William Ryan, died at her home, in Altoona at 3:30 a. m. Saturday, of pneumonia. She had suffered a third stroke several days before. Mrs. Ryan was born in Gallitzin in 1878 and came three years ago to Altoona, where she was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Surviving are one son and three daughters: Mrs. Marie Reser, Harrisburg; Charles Ryan, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Elwood Stevens, Portage; Mrs. Eleanor Tragoon, Altoona; five grandchildren, one sister and two brothers: Mrs. Mary McGraw, Patrick and John Gallie, Gallitzin.

## COLLEEN MOORE'S FIRST TALKIE HERE

Also Laura La Plante in "The  
Love Trap." Both are very  
Good Shows

Next Monday and Tuesday the Grand Theatre has secured a screen production regarded as the most perfect combination of pictured action and recorded dialogue yet achieved, announced by the theatre management. The picture is "Smiling Irish Eyes," Colleen Moore's first talking and singing vehicle, which will be given its first local showing next Monday and Tuesday. "Smiling Irish Eyes" was produced by John McCormick as a First National-Vitaphone special and has been received with enthusiasm wherever shown.

The tremendous success of this screen romance is attributed both to Miss Moore's popularity and to the care with which an interesting, entertaining story was reproduced in action, dialogue and music. Convinced that that motion is still an important part of a motion picture, McCormick produced "Smiling Irish Eyes" with quite as much physical action and as frequent changes of background, as formerly were included in silent pictures. The result is said to be an excellent moving picture, made more realistic and interesting with the addition of dialogue throughout.

Miss Moore, in the character of a little Irish girl, both sings and speaks in "Smiling Irish Eyes," several songs having been prepared especially for the picture by prominent composers. James Hall plays the male lead opposite Miss Moore, others who fill conspicuous roles being Claude Gillingwater, Aggie Herling, Robert Emmett O'Connor and Julian Johnston. William A. Seiter directed "Smiling Irish Eyes."

## LOCAL AND STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

**Condensed Items Gathered from  
Various Sources for the  
Busy Reader.**

**FIRST CHORUS GIRL PART  
FOR LAURA LA PLANTE**

For the first time in her screen history, Laura La Plante, the "personality" of the silver screen, plays a chorus girl in "The Love Trap," her latest. Unusual starrng production with sound dialogue which comes to the Grand and Theatre on Friday and Saturday.

Throughout her career in motion pictures, during which time she has played every feminine characterization from the lowly shopgirl to the incomparable "Magnolia" of "Show Boat," Miss La Plante never before was cast in the "pony line."

However, after the first sequence of the picture in rehearsal attire, the heroine takes the form of a girl from the lowly shopgirl to the incomparable "Magnolia" of "Show Boat," Miss La Plante never before was cast in the "pony line."

The backstage sequences of the picture were taken in a specially built "wings" set, the bare boards and shabby surroundings being particularly realistic. In contrast to this several very elaborate sets were constructed for the scenes in the Cadwallader home, the interior effects obtained being decoratively and pictorially equal to any multimillionaire's splendor, even in New York or Long Island.

"The Love Trap" was photographed by Gilbert Warrenton, the cameraman whose beautiful picturization added so greatly to the appeal of "Show Boat." It was directed by William Wyler, who started the motion picture world with "The Shakedown."

The cast includes Neil Hamilton, Robert Ellis, Norman Trevor, Jocelyn Lee, Clarissa Selwynne and others.

## Patton High to Start Football Season Friday

The Patton High School will open their football season with Westmont Upper Yoder on Friday. The Patton team will be fortunate to win over their heavier opponents, as reports from Westmont indicate they will have one of the best teams in the history of the school. The Patton team has but one experienced man in their backfield, Litzinger, who has recently returned to the line-up, having recovered from his injuries, and he is now giving promise of a very good season.

The Line has not displayed very good form to date and they will need plenty of correction before Friday. The spirit of the team as a whole has been splendid, and they will be ready to display a good brand of football by the time they line up against Westmont. They will go into the game with every player determined to come out the victor.

The team recently elected Clifford (Ham) Yahnner captain for the present season. Yahnner is a senior, past tackle, and he has been on the team for the past three years. He has the distinction of earning the highest grades of any pupil in school during the past two years, as well as being a good athlete.

## MONUMENT MARKS PORTAGE CENTENNIAL

Governor to Attend Unveiling  
of Shaft Erected by Penn-  
sylvania Near Altoona

An event of unusual historical interest to the citizens of Pennsylvania will take place on Tuesday afternoon, October 1, at 3 o'clock, when a monument, which has just been erected by the State on the William Penn highway about two miles east of Cresson and 15 miles west of Altoona, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the building of the Old Portage Railroad, will be unveiled. Charles M. Schwab will be one of the speakers.

The monument stands only a few feet from the highway and on a plot of ground which formerly was part of the right-of-way of the Old Portage at the foot of Plane No. 5. The site was recently deeded by the State to the Blair County Historical Society and the monument was erected under the supervision of a commission appointed by Governor John S. Fisher. The legislative act which authorized the appointment of the commission also appropriated \$10,000 for the erection of the monument.

The Portage Railroad was an important part of the "Main Line of Public Works" of Pennsylvania—that remarkable rail and water transportation system between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh which was started in 1829 and opened for traffic in 1834. The "Public Works" were the precursor of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Governor Fisher in appointing the monument commission, recognized this fact by designating William Elmer, of Philadelphia, special engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad, as chairman of the body. The other members of the commission are: Plymouth W. Snyder, former State Senator from Blair county; W. I. Woodcock, past president of the Blair County Bar Association and former president of the Blair County Historical Society; and Thomas G. Peoples, Register and Recorder of Deeds, Blair County.

Elmer will preside at the unveiling ceremonies. The Pennsylvania Railroad Middle Division Band will play and the Altoona Works choir will lead the singing of "America." Several of the line the history of the Old Portage Railroad and then the monument will be unveiled by Jonathan Leet, whose paternal grandfather was at one time canal superintendent.

Schwab will deliver the address. The address by Schwab will then follow, after which A. J. County, vice president in charge of finance and corporate relations, Pennsylvania Railroad, will present the monument to the Commonwealth. Governor Fisher then respond on behalf of the State. Music by the Middle Division Band will close the programme.

To accommodate persons wishing to attend the dedicatory ceremonies, the Pennsylvania Railroad will operate special trains to Cresson from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Both trains will carry coaches, parlor cars and dining cars. Automobile transportation will be provided between Cresson and the monument site.

The monument erected by the commission is twelve feet square at the base and is built of stone sleepers taken from the roadbed of the Old Portage Railroad. When many of the early railroad in the United States were built, stone blocks instead of crossties were used to support the rails. Stone sleepers in their original positions can still be seen at various places along the right of way of the Old Portage Railroad and also of the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad, which was another link in the "Main Line of Public Works."

## LEECH FAMILY WILL LIVE IN WASHINGTON

Congressman J. Russell Leech Friday took his wife and three children to Washington, D. C., where they will make their residence until next spring. They will live in the Howard apartments while in Washington. They will make the trip to the National capital by automobile and Congressman Leech will return to Ebensburg the middle of next week to look after his law business. During their stay in Washington the Leech children, James Ellen and Nancy, will attend school.

**NORMAN BERKEBILE, JR.**  
Norman Berkebile, Jr., of Cresson, son of Norman and Laura Redden Berkebile, died at Altoona Hospital at 2:30 a. m. Sunday, of pneumonia, after a brief illness. He was born at Trafford February 8, 1921.

Since the death of his mother, in November, 1927, the boy had lived at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ruffner of Cresson. He was a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Sunday School. Surviving are his father, his grand-children and two aunts, Mrs. Melvin Stoll, of Patton, and Miss Winifred Redden of Juniata.

The body was brought to the grandparents' home at Cresson, where funeral services were held at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday. Interment was in the Spruce Hill Cemetery, Clearfield County, where the mother is buried.

## MRS. W. H. PRUNER DIES AT HOME IN EBENSBURG

Mrs. Mary Little Pruner, aged 64 years, wife of W. H. Pruner, aged 64 years, Sunday morning at her home in Ebsburg, where she had been in ill health for a long time. Death was due to heart disease. She was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania in 1865 and was married to Mr. Pruner in 1885. Besides her husband a number of children and several brothers and sisters survive. The funeral services were held on Tuesday morning in the Holy Name Catholic church at Ebsburg and interment was in the church cemetery.

## NAGLE SCHOOL SOCIETY TO HOLD FIRST AFFAIR

The first meeting of the Nagle School Literary Society will be held in the Nagle school, just outside of Patton on the Dycus road, Thursday evening, September 26, starting at 7:30 o'clock. A special program is being arranged and there will also be an election of officers. R. L. Rowland, the teacher, extends an invitation to all persons to attend the meeting.