

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. George'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, Mary 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 have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Yahnier 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. Yahnier were Charles P. Shambaugh, brother of Mrs. Yahnier, Fred Dreper and John Keenan, all three of Philadelphia, who had spent a hunting vacation in this section. Another guest at the Yahnier home was Anthony Dietrick of Lionier. The Misses Barbara and Henrietta Yahnier, students at Seton Hill College, are both home for the Christmas vacation.

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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 indicated 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 of which 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 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 Clement, a resident 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 the 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.

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David Rees Cole (by Administrator) to Thomas-Kinzie Lumber Co., lot in Southmont; \$1,550.

Hortense Smith (by Executor) to Harry C. 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 al., lot in Tenth Ward, Johnstown; \$1.

HABEAS CORPUS ACTIONS WITHDRAWN ONCE MORE

Attorneys Say They Have Located Joseph and John Costognola

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 Costognola, 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.

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