

PATTON BRIEFS

Corp. Ray Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker of Patton has been transferred from Fort Myers, Virginia to L. F. Troop, Third Cavalry, at Camp Gilethorpe, Ga. Corp. Howard Baker is stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Andrew Siki reports he caught the biggest trout in Patton on Wednesday of last week—a 17 inch rainbow beauty. Can anyone beat this?

A pig sty and a large pile of lumber were destroyed on the farm of Charles Strohmer, in Allegheny township, when a grass fire got out of control last Thursday. The farmer told Patton firemen who extinguished the blaze, that he was burning over a field.

All property taxes for the year of 1941 assessed in Patton and not paid at the Borough office before May 1, 1942, will be returned to the County Treasurer at Ebensburg and interest at the rate of one-half per cent will be added monthly.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Trexler of Chest Springs are the proud parents of two sons now serving in the armed forces of the United States. One of

the boys, Pvt. Warren P. Trexler, returned to Camp Meade only recently after spending a ten day furlough with his wife and parents. The other son, Pvt. Blair Trexler, is stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass. Both of the soldiers were home at the same time early in the winter to visit their mother when she was seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Westrick and children of Patton were Friday evening callers at the E. J. Niebauer home in Hastings.

On Thursday of last week, a fire drill sponsored by the local firemen, was conducted in the schools of the borough. The first ward high and public school buildings evacuated 575 students in 1 minute and 25 seconds. Two hundred and fifty scholars in the Parochial schools were evacuated in 1 minute and eight seconds; and at the second ward grade schools, the building was emptied of 110 pupils in one minute flat. All of which indicates efficiency. James Blake, the chief of the fire company wishes to congratulate Mr. Bosserman, and the teaching corps, and Father Bertrand and the Sisters, in the training instituted in the class rooms by which this record was established. In the event of an air raid, Patton pupils appear to be well instructed as to conducting themselves coolly and with order. The firemen are particularly pleased with the cooperation school faculties are giving, and have always given them in this safety measure.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Buck and son and daughter of Hastings spent Sunday at the John Buck home here.

Under the auspices of the John White Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Patton business men, the selectees who were inducted into the armed forces from this area, were given a testimonial dinner in the V. F. W. home last Thursday evening. James H. Collins, Commander of Menoher Post No. 155, V. F. W., Johnstown, gave an interesting talk on the American Way of Life, and M. I. Stutzman, Adjutant and Service Officer of the same Post, gave valuable information on Soldier's Disability Legislation. Snyder Yerger was the toastmaster. Music and entertainment was furnished by the Shatrosky Boys.

Miss Beatrice Cunningham, Media, Pa., visited her mother, Mrs. Frank Cunningham, over the week end.

Larry Smith of Cleveland, O., visited over the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Callahan.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cullen of Pittsburgh visited at the Russell Little home here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blatt left for Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, this week, where they will make their future

home. For the past month they have been entertained by dinners and parties by various organizations to which they belong.

Mrs. Amadous Quinn Weisner of Pittsburgh, 51, a former resident of Patton, died last Wednesday after an illness of two years. She was a sister of Mrs. Dennis Bender of Carrolltown.

Pfc. Eli Fenchak, son of Mrs. Justine Fenchak spent a ten-day furlough at his home recently. Fenchak left last July with a group of selectees and is serving as a radio operator in the 73rd School Squadron at Ellington Field, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Gill announce the birth of a son, April 19, named James Clarence. Pvt. Clair Gill is in the Air Corps, Mitchell Field, N. Y., and is spending a ten-day furlough at his home. Mrs. Gill was the former Miss Babe Cowher of Patton.

Seventeen seniors of Patton High School received "A" reports for this period of the school term. Eleven Juniors, four Sophomores and 12 of the Freshmen also received the high ratings. Seniors are: Bertha Karlheim, Iona Whiteford, Arthur Lanoy, Mac Shannon, Ronald Smale, Lois Turner, Helen Mikula, Edith McConnell, Janet Irtet, Agnes Buck, Dorothy Churella, Theresa Schenk, Helen Swope, Marjorie Buck, Mark K. Hopfel, Gene Christoff, Dorothy Morgan. Juniors: Mike Mirnso, Howard Struttmatter, Robert Williams, Dorothy Wery, Helen Overberger, Sheila Love, Augusta Legrand, Anna Marie Huber, Melvin Regy, Edward Cihan and Ed Nuss. Sophomores: James Fogel, Charles Winslow, Rene Beunier and John Cooper. Freshmen: Rose Bearner, Jean Ann Blatt, Shirley Douglass, Wm. Dixon, Agnes Hollen, Camilla Kuhnley, Robert Kimble, Grace Leary and Gloria Jean Marsh, Betty Lou Smith, Thelma Swanhart and Marion Weakland.

At the regular meeting of John White Post, V. F. W., Tuesday evening the following officers were installed: Snyder Yerger, commander, succeeding David Gwynn; Raymond Rice senior vice commander, succeeding Snyder Yerger; Homer Martz Jr., vice commander; James McGonegal, quartermaster; Rudy Hoover, chaplain.

Plans are being made by the Vets and the Legion for a fitting Memorial Day services for Patton.

Mrs. Maria Byrne, 79, mother of Mrs. Vincent Weakland and Mrs. G. L. Scanlan of Chest Springs and Mrs. C. J. Bearner of Hastings, died at her home in Cambria Twp. on Tuesday.

Bingo at St. George Church Hall by the Young Ladies of the B. M. V. Sodality, Sunday, April 26, at 8:00 p. m. sharp. Cash prizes each game and door prizes. Admission 25 cents.

All persons are notified that the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. will prosecute any person or persons depositing garbage and rubbish on their property near Lang and 4th Avenues, or elsewhere.

Last Friday's Johnstown Democrat contained a news story announcing that William A. (Sully) Sullivan, former Johnstown Catholic High and St. Francis College Athletic star, and more recently manager of the Johnstown branch of the E. F. Goodrich Tire Co., had reported for duty at Norfolk, Va., with a commission as a Specialist in the United States Naval Reserve. Mr. Sullivan is a native of Patton, and is a son of Mrs. Harry Owens of Mellon avenue. He is well known to sport followers all over this section of the state, and has served as a sports official.

The Charles Strohmer family desires in this manner to express its sincere appreciation to the Patton Fire Company for the service so expeditiously rendered them last week when a fire threatened their buildings. The family states that had it not been for the prompt action of the volunteers, their loss likely would have proven heavy.

GARDEN STUDY CLUB
The regular meeting of the Patton Garden Study Club will be held Tuesday, April 28, at 8:00 p. m. in the Patton Drug Building.

Beside flower arrangements by the club members, a poem by Mrs. Barth Young, talks on lawns by Mesdames Westrick, Shannon and Weakland. Mrs. R. E. Good will give a talk on "Gardens in Bible Times."

Miss Yerger will speak on the mowing of the lawn.

VICTORY GARDENS
All efforts are being made to assure the success of the Victory Garden program throughout every community in Pennsylvania.

Can anyone be a Victory Gardener? Yes, not only by planting a bigger garden but by planting a better garden. Instructions and technical advice in pamphlet form may be had from the chairman of the local Victory Garden Committee, Mrs. J. L. Snyder.

To our many citizens who must stay at home and who feel they have little to contribute toward winning the war, a garden is suggested—one which would furnish food for the family and a surplus for canning. This is a definite way to help. PLAN YOURS NOW!

Lawrence Boys Killed.

Two sons of David L. Lawrence, Democratic National Committeeman, and former secretary of Commonwealth, were killed and five other Pittsburgh boys injured in an auto-accident in Allegheny county. The Lawrence boys were Brennan, 16, and David, Jr., 13. The boys were taking a ride in the country, when the car overturned.

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BRANCH WORKING TO GET TEACHER SALARY BOOSTS

County P. S. E. A. Association is Conducting Campaign to Contact Every Board

Officials of the Cambria County Branch of the P. S. E. A. are engaged actively in contacting the school boards throughout the county in an effort to secure salary increases for underpaid teachers, it was disclosed by Joseph C. Sandy, Lilly, president of the branch, in an address at the annual banquet of Cambria County District 2 of the P. S. E. A. Thursday night in the Old Ebensburg Inn, Ebensburg.

Sandy informed more than one hundred teachers at the affair that the organization had been instrumental in securing increases for teachers in more than a score of districts in the county and officers now are negotiating with many other boards.

The officer also revealed that Dr. Arthur M. Stull, Cambria County Superintendent of schools, is assisting the organization in its drive to secure salary adjustments. Dr. Stull and P. S. E. A. officers have arranged to meet any board at the latter's request.

"Most boards in Cambria County are sympathetic to the teacher and seem willing to meet requests but are unable to do so immediately because of lack of finances," he declared.

The speaker also announced that the P. S. E. A. has mapped out legislation for the benefit of teachers to be introduced during the January session of the State Legislature.

In brief remarks, Dr. Stull informed the teachers that his office will not assist them in securing pay for the period the schools were closed down last September during the infantile paralysis epidemic. He stressed that the teachers should be satisfied with the compromise made by the State Department of Public Instruction in reducing the school term from the regular 180 days to 170 days.

He admitted that the number of days lost by teachers throughout the county varied from 14 to 25, but said that through the compromise they will be paid for ten days that they will not work. However, he left the situation entirely in the hands of the teachers in their respective districts and emphasized that his office would make no effort to influence the action of the teachers in demanding pay for the days lost, but declared that the office would not take a stand in the interest of the teachers.

Rev. John Hubert Stanton, pastor of Westmont Presbyterian Church, presented an enlightening talk on current conditions and said that the feeling of sincere love for our fellowmen must be revived if this country is to survive after the war.

Brief remarks also were given by Miss Clara Shryock, assistant county superintendent of schools, and F. Lee Myers, Twin Rocks, president of the district, who served as master of ceremonies. Reports of the state P. S. E. A. convention held last December in Harrisburg were submitted by Webster Mann, Blacklick township, the district's delegate.

SPANGLER POLICE TO APPLY ENFORCEMENT ON SPEEDING AND DOG LAWS IN BOROUGHS

Fast drivers and dog owners were warned in a double-barrelled order issued last Friday afternoon by Michael E. Whalen, Spangler Borough Chief of Police.

Whalen announced that borough speed laws will be strictly enforced starting Monday, and followed that statement with another—that the borough dog law will be enforced. Speed limit is 25 miles per hour in the central part of the borough, with 35 miles per hour permitted in the north and south districts. Whalen pointed out that a number of accidents have occurred in Spangler due to fast driving and said he believes strict enforcement will have a definite effect in lowering the accident rate.

All dogs found running loose in the borough will be killed, Chief Whalen said. He pointed out that a number of stray dogs have been running loose in the borough recently damaging the gardens and valuable shrubbery.

ASK THREE QUESTIONS AND STOP RUMORS

Washington. — Next time some stranger offers to tell you "what really happened" at Pearl Harbor or elsewhere, just ask him:

- 1—Who he is: demand his credentials.
- 2—Where he got his facts. Make him produce them.
- 3—Why he is telling his tale to you.

These rules for handling rumor-mongers, recently enunciated by Lieut. Cmdr. Thomas J. Keane, U. S. N., usually work, a naval intelligence officer says.

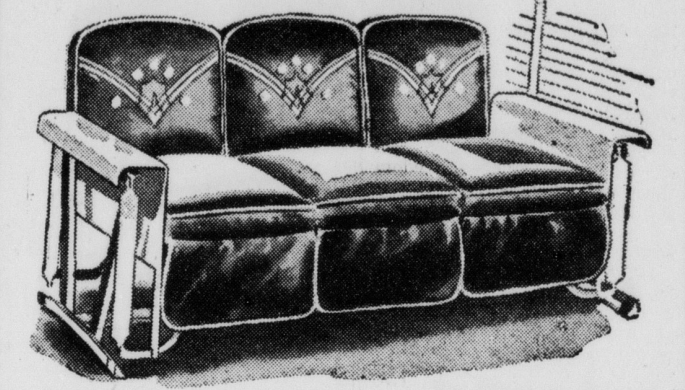
If the man "bending your ear" is a fifth columnist, the first question may shut him up. If he's an innocent dupe of a Fifth Columnist, the second probably will stymie him, for the rumor mongers seldom can trace the origin of their rumors. The third, if pressed, is a sure tongue-tier.

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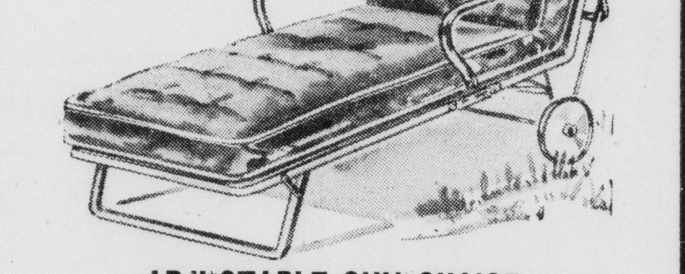


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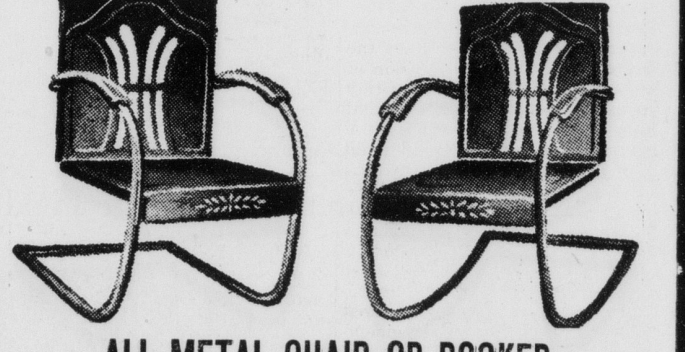
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