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PATTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

James A. Turner, pastor. Church school at 10 a. m. and Preaching at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Mid-week Bible Class, Wednesday at 7:30. The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Eli Steir on Tuesday, the 14th, the following ladies being present: Mrs. Eli Steir, Mrs. Edward Jenkins, Mrs. Thomas Lowes, Mrs. William Lowes, Mrs. Richard Lilly, Mrs. Thelma Steir, Mrs. James Blake, Mrs. John Morgan, Miss Marjorie Steir, Mrs. Fannie McQuillan, Mrs. John Johnson, Mrs. J. A. Turner, Mrs. Ellery Lynn.

Attorney Reuel Somerville gave an excellent address on the life and character of Abraham Lincoln to the Epworth League, Sunday evening, the 12th. Forty-five young people attended.

plentiful and many people were engaged until late Saturday night that explanation might have been acceptable. But no one believes it today, with shorter hours and scarcely anybody working on Saturday evening. Moreover, you need the church worse than the church needs you. Go to church next Sunday."

The Ladies' Aid will conduct a Penny Cafeteria in the church dining room on February 28, beginning at 5 p. m. Come with a handful of pennies and get your evening meal.

Named Honor Students.

Raymond Lieb, of Nicktown, and Quentin Smith, Portage, freshmen at St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, were named on the honor roll for the first semester.

Sealed Bids.

The School Board will receive until March 14, 1939, sealed quotations to furnish school supplies for the term 1939-40. Requisitions may be secured from the Secretary or Supervising Principal. The board reserves the right to repeat any or all quotations. PATTON BOROUGHS SCHOOL DIST., Ellen C. Dietrick, Secretary.

SEVEN BILLIONS SET AS COST OF W. P. A. PROJECTS

Washington—Uncle Sam's WPA job stands out as one of the biggest undertakings the Government ever shouldered.

From its beginning in mid-1935 down to the first of January, 1939, the WPA has cost a grand total of \$6,854,545,463.

Of this, cities, counties, and states made a direct contribution of \$1,034,546,000. The balance was contributed from the Federal Treasury, and includes approximately \$184,750,000 spent on the National Youth Administration — which, while not technically a branch of the WPA, is supported from WPA funds.

Wages accounted for \$5,105,402,000. Administration expense came to \$231,343,000. The balance of \$1,517,800,453 went for materials and equipment, one billion of which came from localities.

So much for the cost. What did the country get out of it?

According to the best official estimate, approximately 6,780,000 persons held WPA jobs at one time or another. Nobody knows for sure, but WPA authorities estimate that perhaps 600,000 of these stayed on the job from the start; the rest came and went as private employment fluctuated.

The level of WPA employment has swung up and down. When the program began in August, 1935, there were 252,000 workers. By the end of November WPA had 2,445,954 people on its rolls. Low point came in September, 1937, with 1,151,112 workers on the rolls, and the high was reached in October, 1938, when—counting some 50,000 workers who were paid out of other Federal projects—it touched 3,337,578.

During its lifetime WPA has put through at least 250,000 projects. At any given time there are usually about 40,000 projects under way.

What do these projects include? Approximately, 14,600 public buildings have been erected. Among them are some 2400 schools, 570 gymnasiums, 1100 stadiums, 70 hospitals, 70 jails, from 800 to 900 courthouses, 140 firehouses, 110 airplane hangars, and 80 armories. In addition, improvements or repairs were made on 39,000 other public buildings, and 38,000 acres of ground around public buildings were landscaped.

The WPA men built some 32,000 bridges and 400,000 culverts, 10,000 miles of country roads and 7600 miles of city highways—not counting 1600 miles of roads in parks and cemeteries. They built 9160 miles of sidewalks and paths, 28,000 miles of roadside ditches and 1000 parks. They laid out 100 airports and made improvements on 160 old ones. They built 1600 athletic fields, 700 playgrounds, 400 swimming pools, 120 golf courses, 5000 tennis courts, upwards, of 800 horseshoe courts, 60 skating rinks and some two dozen ski jumps.

They put up 120 outdoor theatres and 80 band shells. They laid 4800 miles of water mains, aqueducts, distribution lines and the like and built 900 storage tanks, reservoirs and cisterns. They erected 400 sewage plants and 300 pumping stations and a million sanitary toilets. In a mosquito control campaign they dug 900 miles of ditches and drained 400,000 acres.

One hundred and forty docks and piers were built, and eight miles of breakwaters and jetties. Dams—other than power and storage dams—to the number of 30,000 were built as part of a flood control program. Ninety miles of irrigation canals were dug, and the improvements were made on 400 miles of existing canals.

They dug 320 tunnels of one sort or another, built 7000 miles of fencing and erected 96 fish hatcheries. They put up some 120 monuments and historic markers, planted upwards of 12,000,000 trees on 14,000 acres of land in various reforestation projects, made 1900 miles of firebreakers in the forests and laid out 2240 miles of forest and fire trails.

In addition to these new jobs, they made repairs and improvements on existing assets. While they were building those 2400 schools, for instance, they repaired 17,000 old schools. While they were laying out those 700 new playgrounds, they were improving 8000 old ones.

ORGANIZE TWO SCOUT TROOPS

Plans for the organization of two new Scout troops in the North Cambria District of the Admiral Robert E. Peary Council, Boy Scouts of America, were announced at a meeting of district leaders last Friday night in Fattou.

Charles M. Chilcote, chairman of Blandburg Troop 79, said that a new troop is being formed in the Mountandale section and William Blatt, chairman of the organization of the district, said the Scouters are organizing a new troop in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Spangler. Both new troops will be applying for charters within the next month, it was announced.

District Scouters also outlined tentative plans for a district court of honor to be held in Patton the latter part of March.

George Hoppel, district chairman, reported that Spangler Troop 73, and Patton Troop 81, both are being reorganized and are scheduled to register in the near future.

Scouters also discussed plans for a special training course to be conducted during March by Roger Cann, assistant executive of the Council. The course will be open to all Scoutmasters and troop committee members. The classes will be conducted on a Saturday afternoon during the latter part of next month, it was announced.

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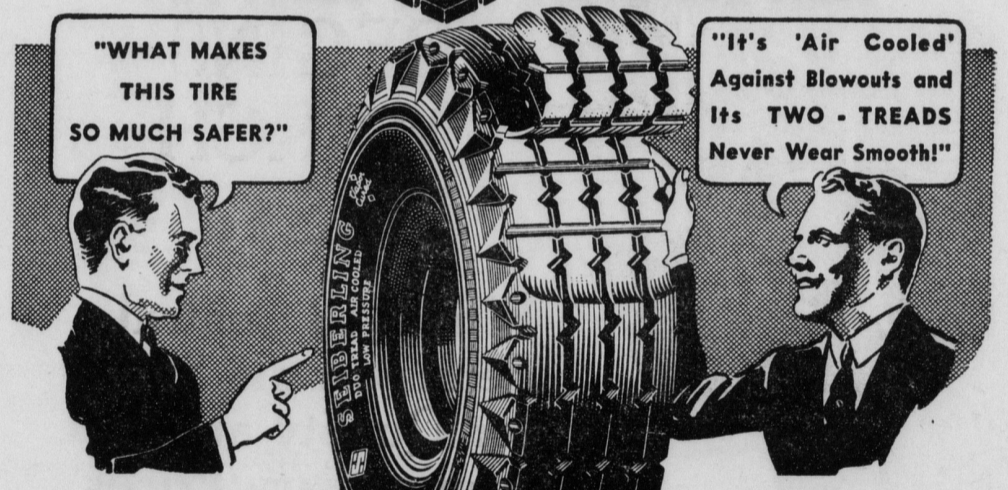
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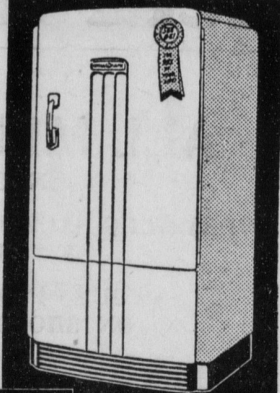
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