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DEVORE RESIGNS AS POOR DIRECTOR

Harve Tibbot, Ebensburg Druggist, Appointed to Fill the Vacancy.

Walter Devore of Johnstown, presented his resignation as a member of the Board of Poor Directors to Judge John E. Evans at Ebensburg, on Friday last, following the meeting of the poor board. The resignation was later formally accepted.

On Monday morning of this week, Judge Evans appointed Harve Tibbot, of Ebensburg, as a member of the poor board, to fill out the remaining two years of the term of Mr. Devore.

Mr. Tibbot for a number of years has conducted a successful drug business in Ebensburg and has been very active in the civic life of his community. He has been an ardent worker in Masonic circles for many years and recently was honored by his fraternal brothers by elevation to the 33rd degree, an honor he shares with but one other man in Cambria county, Willis A. G. Lape, of Johnstown. He is also an officer in Jaffa Temple of the shrine and has won distinction as a vocalist of merit.

Making his first venture into the realm of politics Mr. Tibbot will bring to his new official position ideas accumulated through the years of successful business enterprise and is expected to have an active part in shaping the policies of the poor board during the coming two years. He will enter upon his new duties at once and will sit with the board in its deliberations upon the best methods to be followed in shaping the future course of the conduct of affairs at the poor farm.

HOOVER'S PROCLAMATION CALLS FOR THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE ON NOV. 23

Thanksgiving will be observed on Thursday, November 28th, in conformity with the traditional proclamation issued by President Hoover on November 6th.

The proclamation said the harvests have been abundant, the fruits of industry have been "of unexampled value and quantity" and both capital and labor "have enjoyed an exceptional prosperity."

At home and abroad, the president said, assurances of peace have been strengthened and enlarged and he also pointed out that enlightenment "has grown apace in new revelations of scientific truth and in diffusion of knowledge."

The plans of President Hoover himself for Thanksgiving day are quite simple. He will worship in one of the Quaker meeting houses and have a quiet family dinner at the White House.

HIP INJURY FATAL TO AGED ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP LADY

Mrs. Mary E. Smith, aged 76 years, a well known resident of Allegheny township, died at her home at 5 o'clock on Sunday evening as a result of a fracture of the right hip and shock. About six weeks ago Mrs. Smith was injured in a fall down a flight of steps at her residence.

Mrs. Smith's husband, Emory Smith, preceded her to the grave about two years ago. She is survived by these children: Charles, of Loreto; Mrs. Clara McCleary of Altoona, William of Colver, and Walter and Elizabeth both at home. Eleven grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Lydia McConnell of Altoona also survive.

Funeral services were held at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning in St. Michael's Catholic church at Loreto, and interment was in the church cemetery.

MRS. ALICE H. FULTZ, AGED 86, CHEST SPRINGS NATIVE, DEAD

Mrs. Alice H. Fultz, 86, widow of Martin Fultz, a veteran of the Civil War, died at the home of her only daughter, Mrs. Nelson Charles, at Chest Springs at five o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Fultz was born in the vicinity of Chest Springs and spent her entire life in that section. Death was caused by a complication of ailments incident to her advanced age.

Funeral services will be held in St. Monica's church at Chest Springs at 9 o'clock on Friday morning, with the pastor, the Rev. Father James Padden, celebrating the requiem mass. Interment will be in St. Benedict's cemetery at Carrolltown.

BILL GIVEN COUNTY FOR USE OF SCHOOL ROOMS

The Cambria County Commissioners are in receipt of a bill from the school district of the city of Johnstown in the sum of 600, being for the rental of school buildings for registration and election purposes for the year 1929.

The commissioners feel that these are public buildings, tax free, therefore no charge should be made for the use of them for election purposes.

LEE KIRKPATRICK

Lee Kirkpatrick, aged 56 years, died on Saturday morning last at his home in Carrolltown. He had been in ill health for some months. The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Kirkpatrick, and the following children: Alvin, Gordon, Thomas, Leo, Rupert, Rosella and Stella, all at home.

The funeral services were conducted at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning in St. Benedict's Catholic church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

JOSEPH KIBLER, FORMER HASTINGS MAN, EXPIRES

Joseph Kibler, a former resident of Hastings, died on Thursday last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. J. Dietrick, at Altoona. He was a son of Jacob and Barbara Kibler and was born Oct. 15, 1853, in St. Lawrence. He was a blacksmith at Hastings for a number of years before going to Altoona to make his home. His wife died 13 years ago. Surviving are these children:—Mrs. E. J. Dietrick, Mrs. Albert Abel and F. A. and J. W. Kibler, all of Altoona; and Mrs. Alvin Fongheiser of Akron, Ohio. George Kibler of St. Boniface is a brother of the deceased. The body was brought to Hastings on Monday morning, and a high mass was celebrated in St. Bernard's Catholic church, interment being in the church cemetery.

LOCAL AND STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Condensed Items Gathered from Various Sources for the Busy Reader.

The Rev. Father John Francis Cullinan has resigned his position, as instructor of French and Latin in the Altoona Catholic high school prior to his going to Rome, where he will study theology and canonical law at the American College. Father Cullinan was secretary to the Rt. Rev. Bishop John J. McCort before becoming a member of the high school faculty.

Mrs. John Laughlin, 56, was fatally hurt at Altoona on Sunday when struck by an automobile driven by Leroy Almsworth, 19. The driver was released on a bond of \$2500 pending a coroner's inquest.

A movement towards consolidation of one-room schools in the county was endorsed by the Cambria County Federation of Women's Clubs at Portage recently. Dr. Bentz, superintendent of the county schools was the speaker. He said that Cambria county now has 17 consolidated schools, all of which are proving highly satisfactory. On the other hand, he said, there are still one hundred one-room schools.

St. Vincent college at Beatty has added a course in aviation to its college program. Both ground school and flying are to be offered. The authorities having arranged for a comprehensive course embracing all the latest features of aeronautical instruction and equipment.

A fine program was given at Banner Grange hall, in East Carroll township, on Wednesday evening last week, when a large assemblage gathered for the entertainment. The Grange folks had an open meeting and invited their friends to get together. Dr. E. F. Arble and Prof. W. A. Buckius of Carrolltown and Joseph Farabaugh of East Carroll township, were speakers.

Mrs. Susannah Sedlock, aged 19, wife of John Sedlock, formerly of Barnesboro, died on Wednesday of last week in Detroit, Mich. She is survived by her husband, her mother, Mrs. Anna Valkusak, of Barnesboro; two sisters, Mary of Detroit, and Helen at home; and by three brothers, John, Detroit, and Andrew and George, both at home. The body was brought to Barnesboro for burial and funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon.

Citizens and property owners of the borough of Nanty-Glo held a meeting last Friday evening to protest the proposed sale of the town's water works and plans were formulated for a committee to go to Harrisburg to enter formal opposition to its sale. James Dunn, Amos Dishong, John Connelly, Louis Watson and a number of others are in Harrisburg this week and will remain there for a hearing to be held today. Thursday. The committee has been encouraged in its work by the Heisley Coal Company, which has joined the element opposing the sale of the works.

Mrs. John Buffing of St. Benedict is a surgical patient at the Spangler hospital. Stephen Morcaelle of Hastings, is also at the hospital suffering a fracture of the arm sustained while at play. Jas. Tribolsky, of Ashville, is a pneumonia victim at the institution. George Debrinsky, of Patton, who suffered injuries of the skull and left ankle while at work in a Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Co. mine, is reported improving. Anna Thorn, of Ebensburg, is a patient at the hospital for medical treatment.

Damage estimated at about \$167 resulted from a fire at the residence of Robert V. Cassidy of Cresson, at 3:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The fire was believed to have been caused by an overheated electric iron and was discovered by six-year-old Jack Cassidy upon his return from school. The Cresson Volunteer Fire Co. extinguished the fire.

MAN TRAPPED BY MINE ROCK DIES BEFORE HIS RELEASE

Death visited the Stineman coal mine at South Fork on Tuesday afternoon and took a life, that of William Shook, 52 year old miner, by releasing a fall of rock. Fellow workmen reached the body in a short time, but life was extinct, a broken neck and a badly crushed chest causing death. He is survived by his widow and a number of children.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish through these columns to thank all those who assisted us in any way during our recent bereavement, the illness and death of our father, John Out; for the floral offerings and for the use of cars at the funeral.—The Children.

FINEST TALKIES AT GRAND EACH WEEK

"College Love" and "On Trial" Attractions This Week and Early Part of Next.

In keeping with its announced policy of showing only the best, and latest of talking pictures, the Grand Theatre, Patton, has two good ones to offer the patrons within the coming week.

"On Trial." Can you imagine a character in a motion picture being killed before the story even starts, but still appearing on the screen throughout the film?

That is just what happens in the case of Holmes Herbert, who plays an important part in Warner Bros. latest special mystery production, "On Trial." Herbert is murdered before the picture opens, but the method of telling the story brings him into almost constant view until the thrilling denouement.

The film adaptation of Elmer Rice's remarkable play, "On Trial," brings to the production includes Paul Frederick, Bert Lytell, Lois Wilson, Holmes Herbert, Jason Robards, Richard Tucker, Johnny Arthur, Vondell Darr Edmund Breeze, Edward Martindell, Fred Kelsey, and Franklin Pangborn. "On Trial" was directed by Archie L. Mayo from the scenario by Robert Lord.

"On Trial" is 100 per cent talking and comes to the Grand theatre on Friday and Saturday of this week.

"College Love." Why attend college when you can go to the Grand theatre on Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week and see Universal's first feature length collegiate, "College Love" entirely in sound and dialog, embracing all the snappy conversation of campus life and capturing the fever of intercollegiate sports and the humor of the classrooms?

Carl Laemmle, Jr., producer of the new collegiate feature, has injected all the vivacity and spirit and the stirring process of varsity men into the film. It carries you through hectic college days. Study at home for your "college" education and see "College Love" for the sports, the play, the fraternity hops, the rivalries and the loves of the undergraduates.

George Lewis stars in "College Love" with the same supporting cast which made the Collegian series of pictures in a peculiar and difficult situation for the history of the motion picture industry. The supporting cast includes Dorothy Gulliver as the much chased co-ed, Eddie Phillips as the rival, Harry Stephenson as the coach, and at the gang so fondly loved to lovers of fresh effusive comedy.

A complete football fame is shown in full sound with cheering sections smart cracks and general frivolity of the undergraduates on big game days. There are two episodes with delicious repartee and the racy comebacks of campus talk.

"College Love" was directed by Nat Ross, from a story by Leonard Fields.

SENTENCES ARE METED OUT TO PLEADERS AT EBENSBURG

J. L. Terry of Johnstown pleaded guilty in court at Ebensburg on Tuesday, to charges of driving an automobile while he was intoxicated and neglect and failure to stop after an accident. On the charge of failing to stop after an accident he was sentenced to pay the costs and to serve not less than 45 days nor more than three months in jail. On the charge of driving while intoxicated he was assessed the costs and further sentence was suspended.

Frank Jacobs of Center pleaded guilty to larceny and to operating a motor vehicle while he was under the influence of liquor. For larceny he was sentenced to the county jail for not less than 10 months nor more than three years. On the charge of driving while intoxicated he was directed to pay the costs and further sentence on this charge was suspended.

John Hill, colored, of Johnstown, entered a plea of guilty to a serious charge of immorality and was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than five years in the county jail.

Albert Kopnicky, who pleaded guilty to assault and battery with intent to commit rape, was sent to the Pennsylvania State Training School at Morgantown.

Merle Zimmerman of Portage, pleaded guilty to larceny and was sentenced to pay the costs, make restitution and to serve not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in jail.

PAUL J. MILLER

Following an illness of more than a year, Paul J. Miller, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Miller, died at the parental home at St. Benedict at 7:25 o'clock Tuesday morning. Death was caused by complication developing from heart disease.

In addition to his parents, the lad is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Leona, Verna, Louis, Beede, Bazel, Thelma and Celine, all at home. The funeral services were held at 9 o'clock this Thursday morning in St. Benedict's Catholic church at Carrolltown and interment was in the church cemetery.

REV. M. H. JONES IS NEW BAPTIST PASTOR HERE

The Rev. M. H. Jones, of West Patton, Pa., has accepted a call to become pastor of the Baptist church of Patton and arrived here this week. He will assume charge of the congregation on Sunday next, with Sunday school at the regular morning hour, followed by preaching service, and also services in the evening.

The Rev. Mr. Jones has just closed his fourteenth year as pastor of the Water Street Baptist church in Pittsburg, Mo. He has not yet joined his husband, but will arrive here in the course of the next few weeks. The Rev. Mr. Jones comes to Patton highly recommended and glowing tributes were paid him by the Patton newspapers on the occasion of his resignation of the Pittsburg charge. The Water Street Record of recent date has the following to say of the Jones:

In his fourteen years as pastor of the Pittsburg church Rev. Mr. Jones, who has been assisted in every undertaking by his wife, has shown a marked ability in his services and ability for the best interests of his congregation. Despite his pressing ministerial work he also found time to assist in civic movements, and has endeavored himself to the communication. For many years he was president of the Ministerial Association of Greater Pittsburg.

POOR DIRECTORS ASK A HUGE SUM

Submit Figures to County Commissioners for Total of \$455,000.00.

In two communications addressed to the Cambria County Board of Commissioners the Board of Poor Directors have requested the Commissioners to furnish the poor board with the sum of \$455,000. In its first communication the poor board states that in compliance with the act of assembly it has estimated that the probable expense of the poor and the poor house for the year commencing January 1, 1930, will be \$180,000.

The second communication appraises the Commissioners of the fact that the buildings at the County Home have become so much dilapidated and in need of repair that it is necessary to provide for additional accommodations and the Poor Board has concluded that it is necessary to construct a hospital building at the County Home, in which project the Department of Health has concurred. The Poor Board has estimated that the probable cost and expense of the erection and construction and furnishings of the necessary hospital buildings will be \$275,000.

Some question has arisen in the county whether or not it is mandatory upon the county commissioners to furnish these amounts, but others claim they are legally obliged to do so. If it is mandatory, it puts the commissioners in a peculiar and difficult situation for the reason that the bond issues which were voted upon at the general election and which would have permitted these appropriations to have been made were defeated. It is possible that it may be up to the county commissioners to devise ways and means of raising the \$455,000 and whether they will do this by increased taxation or some other means has not yet been determined.

The situation is made still more difficult because of the fact that the existing machine issue, which was put before the people on Tuesday of last week carried, and the commissioners will also have to arrange to finance the purchase of voting machines.

MRS. JOHN HAHN, AGED 71, EXPIRES AT ST. BONIFACE

Mrs. Matilda M. Hahn, aged 71 years, wife of John Hahn, died of a complication of diseases at her home at St. Boniface at 5 o'clock on Monday morning.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Huber and was born in Elder township. She is survived by her husband and these children: Mrs. A. J. Beck, of Elder township; Frank of St. Boniface, Sister Appolina of the Order of St. Joseph at Baden, and John Hahn of Hastings. The deceased also leaves one brother, Mark Huber of Hastings, and two sisters, Mrs. Stephen Harringer of Pittsburg and Miss Emma Huber of Colver. Three grandchildren also survive.

MRS. PHILOMENA CRONAUER

Mrs. Philomena Garmen Cronauer, aged 68 years, widow of Frank Cronauer, died of heart disease on Saturday evening at the home of a daughter in Juniata. She was born in St. Boniface in 1861 and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Garmen. Mrs. Cronauer was married in 1881 in the Catholic church at St. Boniface and went to housekeeping in Gallitzin, where Mr. Cronauer's demise occurred six years ago. Mrs. Cronauer has been there two years ago to reside with her daughter.

Mrs. Cronauer was a sister of Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. Amos Suter, both of Gallitzin. She is survived by three sons—Charles and Leo, both of Gallitzin, and Edward of Wilkes-Barre, and a daughter, May, married, and residing in Juniata.

The funeral services were conducted at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning in the Catholic church at Juniata. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery at Gallitzin.

MR. JOHN OTT IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

One of Best Known Residents of This Section and First National Bank Director.

Funeral services for John Ott, one of the best known farmers of this section of the county, aged 89 years, who died at his home in East Carroll township, near Patton, last Friday evening at about six o'clock, from diseases incident to his advanced age, were held in St. Benedict's Catholic church at Carrolltown at nine o'clock last Monday morning, with a solemn high mass of requiem, at which the pastor, the Rev. Father Thomas Wolf, was the celebrant. Rev. Henry O. S. B. deacon, and Rev. William O. S. B. subdeacon. Interment was made in the family plot in St. Benedict's cemetery. Mr. Ott has been a communicant of the Carrolltown church for many years. Members of the Board of directors of the First National Bank of Patton acted as pallbearers.

John Ott has lived on the homestead where he died for about 60 years. He attained a position of influence in our community, and was best director of the First National Bank of Patton for many years. He was also identified with other business and civic enterprises in northern Cambria county.

John Ott was born at Bisinger, Germany, on September 22nd, 1840, and came to the United States with his parents at the age of ten years, they having left the Fatherland to locate at New Germany, this county. Mr. Ott located, when a young man, at Hillsdale, Indiana county, where he was engaged in the cooper business, and while living there was united in marriage on October 24th, 1865, to Miss Julia Anna Springer, the ceremony taking place in St. Benedict's Catholic church at Carrolltown. Mrs. Ott died in 1907.

In 1869, Mr. Ott purchased the farm in East Carroll township, upon which he died, and where the family home was established. He was successful in his farming enterprise. He is, by virtue of his sixty years residence in this section one of the oldest residents of our community.

EMEIGH CHILD FATALLY INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE

Helena Rummell, the ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doris Rummell of Kinport, who was on a shopping errand for her mother, was struck down by an automobile near Emeigh Tuesday afternoon and injured so severely that she died 20 minutes later. It is said that the driver, a young man from Arcadia, was in no way responsible for the accident, but that the child rushed out in front of the machine.

HERD OF THREE HUNDRED DEER WILL BE TRAPPED

From the Jos-Wyn Game Preserve, located in Clearfield and Indiana counties, near Glen Campbell, several hundred deer will be trapped and shipped to Roosevelt Park, Ohio, and Clearwater, Florida, this fall. To the former place 250 of the animals will be sent, and to Florida, 50. By clever means the deer will be ambushed for capture so that no injury will befall them, people familiar with the methods of such procedure to lead the work. The herds of the antlered tribes have become too large to feed on the acreage of land in the Jos-Wyn park and a thinning out is necessary to protect them. The number of deer in the park at the present time is nearly a thousand head and about four acres of land for each animal is required to keep it conditioned.

Ex-Senator and Mrs. J. O. Clark have quit their summer home at Jos-Wyn Game preserve and moved to their winter home in Glen Campbell, where they will stay until the holidays, when they will spend some time in Florida as is their custom each year.

FARMER IS FOUND DEAD IN HIS FIELD, ON SUNDAY

Simon M. Brinkley, aged about 75 years, was found dead about four o'clock on Sunday afternoon in a field on his farm near LaJoso, Clearfield county. The coroner of Clearfield county was called and made an examination of the body, finding no marks of foul play. He pronounced death due to apoplexy, the victim having been dead about 30 hours before found.

Mr. Brinkley's wife preceded him to the grave. He is survived by several brothers and sisters.

TRUCK AND AUTO COLLIDE

A truck operated by a Johnstown baking company and a car operated by Norman Biller of Cresson collided on Monday evening at a Cresson street intersection. Both machines were badly damaged but neither driver was injured.

DRIVER LOSES LIFE WHEN CAR CRASHES INTO POLE

Losing control of his automobile as it rounded Watson's curve on the Nanty-Glo and Munday's Corner highway, near the latter place about 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, John Longnecker, 40, was killed instantly, when his car crashed into a telephone pole. He was thrown from the car, which was wrecked and the body was badly mangled when found by motorists about a half hour after the wreck.

Longnecker was born and reared at Ivison, this county, but had made his home in Nanty-Glo for the past few years. He is survived by a number of brothers and sisters.

PATTON HIGH SCHOOL

School was dismissed at eleven o'clock on Monday morning on account of Armistice Day. Mr. Bosserman spoke to the students about their report cards before he dismissed them.

Claire Brungart, a former student of Patton High, visited the school Monday morning.

The Junior class entertained the high school on Friday morning with a short entertainment. The program was a very delightful one, and the students showed their appreciation by the wonderful applause they gave the Juniors. The program was as follows:

Song—Loyal and True Hearted, by the school.
Song—Little Pal—Rose Zirn, Isabelle Genselberger.
Song—If I Always Be in Love With You—Junior Boys.
Roll call of teachers—Jean McPherson.

Pagan Love Song—Junior Girls.
Recitation—Jean McPherson.
Song—Tiptoe Thru the Tulips—Betty Mellon, Irene Eckenrode, Marie Hitch.
Song—Wedding Bells are Breaking Up That Old Gang of Mine—George Somerville, Frank Brown, Bob Little, accompanist.
Song, Violin and Piano Duet—William Henniger and Bob Little.
Piano solo—Shadows on the Water—Helen Bender.

The play which was to have been given by the Juniors was cancelled at the last minute by Mr. Fleming.

Report cards were given to the students on Monday morning. Mr. Bosserman stated that he was very well pleased with the marks of the students as a whole.

Miss Nell Murphy, a nurse from the state department of health is weighing and measuring the children in the grades and the high school. Miss Murphy will only be here a few days.

The Patton football team defeated the Lilly squad on Saturday afternoon by a score of 21 to 0. The victory over Lilly helps to recompense the smashing defeat suffered at their hands last year. The score was 52-0 last year.

The High School Football team will play their last game of the season with Cresson on Saturday. So far, Cresson has not won a game this season and Mr. Bosserman stressed that the Patton team must win this game.

Mrs. Hilda Beck Bradford, a member of last year's graduating class visited the school on Monday.

The floor of the gymnasium is being repaired and so the basketball practice is being delayed. For awhile it was thought that the Miners' hall would have to be utilized, but Mr. Bosserman promised that the gym would be in condition in a few days.

Miss Mary Stewart of Brookville, Pa., visited Miss Hamilton over the week end.

The Senior class reported that they had a very hard test in English. The seniors think that it was a question of "the survival of the fittest."

Mildred Smith, Esther Smith and Grace Shunkwiler visited in Nanty-Glo on Sunday.

Earl Stoltz says that if Miss Walsh moves him any closer to her, he'll be thinking she really likes him.

Miss Gallagher visited in Ebensburg on Monday.

DOINGS IN THE GIRL SCOUT CIRCLES—PATTON TROOPS

The regular meeting of the Patton Girl Scouts was held on November 7th. Bills for the party and for the new phonograph were presented and voted paid. The remainder of the evening was spent in sewing and other handwork.

The Girl Scout hall has been a busy place lately for the girls are getting ready for a display of their work.

We have started a library, which at present boasts of only three books, but we are hoping to get more in the near future. A friend, who is a skillful carpenter, is making us, as a gift, a book case, for which we are very grateful.

We want to make our room as comfortable and pleasant as possible. We have been wondering if there aren't people in the town who have discarded furniture in their attics which they would be glad to give us. We'd appreciate it.

THE FLYING EAGLE PATROL NEWS

The Flying Eagle Scout Patrol, consisting of Gordon Kruse, patrol leader; Anthony Choby, assistant patrol leader; Earl Stoltz, patrol treasurer; Albert Maykovich, troop treasurer, and Bob Greene, scribe, met at Scout Maykovich's home on Wednesday evening for their weekly gathering. After the regular opening exercises, they had first aid and signal practice, a knot tying contest and some nature games. These meetings are for the purpose of training to become higher class scouts.

ANNUAL RED CROSS ROLL CALL NOW ON

Drive for Sake of Humanity Is of Paramount Interest to All of Us.

In the service of the people of Cambria county the year round, hazardous all sorts of weather to carry on its program of readjusting families hit by adversity, extending its public health nursing facilities and in general concerning itself with the welfare of the county, the Red Cross is now in the midst of its 13th annual roll call for the raising of funds for next year's work. In Cambria County the goal is \$30,000 and 10,000 members, the success of which depends on a more generous response than ever before from the citizens whose interests are protected by the activities in which the Red Cross engages.

An organization of unparalleled strength has been built up in the districts outside of Johnstown, under the leadership of Michael J. Bracken, who is well and favorably known throughout the county and whose personal interest and activity has inspired workers now campaigning for members. No small portion of the Cambria County Chapter's undertakings are centered in the area outside of Johnstown, attesting to which is a check-up disclosing that between 50 and 60 per cent of the 500 home service department cases taken over since July are in the outlying territory, through the local officials, whose efforts are co-ordinated with those of workers from Red Cross headquarters in Johnstown, the different towns benefit by many of the services which the Red Cross performs.

The Cambria County chapter is at present carrying a public health nursing case load of big proportions. Since 1921 its nurses have made 106,000 visits, two-thirds of which concern young people of 16 years and under, for it has been aptly said by President Hoover that "the health of the child is the strength of the nation." Its home service attaches are making an average of 2,300 field visits per year. It was largely through the initiative shown by the Red Cross in coping with the problem that the infant mortality rate in Cambria was reduced from 118 deaths per 1,000 babies under one year of age in 1924 to 65 last year.

In the Patton district from November 1st, 1928, to November 1, 1929, a total of 52 families were investigated and cared for by the Cambria County Chapter in conjunction with the Local Branch. These cases consisted of 15 ex-service men and their families, 3 ex-service men now in the army and 34 civilian families.

The ex-service work consisted of financial assistance to families, filing of claims for government compensation, hospitalization, applications for bonus, re-employment of insurance, etc.

The service cases were investigations relative to the discharge of men from the service because of dependency at home, or for social histories because of incompetency and investigations relative to the care of the family of the man in the service.

Civilian cases consisted of families having no service or ex-service connection. These required hospital care, temporary relief, application for admission to various state institutions, medical social service work, investigations relative to the welfare of children. In general all of these cases required such work as is usually given by Family Service organizations in our larger cities. These cases required—

247 field visits by the social worker, over 50 office interviews with cases in the office, more than 300 letters and 150 phone calls.

Aside from the social service work the Junior Red Cross was most active. Our schools enrolled the children almost 100 per cent and assisted in filling Junior Red Cross Christmas boxes for children in foreign lands. These boxes were filled with toys and inexpensive gifts. The general idea being to stimulate a better understanding of our children toward the children in other countries.

This year we plan to put our roll call on definitely with the idea in mind of enrolling sufficient members to support our National Red Cross program and local program.

This work not including contributions by the local Red Cross represents an expenditure of over \$1000 by the chapter. The Patton district includes Patton, Hastings, Carrolltown and suburbs of each. The roll call chairmen in Patton are Reuel Somerville, A. O. Somerville, Ralph Good and Mrs. Gertrude Smith. Hastings—George Clark, Bernard Lloyd and Fred Maurer, Carrolltown—G. E. Hipps.

PLEAS OF GUILTY ENTERED BY TWO MEN FROM INDIANA

Nathaniel E. Spear and I. S. Spear, both from the state of Indiana, who were arrested by an Ebensburg detail of the state police on Thursday afternoon and committed to the county jail in default of \$500 bail each, appeared before the court on Friday afternoon, waived the finding of bills by the grand jury and pleaded guilty to charges of keeping a gambling house and of being common gamblers. The defendants were sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and further sentence was suspended on their good behavior.

The Spears were placed under arrest when the state police stopped the defendant's automobile along the highway near Ebensburg and found a slot machine and other gambling devices in the car.