

PATTON BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Montieth, of Magee Avenue, Patton, announce the marriage of their daughter Mildred, to Mr. Robert Edward Graham, of Newville, Cumberland county, last Saturday, February 18th. The ceremony was performed in the Presbyterian Church at Stewartstown, Pa., by the Rev. Tolbert D. Hewlett, pastor, a cousin of the bride. The bride was attired in a costume of honey beige, with brown accessories, and a corsage of yellow roses. Mr. Graham is a son of Robert and Margaret (Maxwell) Graham, and is associated with the Shank and Bowman Cannery at Newville. Mrs. Graham, a native of Patton, is a teacher in the Revloc Public Schools.

One of Patton's landmarks, the Patton Hotel, soon will pass into oblivion, it was learned when Walter McCoy post #14, American Legion, owner of the structure, advertised for bids on razing the three-story frame building. The hotel adjoins the side of the Legion Home and probably will be used as a parking lot by Legionaires.

The hotel was condemned some time ago as a fire hazard by Fire Chief James Blake of this place.

The structure was erected in 1893, the year the borough of Patton was incorporated and was originally owned by the Mellon family of Patton. For several years after it was built the property was used for business purposes, the ground floor being occupied by the Kusner & Mirkins general store and Gallagher's Racket Store. The second floor housed the Patton Opera House and also was used for dances and entertainments of various kinds.

In the spring of 1894 the first Patton Borough caucus was held in the building, Republicans and Democrats meeting to formulate slates. The meeting, however, broke up in a row with nei-

ther party selecting a slate of officers, older residents of the borough recall.

A few years after its erection the structure was converted into a hotel and was operated first by Edward Mellon. Later William Mellon operated the hotel and still later John Mannion took it over. Some 20 years ago Thomas Quinn Sr. purchased the hotel and operated it until a few years ago. Mr. Quinn still lives in the building.

Attorney W. F. Dill of Barnesboro was speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Northern Cambria Kiwanis Club at the Brandon Hotel in Spanglet on Monday evening discussing the "Lives of Lincoln and Washington." Twelve officers of the Patton Aerie, No. 1244, Fraternal Order of Eagles, were guests at the meeting. Mark Brown, secretary of the Aerie, presented a check for \$130.75 as the receipts turned over to Kiwanis from a jointly sponsored dance. The money is to be used for underprivileged children and for the health camp promoted by the Kiwanis Club. George A. Clark of Hastings, accepted the check on behalf of the club. Group singing was conducted by Henry Clarke, Barnesboro. John Foreman, president of the club, was in charge of the meeting.

Dudley R. Lansberry, state dog law enforcement officer, has asked this paper to announce that a drive will be launched within the next few days to rid the Patton district of unlicensed and stray dogs, and also reports that numerous complaints have reached him of the nuisance of dogs running at large in the borough both with and without licenses. Dogs running at large without licenses will be destroyed. Owners of licensed dogs that are permitted to run at large will be subject to fines or imprisonment. The fact that your dog has a license does not give you the privilege of having him run at large. The fact that the dog law investigator came into Patton and found conditions just about as the letters written his department told about, also means that the Department also means "business" in Patton, and if you own a dog, you had better be heedful of this warning.

There will be a special meeting of the Northern Cambria Republican Club in the Legion home in Carrolltown on Friday evening, February 24, at 8:00 P. M. This will be meeting for members who hold cards and for those who have applied for membership only. They are urged to be present.

Led by Madigan of Portage, who hit the hoop for 13 points the Portage high school cagers defeated Patton high school by a score of 29 to 14 at Portage last Friday night. Portage was in the lead from start to finish. The Portage girls also took the Patton lassies

over in a decisive victory, the score being 37 to 6.

The Alpha Beta Science Club wishes to thank all those who patronized its bake sale and benefit activity in the past week. Mac Shannon was the lucky winner of the cake which was chanced off by the club. The club will have educational films shown after dismissal on Thursday.

Don't forget the Bingo at the St. George Church Hall on Sunday evening beginning at 8:15. Admission 25c, everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Short and the latter's brother, Mr. Edward Little left last Thursday for Florida where they expect to spend several weeks.

Andrew Choby, student of the Pittsburgh University spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Choby.

Dr. George Dvorchak of the McKeesport Hospital spent Sunday at the home of his father John Dvorchak.

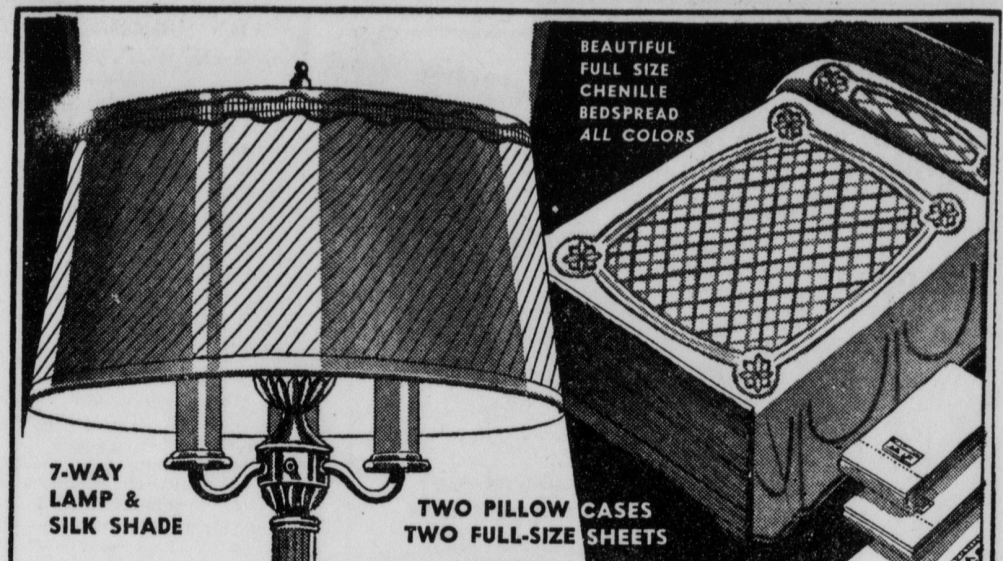
The following won prizes at the St. George Card Party, held in the Church Hall on Sunday evening: Cinch, Leroy Dietrick, Henry Kline and W. J. McConnell; Pinochle; Mrs. L. Gauntner, Mrs. William McLaughlin, Mrs. Harry Owens. Door Prize; Mrs. Michael Lacava.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sheehan announce the birth of a daughter on February 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gabrielson announce the birth of a son on February the thirteenth.

The Regular weekly Bingo parties sponsored by the Patton Fire Company and heretofore held on Wednesday nights, will in the future be held on Friday nights of each week. This procedure begins on Friday night of this week. Patrons and others will be guided accordingly.

Miss Mildred Burkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Burkey became the bride of Bernard Thomas, son of Mr. Charles Thomas of St. Boniface at a nuptial high mass in St. Mary's Catholic Church on Tuesday at 7:00. Rev. Father Bertrand McFayden, pastor officiated. The bridesmaid was Dorothy Burkey, sister of the bride and best man was Clarence Thomas, a cousin of the groom. The bride was attired in Teal Blue, with Japonica Rust accessories and the bridesmaid wore Japonica Rust with matching accessories. A huge wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom made an attractive center piece for the table at the wedding dinner given at the home of the bride's parents. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. John Kovach, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hambley and son James, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Thomas, Mrs. Matilda Burkey, Dennis Burkey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles



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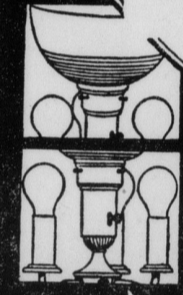
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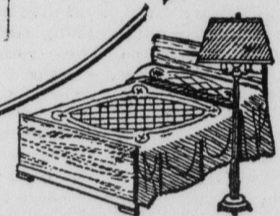
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BOARD'S ACTION, PRINCE GALLITZIN SCHOOL DIST. IS TERMED AS LAWFUL

Declaring the Prince Gallitzin School District is legally constituted and that the directors have acted and are acting within their legal rights, Attorney N. A. Malloy, counsel for the officers and members of the board, Saturday filed an answer in the office of Prothonotary John L. Hite to the equity suit through which opponents of the board sought to have its acts declared illegal.

Mr. Malloy contends that the district was legally formed as the result of an election held in November, 1937, at which time the voters of Allegheny, Munster and Clearfield townships and Chest Springs and Loretto Boroughs voted for the merger. Since the districts were created the boards of Allegheny and Munster townships have refused to attend the sessions of the Prince Gallitzin board, asserting through their counsel, Attorneys Frank J. Hartmann and Randolph Myers, that the new board was illegally created.

The board was created in accordance with the Act of Assembly of 1933, Mr. Malloy points out, which act, he declares, has been upheld as constitutional law by the Cambria County Court. He asserts that residents of Allegheny and Munster townships have no right to attack the board because, as they contend, they voted for the merger under the apprehension that the five school districts would have to be combined.

"Misapprehension," Attorney Malloy contends, constitutes "ignorance of the law," which he asserts is no defense.

The case will probably be further aired before the Cambria county court at a date to be fixed later.

JAMES BUDGET CUT FIVE MILLIONS

Harrisburg — Governor Arthur H. James informally handed a 370 million dollar budget to Pennsylvania legislative leaders last Thursday, who flatly advanced the proposition the state's financial crisis can be met only by sharp reductions in the cost of relief and subsidies.

The capital sparkled with official drama as the Governor returned from a brief vacation to meet with his cabinet and ranking legislators and advised them that he would attempt to run the government for the next two years on 370 millions, some 70 million dollars less than would be needed on the basis of current expenditures.

The Governor arrived at his budget figure by earmarking 100 million dol-

lars for direct relief and 39 million dollars for categorical assistance.

Mr. James plan is to provide sufficient funds to carry the staggering relief burden at least a year so that trends may be studied more accurately if more money must be raised through a special legislative session in 1940.

A member of the House Ways and Means Committee at the same time revealed estimates of state revenue from both normal and emergency taxation have fallen off 18 millions over that for the last biennium to \$369,739,502.

This nevertheless will give the new administration a balanced budget. The balance will have to be maintained, however, by additional income if relief costs are allowed to continue at the present rate.

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