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## POOR BOARD MESS GOES TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACT

### County Controller Submits Special Report to Court Alleging Delinquencies.

### SCORES BOARD'S METHODS.

Probabilities of a grand jury investigation into the activities of the board of poor directors of Cambria county with the return of indictments against present and former members of the board, loomed at Ebensburg on Monday when President Judge John E. Evans referred a report of Henry L. Cannon, county controller, to the district attorney's office with instructions "to act."

Controller Cannon submitted a report covering the administration of Walter Devore as a member of the board of poor directors, following an investigation over a period of several months and, while no specific charges were made against the other members of the body, the controller's report contained implied charges of neglect of duty against both John L. Evans and Mrs. Alice Llewellyn.

"On several occasions during the past year," Cannon's report stated, "I know these two members (Evans and Mrs. Llewellyn) of the poor board expressed themselves as being highly suspicious of the administration of our dear relief on the part of Mr. Devore and stated that they were alarmed at the large increase of outdoor relief in his district. During all this time, however, they continued to sign the bills and sign the checks. In spite of this condition, and although I called their attention to it on several occasions, they refused to employ an investigator or to make any investigation whatever themselves. By so doing they rendered themselves equally responsible for the delinquencies of Devore."

Attached to the report of the Controller were more than a score of affidavits from persons who swore that, while they were shown to have received relief from Devore they did not, as an actual fact, receive any funds, but merely endorsed the checks for Devore and of storekeepers who asserted that checks issued to county dependants had been used by Devore to liquidate personal debts.

Commenting on his written report, the Controller in an eight-minute address to the court pointed out that expenditures for outdoor relief by the poor board grew from \$69,589.66 in 1924 to \$122,794.36 in 1928, that expenditures for the same purpose in 1929 amounted to \$113,488.80. Devore was a member of the board until his resignation in 1929, but 1929 expenditures in the Johnstown district alone, over which Devore had sole supervision, were decreased by \$16,000 from August, when Miss Margaret Macekavian was employed as a special investigator.

Cannon pointed out that Miss Macekavian was summarily dismissed as a poor board investigator within the past week, the action practically forcing the resignation of Harve Tibbot as a member of the board to fill Devore's unexpired term.

"I am asking the help of the court in prosecuting taxpayers of this county against incompetent members of the poor board," Cannon concluded.

"In addition to the facts set forth in your report," said Judge Evans in speaking for the court, "it seems to me that this board has been gravely at fault in its lack of expenditure in cases where deserving poor should have been cared for; to my mind that is a more serious matter. We are forced to send men to jail for violations of the laws of the commonwealth but that is no reason why their dependants should be made to suffer as long as Cambria county is perfectly capable of caring for them in the proper manner. Your report clearly setting forth certain facts, should be turned over to the district attorney for action, and at the same time I shall ask him to look into this other matter and take the necessary action against members of the board who violate their sworn oath of office."

## MRS. C. C. ADAMS DIES ON AUTOMOBILE TRIP

### Is Stricken on Leaving Car Near Hastings; Funeral Services Tomorrow Morning.

Mrs. Mary Aline Sharbaugh Adams, wife of C. C. Adams, cashier of the First National Bank of Carrolltown, Pa., residing there, died suddenly at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning while on an automobile trip in the vicinity of Hastings, where a visit was contemplated to the large airplane which was forced down some time ago. As Mrs. Adams was leaving the airplane to walk toward the automobile she was suddenly stricken and died a short time after being carried to a nearby farmhouse.

Mrs. Adams only recently returned from New York city, where she had gone to welcome her son-in-law and daughter, who returned from a honeymoon abroad. Mrs. Adams was born at the Summit and was the daughter of the late John and Mary Sharbaugh. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Camilla Smith; a son, Rembrandt Adams, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, Bakerton, a sister, Mrs. Buck, wife of Dr. M. J. Buck, Pittsburgh, and two brothers, Thomas A. Sharbaugh, Altoona, and Andrew J. Sharbaugh, Clearfield.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in St. Benedict's Catholic church. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

## TWO GOOD SHOWS COMING TO GRAND

### Small Town Boy Comes Home A Real Hero, in Talking Picture, "Sap."

Every small town boy dreams of the day when he will come back home and be met at the station by the band. It happens often enough in real life to keep the hope that it may happen again even before the new generation.

"The Sap" was one of these small town boys who counted on some day setting his town on its collective ear by his success. How he did it after exiting hurriedly, and in not too good repute, is the story of the new Warner Bros. and Vitaphone comedy that comes to the Grand Theatre, Friday and Saturday.

Bill Small is met at the depot with the band all right, but there are a few in the crowd that know how narrowly he has missed being met by the sheriff and a shotgun squad, as a desperate character. Somewhat on the theory that he who steals a railroad is a hero, the town welcomed its ne'er-do-well inventor as a genius.

Edward Everett Horton plays the title role of "The Sap," and an all-star cast supports him, including Alan Hale, Franklin Pangborn, Edna Murphy Patsy Ruth Miller, Russell Simpson, Jerry Mandy and Louise Carver.

Fortune Spent to Film Romance of "Evangeline" Based on one of the most colorful and intensely dramatic episodes of our history "Evangeline," with Dolores Del Rio starring as the maid of Acadia, comes to the Grand Theatre, on Monday and Tuesday.

Perhaps one of the most widely read tales ever published, "Evangeline" has been adapted to the screen by Finis Fox and produced and directed by Edwin Sarawetz with a view of humanizing and vitalizing a story of fetching interest.

Costing nearly a million dollars for historical accuracy and pretentious settings "Evangeline" comes to the screen as a dynamic romantic-tragedy; a story which is in fact an epic and presents the popular Miss Del Rio in a role that demands more of her versatility than even the memorable "Ramona."

In building this photoplay, Mr. Carew has taken full advantage of the many colorful and stirring human drama and tender, youthful romance and against a background of sheer beauty and primitive reality, the film creator has directed the enactment of a courageous adventure with but few parallels in history.

## PATTON POST OFFICE CLOSE AT SIX O'CLOCK

Notice is hereby given that the Patton Post Office will close at 6:00 P. M. instead of 8:00 P. M., effective on February 20th, 1930. The change of closing has been authorized by the P. O. Department at Washington due to the schedule being made in the arrival of the evening train at 4:32 P. M., being the last mail in for the day.

## \$66,000 LOSS BY BLAZE OF EMEIGH BUILDINGS

Fire of an unknown origin caused the destruction of the Central Trading Corporation Company store and the meat market of Simon Emeigh at 9:30 o'clock Saturday night. The company store loss was estimated at about \$65,000 partly covered by insurance. Emeigh's loss was about \$1,000.

The volunteer fire companies from Barnesboro and Spangler responded to calls and fought the blaze until early Sunday morning before the fire was gotten under control. Several nearby buildings were scorched and were saved from destruction only by the splendid work of the volunteer firemen.

The company store, a large building of tile construction was completely gutted. The Emeigh meat market was situated across the street from the company store. B. E. Kreiser is manager of the company store. Arrangements have been made to reopen the store in temporary quarters.

## BIG PASSENGER PLANE GROUNDED AT HASTINGS

Two pilots and eight passengers of a Curtiss 20-passenger airplane were temporary guests at the Carpenelli farm near Lantz's Mills, three and one half miles from Hastings. The plane made a forced landing at 9:30 o'clock on Sunday morning coming down in a snow covered field. One pilot was smothered off and a take off could not be attempted until a new one replaced it. Order was telegraphed Sunday and the new wheel was brought in Tuesday by airplane.

The air craft was on its way from New York to St. Louis, where the big aviation meet is scheduled, and was forced down because of bad flying conditions.

## RUSSELL DON JUE HURT

Russell, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Donahue, of Palmer avenue, was seriously injured last night while coasting, when he was struck by a car, and sustained the fracture of a leg, the dislocation of an ankle and various cuts and bruises. His condition is such that he is a patient at the Miners' hospital Spangler. Russell is the efficient paper boy for the Courier, and we hope that his condition improves rapidly. The accident is said to have been purely accidental, the lad's foot catching on the rope of his sled.

## SPANGLER HOSPITAL SERVES COMMUNITY

### CONTINUING THE REPORT OF THE MINERS' HOSPITAL OF NORTH-CAMBRIA WHICH WAS BEGUN IN LAST WEEKS ISSUE.

The following financial statement is herewith submitted:	
There was received during the year 1929 as follows:	
Amount received from patients	\$21,161.43
Amount received from miners	12,300.96
Amount received from state appropriation	9,500.00
Total receipts for the general fund for 1929	42,962.39
In accordance with our original agreement with the miners, 50% of the amount paid by the miners was to be used for maintenance and 50% for building purposes.	
In accordance with this action, \$12,300.96 in addition to the above \$12,300.96, an equal amount, least \$15,000.00 per year must be secured by contribution from the general public by popular subscription.	
During the year 1929 there were admitted 329 private and semi-private patients with a total of 3224 patients days in the hospital and 1147 ward patients with a total of 13133 patients days. The average cost of private and semi-private patients is \$4.59 and the cost of ward patients \$3.08.	
3224 days at \$4.59	\$14,789.16
13133 days at \$3.08	\$40,449.64
Cash Disbursements	\$55,875.94
Thus leaving a balance of unpaid account in the amount of	\$ 628.14
(To Be Continued.)	

## INCOME TAX DATES ARE MADE PUBLIC

### Deputy Collector Will Be Here on Wednesday, February Nineteenth.

Announcement was made the other day of the places and dates in Cambria County where Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, Robert L. Brunner, will sit, to assist taxpayers in making out and filing their income tax reports for the current period. In all towns where Mr. Brunner will sit he will occupy a space in one of the bank buildings and will be at the service of the public at least during the banking hours and perhaps after the banking hours if arrangements can be made.

Deputy Collector Brunner states that it will be very necessary that the taxpayers get to him as early as possible, because of the fact that the time will be short and he will not have the assistance he had in former years.

## CINCH PARTY FOR SPORTSMEN'S BENEFIT

A cinch party will be held in the Community Building at Patton on the evening of Friday, February 21st, under the auspices of the Patton Sportsmen's association. The admission price will be 25 cents and the general public is cordially invited. The affair will be held for the purpose of raising a fund to help defray the expenses of 10,000 small trout to be received shortly and placed in the Mrs. Josephine Mangold dam at Carrolltown, later to be stocked in the streams of this section. The Carrolltown and Patton Sportsmen's Associations will co-operate in this movement.

## FRANCES BURNS, STUDENT AT ST. FRANCIS, IS DEAD

Francis Herman Burns, aged 22, a son of Mrs. J. E. Burns, of Nanty-Glo, and a junior at St. Francis' college, Loretto, died last Thursday morning in the Memorial hospital at Johnstown, after a brief illness of an acute kidney condition. He had been attending his class work at the college until two weeks before when he was taken suddenly ill and was taken to the Johnstown institution. He was a son of J. E. Burns, 1928, and of Mrs. Ella (Groom) Burns. In addition to his mother he is survived by a brother and a sister.

## CARD PARTY AT THE LEONARD YECKLEY HOME

Leonard A. Yeckley was honored recently at a surprise birthday party, given at his home south of Patton. The affair was in the nature of a card party and was attended by a large number of friends and relatives. Ladies first prize was awarded to Mrs. Michael Kartheim, second prize to Mrs. William Hoover, and consolation prize to Mrs. Luke A. Dunlap. Gentlemen's first prize was awarded to Mr. Luke Dunlap, second to Mr. Vincent Ekenrode, and consolation to Mr. Benjamin Yeckley. After cards a delicious lunch was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kartheim, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Link, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Yeckley, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Yeckley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Callahan, William Switzer, Vincent Ekenrode, Ed Kartheim, Charles, Leona and Geraldine Yeckley, Leona Link, Mrs. Christina Yeckley and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Yeckley.

## PROF. VICTOR MAUCHER IS SUMMONED BY DEATH

Prof. Victor Maucher, aged 62, a well known musician and composer, and native of Carrolltown, died on Thursday morning of last week at the Mercy hospital in Johnstown, where he was admitted the Sunday previous in a serious condition suffering of heart disease. Victor Maucher was born in Carrolltown on Dec. 6, 1867, a son of the late John E. Maucher, veteran Cambria county physician. He was educated in the Carrolltown schools and was graduated from St. Vincent's College, at Beatty about 40 years ago, specializing in music. Many years ago he and the late Prof. Wm. M. Simpson, of this place conducted a music studio in Johnstown. Prof. Maucher had traveled extensively during his lifetime, and had made a trip around the globe. His attainments in music reached a high peak. Prof. Maucher was unmarried. Dr. Jos. V. Maucher of Carrolltown is the only surviving brother. The body was taken to Carrolltown to his brother's home and funeral services were held in St. Benedict's church on Saturday morning with a solemn high mass of requiem over the remains, interment following in the church cemetery.

## SHERIFF GEORGE SPEAKS ON RELIGION AND TRAINING

"Man's Religion" was the subject of an address delivered on Sunday morning by Sheriff Homer C. George at the meeting of the Brotherhood Bible church of the Bedford street Evangelical church in Johnstown. Sheriff George gave a lively spiritual message in which he pointed out that the mission of the father is not to tell his child to go to church and Sunday school but to go with him. He said that if more people of the church would give themselves to the church and work consistently there would be better law enforcement. The new sheriff said that in making a canvass of the jail he had found that a large majority of the convicts never had religious training in Sunday school or church. He spoke of the value of the training which boys and girls receive in the church and pointed out to the parents that it is not only their duty to see that children get this training, but that they go to church themselves as an example.

## ST. AUGUSTINE NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Farabaugh and daughter Mary have returned to Cresson after several weeks visit here with Mrs. Farabaugh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wyland.

Misses Mary and Grace Grise and Elizabeth Nagle of this place attended the dance in Chest Springs, Saturday evening.

Leo Plunkett of Altoona has concluded a visit here with friends.

John Nagle of Patton has returned to his home after a brief stay here with friends.

Miss Mae Adams has concluded a visit with friends in Altoona.

Louis Adams and son Homer were business callers in Dean on Saturday. Edward Horne was a business caller in Altoona recently.

The condition of Mrs. Jos. O'Leary who was taken suddenly ill at her home here recently is somewhat improved.

Claire Shoff of the U. S. Army is spending his furlough here with friends and relatives.

Leo Cretin of Chest Springs was a recent business caller here.

D. F. Horne was a caller in Loretto on Monday evening.

Miss Julia Sheehan of Patton spent several days last week at her home in this place.

John Cretin has gone to Chest Springs to spend a few days with relatives.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish, through the columns of the Courier to thank our friends who assisted us during our recent bereavement, the illness and death of our daughter and sister, and extend our thanks to those who donated cars for the funeral.—THE BARANIK FAMILY.

## VINTONDALE RESIDENT DEAD.

Mrs. Anna Hartman, aged 88 years, died on Sunday at the home of a niece in Vintondale, following a brief illness of pneumonia. She had been in poor health for some time.

## PRICE APPOINTED POOR DIRECTOR

### Harve Tibbot, Retiring Director, Issues Statement Relative to Resignation.

At 12:45 o'clock Saturday Harve Tibbot, Ebensburg druggist, appointed a member of the poor board last fall to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Walter Devore, resigned from the poor board because of the action taken by the two other members of the board in rescinding the appointment of Miss Margaret Macekavian. Mr. Tibbot's resignation was handed to the court.

Immediately following the resignation, the court announced the appointment of Edward J. Price of Johnstown as a member of the poor board. Mr. Price was a republican candidate for the office of poor director last fall.

Harve Tibbot has made the following statement in support of the action taken by him:

"In tendering my resignation I desire to state some of the matters which moved me to this action:

"The responsibilities of the poor board and of its members are great. The office is one of the most important in the county, yet possibly considered the most humble.

"In accepting this appointment at the hands of the court I stated that I did so with great reluctance, having no desire to hold public office, but as a citizen and taxpayer, willing to give the poor district the benefit of my business experience, I then stated that so long as the affairs of the district were conducted along business lines, and there was harmony to that end on the board, I would continue in office otherwise I would speedily tender my resignation.

"About two months before my appointment, which was November 11th, 1929, the poor board elected an unusually competent welfare worker with many years of experience to assist with the outdoor relief work of the district. Before accepting my appointment the other members of the board agreed that their appointment would be continued to relieve myself and the other members of the board from investigating individual cases. Her services were discontinued by the action of a majority of the Board at a meeting on February 4th.

"The matter of outdoor relief in Cambria county has assumed enormous proportions in the last few years, due to the increase in the number of cases. Methods in handling the same. The method of handling investigations and this part of the work, which a majority of the Board desire to continue, is neither modern or efficient. Full hearted support in an effort to take care of deserving, unfortunate people of our county, to properly furnish temporary aid and practical assistance to those in difficulty to help them help themselves and to eliminate those cases where aid is being given improperly, has not been given as promised by a majority of the board.

"I feel, under the circumstances, that my ability to be a useful public officer is impossible, and, therefore, have tendered my resignation, and let the responsibility rest where it belongs."

## MAN HURRYING TO FATHER'S BEDSIDE IS FATALLY HURT IN CAR WRECK SATURDAY

While enroute to the bedside of his father who is dangerously ill near Harburg, Clarence Kissinger, aged 30, of Irwin, was fatally injured, his wife, Mrs. Mary Kissinger, also aged 30, was severely injured, and the sedan in which they were riding was completely demolished when it skidded into a telephone pole on West High street, Ebensburg, at 2:45 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Kissinger died on Saturday night in the Memorial hospital. Johnstown, his jugular vein having been severed by flying glass. Mrs. Kissinger is reported in a fair condition.

Lloyd Rodgers of Irwin, driver of the auto, which was owned by Mr. Kissinger, was unhurt. Two other occupants—Clive Miller of Irwin and William, four months' old son of the Kissingers, escaped unhurt. The party was proceeding easterly on the William Penn highway and the automobile skidded on a turn at the lower end of High street. The car sideswiped a telephone pole, causing the windshield to break and resulting in the severing of Mr. Kissinger's jugular vein. Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger and the child were riding in the rear seat.

MILDRED I. BECK. Mildred Irene Beck, nine-months' old daughter of Charles and Irma Beck of Ebensburg, died suddenly at the parental home about 5 o'clock on Sunday evening. Death was caused by convulsions. The deceased child is survived by her parents.

## MARY M. KLINE

Mary Matilda Kline, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Plus Kline, of Nicktown, died at 4:45 o'clock Monday afternoon at Miners' Hospital, Spangler. Death was caused by dropsy. The deceased is survived by her parents, one brother Richard and two sisters, Edna and Geraldine.

## TO THE HOUSEWIFE WHO TAKES PRIDE IN GOOD BREAD.

Buy a sack of Gold Nugget Flour, use it all—if it don't make the best flavored bread you have ever used and is not entirely satisfactory, return the empty sack and we will refund your money.

DYCKLOS and HUBER, Fourth Avenue, Patton, Pa.

## SHERIFF ASKS FOR AN EXTRA DEPUTY

Sheriff Homer C. George appeared before the county board, in session at Ebensburg last week at the County Commissioners' office, and asked that the salary be fixed of an extra deputy in the Sheriff's office.

Sheriff George made a motion that he be given an added deputy for a period of three months, January, February and March, at a salary of \$165 per month for trial temporarily.

Marlin Boucher of Barnesboro, who was a deputy sheriff during the administration of Sheriff Carl Steuer, is serving as the extra deputy under Sheriff George.

## PATTON FIRE COMPANY EXTINGUISHES BLAZE

The Patton Fire Company was called out on Saturday morning last at about 5 o'clock to extinguish a blaze at the Harry Warner home on Fourth avenue. While working about a truck in the garage adjoining the house, Mr. Warner accidentally had a quantity of gasoline become ignited. He managed to save the truck but three wagons and a car were damaged, which also spread to the kitchen of the residence and did some damage.

## CAMBRIA COUNTY MILLAGE IS SAME

The Cambria county commissioners last week voted to set the millage for 1930 and 6% mills, being the same amount as for 1929. It is estimated by the commissioners that of this amount one and one-eighth mills will be necessary to conduct the activities of the Cambria county poor board, three and one-half mills for redemption of an interest on bonds, and two and one-eighth mills for general county purposes.

The motion to continue the millage at last year's figure was made by W. J. Cavanaugh, seconded by M. B. Cowher and the motion was unanimously carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS

(We invite readers to air their views in these columns, but assume no responsibility for what our correspondents may say.)

## COUNCILMAN WRITES.

To the Citizens of Patton Borough: Due to the fact that I have been criticized so much of late in regards to Borough matters, I am asking the citizens of Patton borough to co-operate with me or direct with the borough commissioners that of this amount one and one-eighth mills will be necessary to conduct the activities of the Cambria county poor board, three and one-half mills for redemption of an interest on bonds, and two and one-eighth mills for general county purposes.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AND REILLY MISSION.

Pastor, Rev. M. H. Jones. At Reilly Mission—9 A. M., Bible School and Preaching. Patton—10:30 A. M., Bible School and Preaching.

## IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Of Mrs. Stella Leary, who died one year ago, February 16, 1929. A precious one from us has gone. A voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home which never can be filled.

THE CHILDREN.

We wish to thank our kind neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us in our sad bereavement in the loss of our only daughter and sister, Mildred G. Murray and for the beautiful flowers and use of the cars for the funeral.

Dr. and Mrs. V. A. Murray and family.

## JOHN BROTHERS, AGED 77 YEARS, OF EBENSBURG, DIED ON SUNDAY AT HIS HOME IN EBENSBURG, OF GANGLIENNE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIDOW AND SEVERAL CHILDREN.