

D. R. LOVETT IS NAMED SCOUT LEADER FOR THE NORTH COUNTY DISTRICT

D. R. Lovett, Spangler, was elected chairman of the North Cambria District of the Admiral Robert E. Peary Council, Boy Scouts of America, at a meeting on Wednesday night of last week in the Patton fire hall.

Lovett was selected by district officials to succeed George C. Hoppel of Patton, who served during the last year. Dr. Harry B. Denny of Spangler, was elected vice chairman to succeed Fred B. Buck of Carrolltown.

The men were unanimously elected on the recommendation of the nominating committee which was composed of Fred Buck, William F. Blatt and R. W. Johns.

Francis X. Young, Patton, district commissioner, was in charge of the meeting. He led a discussion on the question of training courses. The district officials decided to ask council authorities to present elements 1 and elements 2 of the course given by Roger W. Cann, assistant executive.

William J. Blatt, district chairman of the organization, reported that six new troops have been organized in the north county district since the first of the year. He reported that other troops advancing in scouting are earning many merit badges.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a district dinner meeting to be staged next month in the Barnesboro American Legion home. The committee is composed of John Foreman, Bakerton; and R. W. Scollon, Barnesboro. The Barnesboro auxiliary will serve the dinner.

The group also discussed the sustaining membership campaign to be launched October 17th throughout Cambria and Somerset counties. The drive will officially open at a dinner meeting in Brandon Hotel, Spangler, October 17th.

EXTRA SESSION OF LEGISLATURE LIKELY NEXT JANUARY, OR IN JUNE

Harrisburg.—The Republican floor leader of the House revived special session talk the other day with a prediction the legislature would be called to meet either next January or June.

Representative Robert E. Woodside, (R-Dauphin) said a special session is still inevitable to provide additional funds for relief despite improved employment conditions and other favorable factors.

At the present rate of expenditures the \$121,000,000 appropriated for relief for the present two year period will be exhausted next spring.

Most legislative leaders contacted think that January is the earliest that a session should be called by Governor James, because of the November elections and the holidays.

A June call would come after heat of the primaries next year had cleared and before the fall campaign gets under way.

Terms of all 208 members of the House and half the 50 senators expire in 1940.

Governor James hopes to avert a special session and saw one "silver lining" in the recent supreme court decision upholding the franchise tax on out of state corporations. Pennsylvania's stake in that tax totals approximately \$35,000,000.

No governor since 1931 has been able to get through his four year term without a special session of the legislature.

OCTOBER MOTOR FATALITY RECORD WORST OF YEAR

Harrisburg.—The average motorist in Pennsylvania has less chance of reaching his destination this month than at any other time of the year.

Motor Police Commissioner Lynn G. Adams warned that the month of October has been the most dangerous in point of highway fatalities for the last two years and urged extraordinary caution on the part of all drivers.

"Start earlier for that football game. You will be more likely to get there," said Major Adams.

State police records showed that 298 persons died in highway crashes in October, 1937, and 22 in October, 1938.

Major Adams said the explanation of why October is most dangerous is not clear but that the condition is likely due to equinoctial rain, slippery leaves and fog more prevalent during the month than at other times during the year.

FOREST FIRES BURNED LARGE ACREAGE, 1938

Washington.—Forest fires in 1938 burned over 33,815,100 acres, an area as large as Arkansas, the forest service reported this week. The fires occurred at an average of one every two and a half minutes.

Based on returns from state forestry departments, national forest super-

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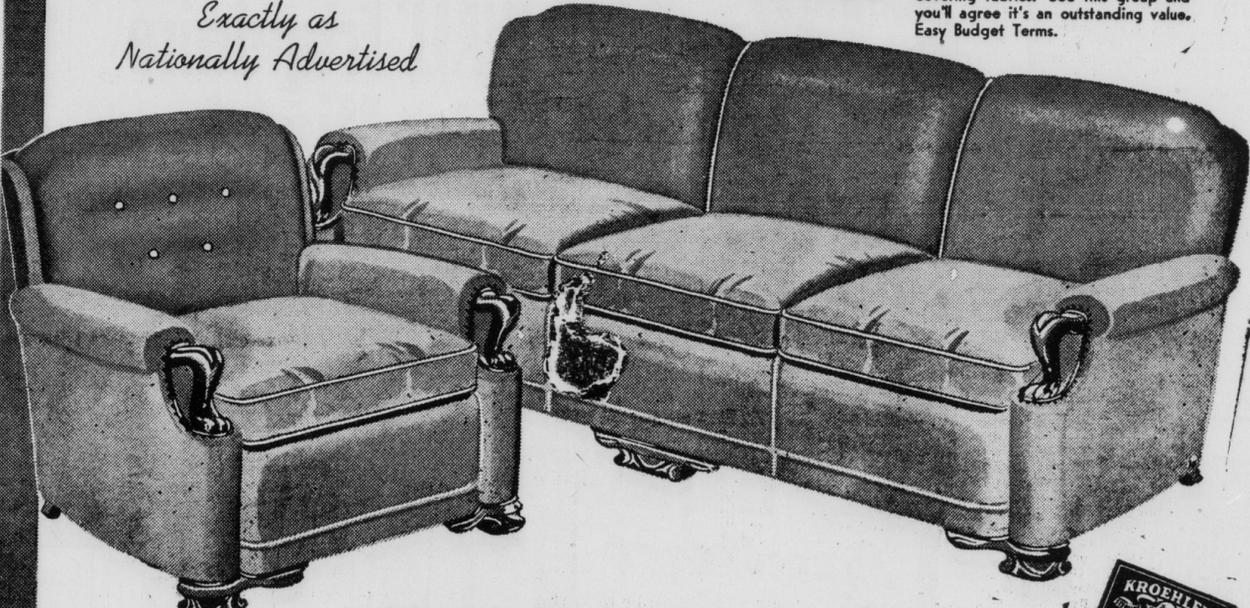
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visors and other federal agencies, the summary gives the number of fires for the calendar year 1938 as 232,229, or 47,020, above 1937 and 41,287 above the average for 1934-38.

The summary showed on the other hand, that the acreage burned over last year was 624,293 acres below the five year average, and that the estimated damage was \$1,561,400 below the average for the same period.

Prolonged spring and summer dry spells, which increased abnormally the hazard of fire from all causes, with severe and frequent lightning periods in the western mountain country, were cited by the Forest Service as the principal reasons for increase in the

number of fires. It was pointed out, however, that improved methods and facilities for detecting and reporting fires also made for a larger recorded number for the year as compared with previous years.

OUT OF THE STATE MOTORISTS ARE THE MOST CARELESS, A SURVEY OF DRIVERS SHOWS

Harrisburg.—Col. Lynn G. Adams, Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, the other day said a three weeks survey by police in plain clothes revealed that out of state motorists are the more frequent violators of Pennsylvania's speed and other motor

vehicle laws. Adams further stated that the three week study made during all hours of the night and day revealed that in addition to speeding a considerable amount of improper passing, driving to the center of the highway, failing to yield the right of way, improper turning, failure to observe "Stop" sign regulations and dimming of lights, have been recorded.

It is pointed out that observance of the law is absolutely necessary to safe travel. The ratio of accidents to violations indicates that in practically every case motor vehicle accidents have been the direct result of violations of the law on the part of one or more of the

participants. Colonel Adams further stated that he has ordered squadron commanders to bring immediate police concentration on the highways on which violations of the law were found to be frequent and the provisions of the vehicle code will be rigidly enforced to insure safe travel for all.

EXTEND TREATMENT FOR TUBERCULOSIS VICTIMS IN STATE

Harrisburg.—The state health department is planning to extend clinical

facilities for treatment of the entire sanatoria waiting list of 850 Pennsylvania tuberculosis sufferers, it is reported.

These expansion plans, quietly under way several months at the instance of Dr. John J. Shaw, state health secretary, were revealed this week when the state authority was confronted with the necessity of deciding whether the \$2,300,000 state tuberculosis sanatorium at Butler would be fitted from part of a \$7,000,000 equipment landscaping bond issue finally approved by the authority last week. It is now proposed to open the Butler sanatorium next year.