

PERSONAL AND LOCAL NEWS NOTES OF PATTON AND THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY

SEND US ALL THE NEWS YOU KNOW AND HELP FILL THIS DEPARTMENT. EVERY LITTLE ITEM HELPS MAKE THIS PAPER JUST A LITTLE BETTER FOR ALL. SEND, BRING, MAIL THEM.

M. H. Gardner, Notary Public, at the Tozer Jewelry Co.

John Feighner, of Carrolltown, was a Tuesday visitor in town.

Mrs. Joseph Boley was the guest of Altoona friends on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Somerville were recent callers in Johnstown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barnard were recent visitors in Altoona.

Howard Brown is home from Carlisle for the holidays.

Miss Beatrice Palcho of Altoona was a week end visitor here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Stoltz of Carrolltown, were recent guests of Patton friends.

Miss Leonore Cowher is home from Columbia University in New York for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Cornelius and daughter, of Cumberland, Md., are the guests of local friends.

F. C. McCormick of Detroit, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Mary McCormick.

Ted McNelis of Spangler was the guest of Patton relatives and friends over the week end.

Mrs. James Mulligan of Mellon avenue, visited relatives in Johnstown on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas of Carrolltown, were among the visitors in Patton on Monday.

Special services will be held at both St. Mary's and St. Gorge's Catholic churches on Christmas day.

Misses Rachel and Martha Quinn of Lang avenue, have returned from a visit with Altoona friends.

After a brief visit in Altoona with friends, Mrs. Cecil Mitchell has returned to her home in Patton.

Mrs. I. A. Boucher of Beaverdale was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Laura Long of Mellon avenue, on Sunday.

Francis Brown is a patient at the Spangler hospital, having recently undergone an appendicitis operation.

Mrs. George E. Prindle and daughter, Miss Cora Louise Blount, have left for Pensacola, Fla., where they expect to spend the holidays.

Practically all Patton students, attending schools and colleges out of town, are home for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Gerald Fisher and Mrs. Russell Little have returned from Altoona where they were recent visitors.

Miss Ella Mae Lilley has returned from an extended visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Ulrich in Hastings.

Francis Mulligan of Detroit, Mich., is a holiday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Mulligan of Mellon avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCoy of West Mellon avenue, have as their holiday guests, Mrs. Fred McCann and daughter of Pittsburgh.

The condition of Frank E. Faraugh, local business man ill of heart trouble for the past several weeks, remains unimproved.

Special Christmas programs were presented at the Mellon and St. George schools of East Carroll township, near Patton on Tuesday afternoon.

Theaffle of turkeys held by the local American Legion Post last Friday and Saturday evenings, proved to be a success financially and from the point of enjoyment.

The condition of Miss Fannie C. Wetzel, of Carrolltown, who was dangerously ill of pneumonia, for a number of days last week, shows favorable improvement.

Next Thursday, being New Year's day, this newspaper will again be published on Wednesday, as this week, in order that our employees may enjoy the holiday.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. O. H. will have an installation of officers, on Wednesday, January 7th. Lunch will be served and bingo will furnish the entertainment.

A Christmas program was presented in the Cross Roads School in East Carroll Township this Wednesday afternoon. Miss Margaret Senita is teacher of the school.

The Westminister Guild of the Presbyterian church of Patton have compiled a cook book, and the same is now off press and is being sold by the ladies. The book makes an excellent holiday gift.

Ex-service men who are not members of the American Legion or former Legionnaires who have not yet paid their dues, should do so now. It is important that our home community register membership of one hundred per cent of the eligibles.

The ladies of the Linger Longer Club entertained their husbands at a delightfully appointed dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Guyer of 4th avenue recently. John C. Maguire was the toastmaster. A program of music and contests augmented entertainment which followed the dinner.

Olive's Tea Room, formerly in the Bigos building on Magee avenue, has been moved to the second floor of the

Dinsmore building, formerly occupied by the Dinsmore Tailor Shop. The new cafe presents a pleasing appearance and Mrs. Chindon solicits at least a share of your patronage.

Sister M. Gertrude, of the Order of St. Benedict, and member of St. Scholastica's Convent, Chicago, Ill., was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Holz of Susquehanna township, last week. The nun was summoned on account of the serious illness of her mother, who suffered from pneumonia. The patient was

The spirit of the holiday in the very strongest phase of its meaning was incorporated in a Christmas program presented on Tuesday afternoon at the Kirk school in Elder township. The entertainment consisted largely of recitations, songs, and a few short plays sponsored by the teacher, Miss Lucella Byrne. Parents and patrons of the school attended.

Miss Ruth Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grant, recently entertained a number of guests at a delightful Christmas party, at her home on Palmer avenue. Dainty gift prizes for high scores at bridge were awarded to Miss Eleanor Steele and Miss Florence Kuhnley. An attractive holiday lunch was served by the hostess. The guest list included the Misses Eleanor Steele, Florence Kuhnley, Regina Biler, Ruth and Lila Whitehead, Bertha Laque, Marion Hamilton, Evelyn Rhoades, Mary Walsh, Margaret Grant, Mrs. Charles A. Schwab and Mrs. Charles Welby.

Patrons of the Huber Hardware Store and of Vincent A. Huber, who are desirous of receiving chances on a number of valuable premiums free of charge, can do so before December 31 at 9 P. M., by paying their back accounts or in making purchases. Free chances are given with every amount in either class of one dollar. The time is getting short. Avail yourself of this opportunity.

Miss Bessie Shields, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Yahner of near Patton for a number of months, left for her home last Friday, the rest of the winter to be spent with her parents, residents of East Pittsburgh. Miss Shields stayed at the farm home for the benefit of her health. Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Yahner were Charles P. Shambaugh, brother of Mrs. Yahner, Fred Dreper and John Keenan, all three of Philadelphia, who had spent a hunting vacation in this section. Another guest at the Yahner home was Anthony Dietrick of Lionter. The Misses Barbara and Henrietta Yahner, students at Seton Hill College, are both home for the Christmas vacation.

The members and friends of the Lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star, of Patton, gave an interesting children's party recently. At the close of the party Santa Claus gave each child a gift. A daintily appointed lunch was served. The program followed: dancing, Petty Louise McCoy; reading, Dick Peters; piano solo, "Spring Greetings," Rachel Covitch; vocal solo, Mary Eleanor Lovett; reading, "It Makes No Difference," David Risher; reading, "Five Points of the Star," Janet Heist; piano solo, "In Hanging Garden, Leonardo Risher; piano solo, "Cling Roses," Mary Kathryn Grumbling; reading, "Strange Dreams," Jean Daugherty; vocal duet, "In A Lowly Manger," Naomi and Kent Bates; reading, "A Sleepy Visitor," Elsie Lou Brown; reading, Irene Fetters; reading, "Baby's Stocking," Mary Margaret Jack; reading, "Santa Claus Will Come," Betty Jack; solo, "Little Holy Child," Betty Grumbling; reading, "A Little Fat Man," Sam Mullen; reading, "Let's Give A Surprise," Grace Muir; reading, "Christmas Stocking," Jean Eleanor Simmons; reading, "A Christmas Song," Jessie Andrews.

CLASSIFIED ADS

STRAY DOG—Came to my premises, female dog, white and tan. Owner can have same by paying all costs. John Kruse, Patton, Star Route, Pa. 31pd

SOME OF THE FINEST SINGING CANARIES THAT MONEY CAN BUY For Sale: The English Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries and the great English Manchester Cobby, St. Andrew's Rollers and the famous Harz Mountain Singers. I have some fine gold Linnet Males all in full song, and all kinds of canary seed for sale.—SAM MULLEN, Patton, Pa. 2f

ROOMER WANTED—With boarding—if wanted. Inquire at 117 Mellon avenue. If.

FOR SALE—A number of fresh cows, good milkers, some with calves. Inquire of Vincent Meloy, Chest Springs, Pa.

FOUND—Suit case, containing baby's necessities. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for this ad.

FOUND—Pair of Amber rimmed glasses. Owner can have same by calling at the Courier office and paying for this ad.

REWARD—The party that found a lady's black suede purse Sunday evening with money and a pair of glasses can keep the money if the glasses are returned to the owner or the Patton Courier office.

It pays to advertise in The Patton Courier.

MOST USED ROADS SHOULD BE FIRST GIVEN ATTENTION

Three-fourths of Population Lives Along Roads That Have Been Surfaced

Since 1915 automobiles in this country have increased by not less than 1,000,000 vehicles yearly. By the end of 1930 some 28,000,000 cars of all kinds will be running around on the nation's roads and streets. There are more motor trucks alone today than there were passenger cars just seventeen years ago.

It is difficult to clearly picture the complex automobile and road problem. Although the United States has been actively engaged in modern road building for at least a decade great mileages of heavily used roads are still awaiting the high type of improvement justified by the traffic they carry. Fortunately, however, road building has proceeded with recognition of the principle that the most used roads should be first improved.

The magazine American Highways points out that three-fourths of the people live along the 767,300 miles of roads that have been surfaced. Remaining one-fourth of the population lives along the 2,250,000 miles of roads that have not been surfaced. But to reach this quarter of the population with surfaced roads would be a burden indeed, as is re-

laid in the following principle recently adopted by the American Association of State Highway Officials: "The public demand for highways is now so large, that it is not possible to meet all demands in a limited period without too great an expenditure of the public funds. Therefore, State and Federal funds available for new construction should be devoted first to the primary system of highways, which are of the greatest importance to the public, and at expenditure should be by the State highway department or under its supervision." (The primary roads referred to are those comprising the Federal and State Systems.)

There is still much to be done in bringing the lowest cost motorizing to those who live along highways already surfaced. Many of the 767,300 miles surfaced are covered with nothing more than gravel, other light surfacings which are costly to maintain and which result in high operating costs. As these roads are modernized with rigid pavement more attention can be turned to those lesser used roads, and even to unsurfaced roads. On the whole this method of improving the most used first, is also beneficial to the lesser used roads of which hundreds of thousands of miles carry traffic so light that appreciably increased expenditures are unjustified.

By continuing the concentration of attention on the heavily used roads, in road building in the next decade than has been made in the last.

URGE REDUCTION IN AUTOMOBILE CRASHES

Keep Holiday Season Free From Accidents Is Plea of Safety Section

Walter W. Matthews, chief of the Safety Division of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, suggests Pennsylvania motorists that they endeavor to keep Christmas week free from vehicular crashes. Mr. Matthews reports that fourteen persons were killed in Pennsylvania during Christmas week of 1929. He said last week:

"The near approach of the Christmas season with all that is implied in its beautiful legends, sublime music, happy associations, and appeal to generous impulses, is not the time to indulge in a morbid delving into accident statistics. Christmas is traditionally a merry time, but for that stronger contrast than at any other season.

"Don't rob Christmas of its cheer or the New Year of its joy for yourself or someone else by an automobile accident. Wouldn't it be a marvelous demonstration of the Christmas spirit would be witnessed if in Pennsylvania we could go through the period from December 25 to January 1 without a single motor traffic accident? "Impossible? Not at all, if we really have the Christmas spirit and will exemplify it by our actions. "Last year during Christmas week, fourteen persons were killed in automobile accidents in the State, or an average of two a day for the week. Three hundred and thirty were injured. During that same seven-day period we averaged sixty-eight accidents daily or a total of 477, involving 782 drivers. This is rather a gruesome record for a season supposed to bring happiness and good cheer."

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS ASK INCREASED MILLAGE

Setting forth that the assessed valuation of property for the year 1931 will be approximately \$75,000 under the valuation of 1930, and that the budget already adopted and reported to the state highway department at Harrisburg provides for an outlay of \$28,855.40 for road purposes, the supervisors of Portage township Monday petitioned the court for permission to levy a tax of 18 mills for the ensuing year. A hearing on the petition will be held at 1 p. m., Jan. 26, the court ordered.

FLUE FIRE IN EBENSBURG... The Dauntless Fire Co. extinguished a flue fire at the residence of George Lees of Mylo park at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. There was no property damage.

NEGRO MURDERER SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON

Eleven Cases Are Heard In Domestic Relations Court on Monday

Less than three weeks after he stabbed Scott Tomes, Johnstown negro, during an argument in the wire mill of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., in Johnstown, Arthur Clement, negro mill worker was sentenced to a term of from six to 12 years in the Western penitentiary. Sentence was pronounced Monday by President Judge John E. Evans before whom Clement was convicted Dec. 13. Two hours after Tomes was killed when he was stabbed in the heart, Clement was arrested and two days later he was indicted by the December grand jury. Then in session, he was brought to trial Dec. 12, and convicted the following day.

As a result of an out-of-court settlement between the defendant and the prosecuting witness, an attachment against Russell Turner of Johnstown on a charge of fraudulent conversion was vacated upon payment of the costs of prosecution by the defendant. Herman and Modestus Miller, both of Susquehanna township, were ordered to pay the costs and enter into their own reorganization in the sum of \$1,000 to keep the peace.

Eleven cases were heard in domestic relations court Monday, the most severe sentence being imposed upon Ward Bensch of Johnstown, who was ordered to pay the costs and the sum of \$25 a month to the support of his wife. An order requiring the payment of \$20 a month was entered against William Price of Hastings, charged with non-support of his wife and child. Collins Lloyd of Bolivar was ordered to contribute the sum of \$20 a month to the support of his wife and children. Kenneth Wertz of Lewistown, formerly a resident of Mountaineer, was sentenced to pay support of his wife and child. Fannie E. Canny to John C. Blimmel, lot in Tenth Ward, Johnstown; \$1. John C. Blimmel to Fannie E. Canny et al., lot in Tenth Ward, Johnstown; \$1. Michael Canny et al. to John C. Blimmel, lot in Eight Ward, Johnstown; \$1. John C. Blimmel to Michael Canny et al., lot in Tenth Ward, Johnstown; \$1. Michael Canny to John C. Blimmel, lot in Tenth Ward, Johnstown; \$1. John C. Blimmel to Michael Canny et al., lot in Eight Ward, Johnstown; \$1. Dabid Rees Cole (by Administrator) to Thomas-Kinney Lumber Co., lot in Southmont; \$1,550. Hortense Smith (by Executor) to Harry F. King et al., lot in Second Ward, Johnstown; \$1. Albert M. Stineman et al. to R. Meade Stineman, lot in South Fork; \$1. R. Meade Stineman to Albert M. Stineman et al., to Leroy Gance, lot in Hastings; \$1. Helen Gall to Charley Rusnak et

Argument on a motion for a new trial in the case of M. Berkebile of Johnstown, convicted at the June term of court on charges of adultery was held Monday before the court en banc, but the decision was held open to permit the calling of one Betty Reiter, the commonwealth's principal witness at the trial.

HABEAS CORPUS ACTIONS WITHDRAWN ONCE MORE

Attorneys Say They Have Located Joseph and John Costogno

The "Finnegan" habeas corpus actions—so known because of their resemblance to the Finnegan of the old verse who was "on, again, off again Finnegan"—are "off again" after having been "on" and "off again" in Cambria and Somerset counties at varying intervals for more than a week.

The writs allegedly have been sought for the purpose of ascertaining the whereabouts of Joseph and John Costogno, Johnstown youths who apparently vanished from the face of the earth after they were taken into custody by state and county officers for questioning in connection with some investigation upon which the officers are engaged at the present time.

Originally filed in Somerset county, the action in behalf of Joseph Costogno was withdrawn when it developed that the person sought was being held in Cambria county. The action was filed in Cambria county, but was not pressed until Monday, when, following the disappearance of John Costogno, actions in behalf of both men were filed and the writs made returnable at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. Hardly had the ink dried on the court's signature to the documents Monday, however, when defense attorneys announced that they had learned the whereabouts of the missing men and withdrawal of both actions was announced.

FUNERAL OF CHARLES MILLER Funeral services for Charles Miller, aged 68, who died Friday morning at the Spangler Hospital, were conducted Monday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's Catholic church. Interment was in the Holy Cross Cemetery. The deceased was survived by his wife, Mrs. Elsie Miller, of Ebensburg; Herand two children. These children survive: Frank, of Ebensburg; Herman, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Esther Custer, of Apollo, and Mrs. Blanche Cooper, of Johnstown. An adopted son, Walter Miller Bell, also survives.

Half Dozen Ways to Reduce Your Winter Fuel Bill

Home Heating Troubles Largely Traceable to Poor Draft and Dirty Heating System.

By following a few simple rules, home owners can effect material savings in their winter fuel bills, according to the Holland Institute of Thermology of Holland, Mich. These rules largely concern the maintenance and operation of their heating systems. There is little or no expense attached to their observance, the main requisite being just a little more than passing interest in the heating system, by the home owner:

- 1—Ash-pit should be cleaned regularly as ash accumulations interfere with draft, and lack of proper draft is cause of fuel waste because of improper combustion.
2—All dampers must fit true and tight. If fire does not burn when check draft is closed and draft damper or ash-pit door is open, draft is deficient. Chimney should be examined for possible defects such as cracks or being clogged.
3—Forced firing results in wasteful. Temperatures should not be allowed to drop more than ten degrees

over night. Anticipate cold waves if possible by having good fuel fire—not a "roaring-hot" fire.

4—Maintain sufficient supply of moisture in indoor air, say a relative humidity of 40 or 45 degrees. This assures complete physical comfort at moderate temperatures of 70 or 72 degrees.

5—Keep grates in A-1 condition. Broken or warped grates allow unburned coal to drop into ash-pit. Ash-pit filled with ashes also causes grates to be burned out.

6—Heating surfaces of heating plant should be free from soot and ashes. These accumulations act as insulator. Likewise chimney should be free from soot, as this interferes with draft.

The heating plant is subjected to severe strains due to the varying high and low temperatures during the firing season. By keeping the entire system, including the chimney, clean and free from physical defects, it will render more economical and efficient heating service, and last longer.

Cambria Realty Transfers

George J. Griffith et ux. to Griffith-Custer Steel Co., piece in Eleventh Ward, Johnstown; \$4,700. Theodore Dewans (by Administrator) to August Finet et ux., piece in Elder Township; \$200. Thomas W. Bender et ux. to John Hooder et ux., piece in Lilly; \$1. Carl Aurandt to John Hooder et ux., piece in Lilly; \$1. Fannie E. Canny to John C. Blimmel, lot in Tenth Ward, Johnstown; \$1. John C. Blimmel to Fannie E. Canny et al., lot in Tenth Ward, Johnstown; \$1. Michael Canny et al. to John C. Blimmel, lot in Eight Ward, Johnstown; \$1. John C. Blimmel to Michael Canny et al., lot in Tenth Ward, Johnstown; \$1. Michael Canny to John C. Blimmel, lot in Tenth Ward, Johnstown; \$1. John C. Blimmel to Michael Canny et al., lot in Eight Ward, Johnstown; \$1. Dabid Rees Cole (by Administrator) to Thomas-Kinney Lumber Co., lot in Southmont; \$1,550. Hortense Smith (by Executor) to Harry F. King et al., lot in Second Ward, Johnstown; \$1. Albert M. Stineman et al. to R. Meade Stineman, lot in South Fork; \$1. R. Meade Stineman to Albert M. Stineman et al., to Leroy Gance, lot in Hastings; \$1. Helen Gall to Charley Rusnak et

ux., piece in Portage Township; \$1,050. Russell R. Yost et al. to Borough of Westmont, piece in Westmont; \$1,000. Lorain Steel Co. to James K. Boyd, piece in Perndale, \$8,500. H. K. Miller to Mrs. S. W. Lawhead, lot in Nineteenth Ward Johnstown; \$15. Charles Z. McCreary to Miles H. Bamberger et al., piece in Stonycreek Township; \$1. Amanda Reiman to Edwin Louis Schneider et ux., lot in Dale; \$1. Charles C. Bash et ux., to Jennie S. Boyer, piece in Twenty-first Ward Johnstown; \$1. Jennie S. Boyer to Charles C. Bash et ux., piece in Twenty-first Ward, Johnstown; \$1. Harbey A. Berkebile et ux., to Charles A. Greer, piece in Dale et al.; \$1. Charles A. Greer to Harbey A. Berkebile et ux., piece in Dale et al.; \$1.

WILMORE ROUTE NO. 2 REPLACED BY SIDMAN

The postoffice department Monday established a rural delivery service at Sidman, Pa., replacing the Wilmore route No. 2, effective Jan. 16.

LICENSED IN EBENSBURG

Register Charles A. MacIntyre Monday issued the following marriage licenses:

Domeniek Augimeri and Frances Gagliardi, both of Johnstown.

Andrew B. Maschak and Mary Ellen Settlemyre, both of Johnstown.

William James Docherty and Ruth Naomi Yeager, both of Conemaugh.

Old World Lends Inspiration For Famous Riverside Church



Beautiful Riverside Church, overlooking the picturesque Hudson River, is completed. While already used by services, the formal dedication will not take place until early in 1931. Adapted from famous old cathedrals of France and Spain, the Gothic structure is a modernized inspiration in stone. The Rockefeller Memorial Tower, patterned from one of the towers of the Cathedral of Chartres, rises sheer 400 feet, from which lofty belfry peeks the music of the largest and heaviest carillon in the world. Both exterior and interior of the church, including a beautifully carved pulpit, are built of Indiana limestone. More than 600 carloads of stone from the quarries of the Indiana Limestone company, Bedford, Ind., have been used in this outstanding temple of worship which will be a mecca for the followers of the Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, for whom the church was erected. A distinctive feature of the all-stone interior is a low wide vault in the nave. Off the main auditorium, which seats 2,400, is a small chapel with a seating capacity of 200. Under the auditorium are bowling alleys, theatre, basketball court and assembly room. The tower, equivalent of twenty-eight stories, houses offices, chapel, bridal parlor, nursery, kindergarten, library, studies, conference rooms and a variety of special classrooms. Elaborately carved stone statues of philosophers, religious leaders, and symbolic figures surmount the main portals.

GRAND Theatre - Patton

CHRISTMAS DAY, With Matinee at 3 P. M.

Up The River

Enjoy a vacation at Sing Sing Prison. See a prison picture full of comedy.

Fri. and Sat. Dec. 26 & 27

Love In The Rough

With Robert Montgomery, Dorothy Jordan and Benny Rubin

Mon. and Tues. Dec. 29 & 30

Zane Grey's thrilling story of the Western Plains, with George O'Brien as the hard riding, swift shooting square dealing "Back Duane."



LAST of the DUANES

Wed. and Thurs. Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

World Sensation!

The film you've heard so much about - waited so long to see and hear!

John McCormack HIS SONG O MY HEART

Matinee New Years Day at 3 p. m.

