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COUNTIES CHANGE PRESENT RATINGS BY NEW CENSUS

Five Will Be Advanced From A Lower to Higher Status; Three Demoted.

Under this year's census figures for Pennsylvania there are eight of the sixty-seven counties of the State that which are advanced from a lower to a higher class, and because of decreasing population three counties will be "demoted."

An act of 1919 provides that the Governors shall certify the fact of advancement of counties, but the legislators that year neglected to make any provision for counties that lose their status because of the census and go into lower classifications. There apparently is no legal method by which the people of those counties will learn of their loss of standing—unless they read the census figures. That is a matter, however, that the 1931 Legislature can take care of if there is any necessity.

The census enumeration in Pennsylvania always has shown an increase and usually all the counties have shown some increase or a loss that did not meet their classification. Anyway, the Legislature in the past did not consider seriously the possibility of very heavy losses in the fourth class. The 1930 census gave Pennsylvania a population of 9,681,350, a gain of 911,333 for the decade.

The counties that were advanced in classification were Delaware and Montgomery, which go from the fourth to the third class; Lehigh and York, which will leave the fifth for the fourth class, and McKean, which becomes a sixth instead of remaining in a seventh-class county.

Clearfield County is taken out of the fifth class, because of its population change, and put in the sixth. Bradford goes from the sixth to the seventh and Potter from the seventh to the eighth, or lowest class of county.

The first three classes of counties prior to this census contained only one county each. Philadelphia is a first-class county, Allegheny a second-class county and Lackawanna a county of the third class. To Lackawanna now will be added Delaware and Montgomery.

Lehigh and York Counties, which are advanced from fifth to four class find much more company in their new classification. In its are Berks, Cambria, Dauphin, Erie, Fayette, Lancaster, Northampton, Schuylkill and Washington.

The third-class counties contain populations between 250,000 to 800,000 and the fourth-class counties contain 150,000 or 250,000. For purposes of general legislation the counties are grouped by classes up to the eighth, which contains less than 20,000 population.

The principal effect of the change in classification is that some of the counties laws. Third-class counties have general laws pertaining to themselves that would be of little use in the lower classes of counties which are sparsely populated. County salaries are higher in the higher class counties, but the changes brought about by the census will not affect the pay of any county official now in office.

The salaries paid in the third and fourth class counties are nearly the same. Sheriffs receiving \$6500 a year; Prothonotaries, \$5000; Recorders, \$4000; Treasurers, \$5000, and Commissioners, \$3000. The next county officials elected in York and Lehigh Counties will receive those compensations.

At the present time the Sheriff in either York or Lehigh County receives \$4000 a year; the Prothonotary, Recorder and Commissioners, \$4000 each and the Treasurer, \$5000, the same amount now paid in the fourth-class districts.

SPANGLER HOLDS A MEDICAL CLINIC

Two Altoona Specialists Speak on Diseases at the Miners' Hospital.

The medical staff of the Miners' hospital held a clinic last Thursday at the Spangler institution, at which time two illustrated lectures by Altoona specialists featured. Dr. Kech, a heart specialist, delivered an illustrated address on that organ explaining in detail the functions of the heart and the treatment of various forms of heart disease.

Dr. Frank Miller, of Altoona, specialist on the eye, also spoke to the physicians, illustrating his remarks with lantern slides.

The doctors were served a dinner at the hospital dining room at the noon hour and the clinic was continued until late in the afternoon. Miss Beryl Hoover, superintendent, was in charge of the catering for the dinner.

PATTON SCHOOLS HAVE BIG PROGRAM

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades Present Series of Plays on Tuesday Afternoon.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grades of the Patton schools gave their annual Christmas programs on Tuesday afternoon. A success was scored in each instance. The teachers are Mrs. Misses Anna Lacava, Lila Whitehead, Grace Ulrich and Anna Homyak.

Fourth Grade.
"Mrs. Santa Comes Into Her Own," cast of characters: Santa—Jimmie Donahue; Mrs. Santa—Mae Wentz; Brownies—Jimmy Crowell, Frank Kinkaid, Fatsy Sourth, Claude A. Blake, Jimmy Toschi, Louis Carretti, Byron Selfridge, Billie Simpson and Willie Reed; Fairies—Eleanor Campbell, Sue Leon, Ida Merrill and Louise Jenkins.

"Santa Strikes," cast of characters: Santa Claus—Mel Gardner; Mrs. Santa—Geraldine Stevens; and Dream Lady—Eleanor Jones.

"Spirit of Giving," cast of characters: Mehetable—Catherine Lapenna; Belinda—Louise Jenkins; Susan—Mary Kruse; Captain of Soldiers—Hugh Semelberger; Soldiers—Billy Noon, Tedy Cartwright, Charles Yahner, John Kubish; Mother—Vera Nelson; Father—George Shobrook; Little Girl—Ida Merrill; Little Boy—Mike Sottile.

Fourth and Fifth Grades.
One act play—"Souls for Santa"—Christmas Spirit—Queen—Marjorie Bell; Spirit and Santa, two pages who attended the queen—Robert Leeman and Thomas Reed.

"Toy Songs"—Adelaide Delperre, Betty Psioda, Mildred Choby, Alice George, Mary Agypt and Mary Resko.

"Holly Singers"—Mildred Franklin, Marie Marvin, Mary Polka, Margaret Resko, Eneas Santuelle and Helen Leary.

"Carol Chorus"—Emery Haluska, Joseph Melko, Anthony Zuzell, Wendell Rowland; "Fourteen Jumping Jacks"—two pages, Emery Haluska and Wendell Rowland; "Fourteen Jumping Jacks"—George Elias, Williamson, Howard Baker, Earl Gregory, Edward Hetsko, Basil Cagoe, Henry Geleminio, Billy Gresko, George Berish, Glen Simpson, Alfred Dandrea and Glenn Wert.

PATTON HIGH SCHOOL NOTES OF THE WEEK

As Compiled for the Courier Readers by Bob Little of the Student Body.

Betty Greene, a graduate of last year's senior class and now a student of Ohio University, is spending the holidays at her home on Palmer avenue.

Nettie Eckenrode has returned to school after a week of absence due to sickness.

The students of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are busy working on their Christmas program which is to be held Wednesday morning in the assembly. A good, jolly time, with plenty of laughs, is promised.

Rumors are floating around that Abbie Crooks, Floyd Grant, and "Ears" Cornan are going to start a high school hockey team. This may not be true but they skated all Friday afternoon to make sure the ice was safe. There is a fourth member in this group who is also interested in the new sport but who has kindly asked me not to mention his name because he is bashful and can not afford to see his name in print.

Betty Somerville spent the week end with relatives in Philadelphia. Cora Ivory recently visited in Altoona.

Muriel Way, Jane Lowes, Betty Grant and Anna Gregg, students of Lock Haven Teachers' College, and graduates of the high school, are home for the Christmas vacation.

Mabel Fitzpatrick was an Altoona shopper last Saturday.

The second report semester will soon be made up and the students are busily taking tests and making up back work to bring their marks up as high as possible.

The next basketball game is to be played with the Hastings High School on Jan. 7 at Hastings. Come team, show them the pep and spirit you had the last game.

The date set for the publication of the Junior Chamber of Commerce newspaper, "The Commercial Pick-Up" is Wednesday, December 24th. Be sure to read this issue. It is interesting.

For Sale—One pair toe skates, very cheap. Guaranteed not to stay on feet. Inquire Louis Smale.

Alice Hickox spent last Wednesday and Thursday in Altoona.



Ye Yuletide Greetings
May Your Christmas Be A
Happy and Joyous Event

CAMBRIA CO. SEEKS PRISON COST TEST

Refuses Payment of Bill Submitted by Two State Institutions.

The legal right of one state institution to refuse to abide by a court order releasing inmates and of another to charge maintenance fees more than double the usual rate, are going to be settled very soon because of the action of Cambria County officials in refusing to honor bills submitted by the Industrial Home for Women at Muncy and the Fairview state hospital.

In the case of the Muncy institution, County Controller Cannon has been instructed to refuse payment of a balance of \$861.02 for the maintenance of Ruth Unshaper and Bertha Harris, because of the fact that their release was ordered by the President Judge of the Cambria County Courts some months ago.

In previous years, according to Mr. McWilliams, Cambria county has had a number of students, men, women, boys and girls, enrolled in these special courses. Those persons who are interested in this year and who desire to take advantage of procuring special training in the above subjects, may procure further information by communicating with the Pennsylvania State College, or County Agent H. C. McWilliams, Ebensburg.

The unpaid balance of \$418.15 which the Fairview hospital seeks to collect from the county, is for the maintenance of five persons, all of whom were committed to the institution when it became apparent that they were mentally deranged.

At the time they were sent to the institution, which is for the criminal insane of the state, technical charges of sanity of the parties were lodged against them in this county, but after being transferred to the institution, the charges were nolle prosequi, and this action, county authorities hold, entitles the county to the benefit of a rate of \$3 a week rather than a rate of \$6.75 a week, which is charged for criminal insane patients.

In the case of the Fairview Hospital, the difference arises out of an interpretation of the statute which act, Cambria County officials contend, that the practice of committing persons to the hospital and then quashing the charges against them has been legitimized by reason of the long period of years during which it has been followed.

EPWORTH LEAGUE NEWS NOTES.
Seventy-five attended the Epworth League meeting Sunday, Dec. 21. The Leaguers sang Christmas hymns and carols for half an hour and closed the meeting with the Epworth League benediction.

TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
The following services will be held on December 28 at the Methodist church: Sunday church school 11 a. m. Morning worship service 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. Gordon F. Hinkley. Topic, "Which Kind of Christain Will You Be in the New Year—A Propelled or an Impelled One?" Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Topic "Taking Inventory of our Souls." Speaker, Miss Martha Rumberger. Evening worship service, Sermon by the pastor, Topic, "The Beginning of the New Year."

COLVER RANGERS WIN OVER PATTON OUTFIT.
In a game on the Colver floor on Friday evening, the Colver Rangers humbled a team from Patton by a score of 22 to 13. At the end of the first half the score was 12 to 8 in favor of Colver.

NUMEROUS XMAS TREES.
Fine Christmas trees went begging for buyers in Northern Cambria this week and last and a number of loads of pine and spruce were not disposed of by the owners. Business depression kept many from purchasing the cheerful reminders of the Yuletide season. Postoffices in Johnstown and throughout the county did not have up to the usual standard of holiday business by any means.

TWO GOOD SHOWS COMING TO GRAND

A Zane Grey Thriller and John McCormick in His Famous Screen Portrayal.

In "Last of the Duanes," Fox Movietone, all talking romance of the great southwest, which will be the attraction at the Grand theatre next Monday and Tuesday nights, George O'Brien enacts the featured role of Buck Duane, handsome and daring young outlaw.

Being an outlaw means eternal vigilance, no home, no rest, no content; always on the dodge, alone and haunted by the thought that he is a marked man.

And such was the existence of young Buck, after he killed his father's cowardly assassin, but the sweetness of life comes to him finally in the love of a beautiful girl.

This thrilling western drama is based on Zane Grey's widely read story of the same name and includes a fine cast of players.

John McCormack, who comes to the Grand theatre on December 31st and New Year's day, in his first audible Fox Movietone production, is today doing for song in America what Dante did for literature in Italy and what Spencer did for literature in England.

There are no different audiences when John McCormack sings. McCormack audiences are composed of really cultured men and women of the communities where he appears who listen spell bound while a great artist sings great songs and proves to them that an art and a song may be great without being mysterious.

Through the marvel of the Fox Movietone this great voice may be heard everywhere. A good supporting cast is with McCormack in the picture.

MRS. JOHN L. EVANS ANSWERS DEATH CALL.
Wife of Poor Director Called Following A Brief Illness of Pneumonia.

Mrs. Mary C. (Patterson) Evans, wife of John L. Evans, the latter a member of the Cambria County Poor Board, died on Saturday after a brief illness following a brief illness of pneumonia. Despite her advanced age, Mrs. Evans had been able to about until a week previous to her death, when she contracted a heavy cold and pneumonia developed.

The deceased was a daughter of Thomas and Magdalene (Dunkle) Patterson.

Mrs. Evans is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Thomas Jose, of Cleveland, Ohio; Walter B. Evans, of Ligonier; Mrs. Walter Morris and Harrison M. Evans, both of Ebensburg; Everett P. of Walden, Col. and Miss Grace, a teacher of Pittsburg.

Funeral services for Mrs. Evans will be held Wednesday afternoon of this week at 2 o'clock in the Congregational church by the Rev. H. J. Baumgartel. Interment will be made in Lloyd cemetery.

AMERICAN LEGION PLANS "ROUND-UP" IN KEYSTONE STATE

Local Post Soliciting Memberships for Caravan Early Next Month.

The Pennsylvania "Round-up" in connection with the 1931 membership campaign now under way will be held by the State Department of the American Legion on Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10. On these dates a caravan of automobiles headed by the State Highway Patrol, will make a tour of the State for the purpose of collecting membership cards, of all Legion posts. It is expected that the 1931 membership enrollment will exceed that of 1930, as every post in the State is working hard in the membership drive.

Membership cards of the Legion Posts in Cambria, Bedford and Indiana counties will be collected at the American Legion Headquarters in Altoona on January 9, between the hours of 1 and 5 p. m. State Commander Charles L. Engard, of Philadelphia, urges the support of every post in helping to boost the membership.

On Saturday afternoon, January 10, at 4 o'clock, there will be a big demonstration staged by the Department at Harrisburg.

Governor's Proclamation.
Governor John S. Fisher has issued the following proclamation in the interest of the 1931 Legion membership drive in Pennsylvania.

The Department of Pennsylvania of the American Legion has set apart the week of January 5 to 10, 1931, as American Legion Membership Week. The purpose which inspires the Legion is set forth in the preamble of its constitution and under its terms the members bind themselves together to uphold the great War, to constitute a sense of individual obligation to the community, State and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of the tool; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, liberty and democracy; and to consecrate and sanctify their comradeship by devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Membership in an organization so inspired must be helpful to the individual who cherishes memories of service in the greater of all wars. The organization itself forms a bulwark of good citizenship and is a guaranty that the benefits won and the principles indicated will not be lost to posterity. It should be a rare privilege for all men and women who are eligible to membership; to take advantage of the opportunity to join.

I heartily endorse the effort of the Pennsylvania Department of the Legion to enlarge its membership and trust that there may be a wholehearted response from those to whom the opportunity is given during Membership Week.

FIRE AT MINE TRIPPLE.
A fire at the Barnes and Tucker No. 12 mine destroyed the scale house early on Wednesday morning of last week, the night watchman giving the alarm. The Hope Fire Co. of Barnesboro responded to the call for assistance and with the use of chemicals confined the blaze to the property. The origin of the fire is undetermined. Insurance covered the loss.

SPANGLER MINER INJURED.
Anthony Remack, employed as a miner by the Peale, Peacock & Kerr interests, at Mine No. 9, in Spangler, suffered a compound fracture of the left leg last Thursday afternoon in an accident at the mine. He was removed to the Spangler hospital, where the fracture was reduced.

ORDAINED TO PRIESTHOOD.
Philip Curran, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Curran of Moxham, a student at the North American College in Rome, was one of 27 American seminarians ordained to the Catholic priesthood last Saturday. Special services were held in the Church of St. John Lateran.

PORTAGE LADY DIES.
Mrs. Hazel Cowan, aged 52, wife of Harry Cowan, of Portage, died on Friday night at the Memorial hospital in Johnstown, following an illness of peritonitis. She is survived by her husband and a son, Harvey Cowan.

ALVERDA MINER INJURED.
John Shloski, of Alverda, aged 20, suffered injuries of the pelvis in an accident on Friday in the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corporation mine at Alverda. The young man's condition is reported as favorable at the Spangler hospital.

MRS. PETER HANCHALK.
Mrs. Catherine Hanchalk, wife of Peter Hanchalk, died on Sunday afternoon at the Spangler hospital, where she had been a medical patient since December 6th.