

PATTON BRIEFS

Misses Iva, Betty and Sonja Swisher and Philip Gers of Lewistown spent Sunday at the Norman Swisher home.

Miss Lillian Marvin of Altoona was a week end visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marvin of Herriman Ave.

The P. O. of A. will hold a cinch party next Monday night, Oct. 26, in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Admission is 25c. Lunch will be served and prizes given.

Mrs. Gust DeGand and daughters of Tampa, Fla., are spending several days with the former's mother, Mrs. Thomas Powel.

Lady's Purse—Found a month ago on the highway. Andy Simon, Patton R. D. 1.

Although only 18 years of age, Gludio D. Schelfe, of Marsteller is enlisted as an Army Aviation cadet.

Misses Edith and Dorothy Morgan who are employed at the Cresson Sanatorium, were visitors Tuesday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan.

Louis Pontrella is home for a few days on a furlough. He is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Recent callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder Yerger were Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKillop of Hastings.

Mrs. Snyder Yerger has been confined to her home for the past week with a painful leg wound.

Word has been received here that Lester Fisher has arrived safely at a foreign destination.

Miss Marie Marvin has gone to the city of Akron, where she has secured employment.

Sgt. Robert Grs of Drane Field, Fla., has returned to his post after a several days' furlough. He was accompanied by his wife, Louise Gers, who had spent some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Swisher of Patton.

Mrs. William Lann and son Billie of Hastings have returned home after a two week visit with Mrs. Lann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Berish of Mellon Ave. announce the birth of a son in Spangler Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dreher of Pittsburgh spent Sunday with Mrs. Dreher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cochran of Lang Ave.

Pfc. Charles McCoy, son of Mrs. Mary McCoy of Chest Springs, has arrived safely at an overseas destination, according to word received by his mother.

V. J. Eckenrode of Eckenrode Mills who has been seriously ill for several weeks, was taken to the St. Francis hospital in Pittsburgh last week.

Pfc. John Kelly of Governors Island, N. Y., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Flo Kelly of Chest Springs.

Pvt. "Chick" Farabaugh of Camp Lee, Va., spent the week end at his home here.

Corp. Robert Schenk, stationed in Georgia, spent a furlough here with his father, Hugh Schenk.

Bob Forsythe is in New York City on a business trip.

Pfc. Lawrence Nealon, stationed at Carlisle, Pa., spent the week end with his parents at Chest Springs.

Kenneth Rhody has returned home after spending a few days in New York City.

Pvt. Ralph Cordell, an M.P. with the Army Air Force at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., is spending a 10-day furlough here with his parents.

Pvt. John T. Santucci, stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga., has returned after spending a 10-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Santucci.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Strittmatter of Detroit announce the birth of a son. Mrs. Strittmatter was formerly Miss Edith Thomas of Patton R. D.

Fred Rosian Jr., of the U. S. Marines, stationed at Parris Island, S. C., is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rosian.

A card party, sponsored by the Sodality of the St. Augustine Catholic Church, will be held in the Parish Hall at St. Augustine next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Cinch and pinocle will be played. Prizes and lunch.

Mrs. Irene Hunt of Roaring Spring is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Stauffer.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will hold a 10c Bingo party in Community Hall on Monday, October 26, at 8:15 p. m.

Election of officers will feature an October meeting of the Garden Study Club of Patton Tuesday evening of next week at 8 p. m. in Patton Drug Co. Bldg., followed by a "Jamboree" in charge of Mrs. Frank Schwab and Mrs. Richard Shannon.

Miss Marie Mangold, of Crabtree, Pa., was the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mangold, here, last week.

George Robert Senita, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Senita, of 519 South Third Street, has been placed on the honor roll of Franklin and Marshall College for his scholastic record of last year, according to a recent announcement by Dean Richard Bomberger.

Pfc. Benjamin F. Hugill, of Bainbridge, Ga., is spending a ten day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Violet Hugill, of Fifth Avenue. Mrs. Hugill was the former Miss Violet Terrazza.

Mrs. Domenic Iannelli has left for Detroit, to visit her son, John, who is seriously ill in St. Joseph Hospital in that city. He had been employed in Detroit for the past two months.

Ruel Burkhardt left Tuesday for Akron, Ohio, where he will be commissioned an Inspector of Emergency Materials for the U. S. Navy Department at the Goodyear Aircraft Plant.

Pvt. Delmont Pardee, of Fort Ord, California, spent a furlough here last week with relatives and friends.

Misses Agnes Tinnick and Mary Karanik of Elkton, Md., spent a few days at their homes here recently.

Patton's young men in the armed forces are doing their part well. The number of commissioned officers in both branches of the service from the local community hits an average far above most towns of like size. And they gain promotions, too. Recently, Ensign Richard Buck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Buck, of Mellon avenue, now on sea duty, was promoted to Naval Lieutenant, Junior Grade. Word has just been received, also, that Second Lieutenant, Air Forces, Emery A. Dietrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Dietrick, also of Mellon avenue, stationed at Greiner Field, Manchester, Vermont, has been promoted to First Lieutenant.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beckwith spent the week end in Patton.

Luther Gallagher, 88 year old Patton resident, was admitted to the Miners' hospital on Monday evening, suffering from a possible fracture of the left leg. Hospital attaches said they were informed the aged man was injured in a fall at his home. His condition is listed as fairly good.

Residents of Patton are encouraged to send in local news items for this column.

PATTON HONOR STUDENTS

Students of Patton High School who have "A" reports for the first six week period of the school term include:

Seniors: Verna Sheehan, Robert Williams, Leona Kartheim, Helen Overberger, Augusta LeGrand, and Melvin Freely.

Juniors: Charles Winslow, Julia Busha, Mary Ryan, and Eugene Boyle.

Sophomores: Rose Bearer, Robert Kimble, Camilla Kuhnley, Grace Leary, Alphonse Noel, and Florence Warner.

Freshmen: Helen Dubyak, James Duzansky, Gertrude Lechene, Theresa Maykovich, Grace Flatic, Peggy Pettorini, and Cecelia Skrodinsky.

LADIES' AIR-RAID WARDEN ASSOCIATION FORMED HERE

A Ladies' Air-Raid Warden Association has been formed here to take care of daylight air-raid drills. Mrs. L. C. Smale has been made the chief warden.

Patton has been laid out in six sectors, and the wardens for the different sectors include: Mrs. John J. Haluska, Mrs. Ralph Litzinger, Mrs. Wm. Saly, Mrs. Seymour Ratowsky, Mrs. Louis Iannelli and Mrs. Lacey.

The next meeting of the organization which is working under the direction of Chief Air-Raid Warden Geo. A. Lehman, will be held Monday, the 2nd of November, at 7 p. m. in the Patton Defense Council Rooms in the Good Bldg.

—Although Colorado is a leading mining state its greatest revenues are derived from agriculture and travel.

Navy Building Shows Big Rise

House Committee Reports Increase of 360 Per Cent in Year.

WASHINGTON.—Naval ship construction has increased 360 per cent over a year ago and an air arm has been developed "which will provide the strongest offensive force in naval history," according to a report of the house naval committee.

In a progress summation of the navy's construction program, the committee said that American industry was sending vessels down the ways sooner than expected and that its ingenuity was turning out "improved models of all types" of planes.

The report declared that the Midway Island and Coral Sea engagements "demonstrated that aviation constitutes the determining factor in such conflicts."

It also said that the navy, "with full realization of the efficiency of multi-engine land planes for patrols in certain areas," was using them for anti-submarine warfare "with outstanding success," and added that the first of those squadrons "accounted for not less than five Axis submarines."

The report said that 3,230 naval ships, in the classifications of combatant and auxiliary ships and patrol and mine craft, were building as of June 30, 1942, as compared with 697 a year ago. In a breakdown of the scheduled program for ship completion during the fiscal year of 1941, the committee said that 60 combatant vessels were actually completed as compared with 48 expected.

Ten auxiliaries were completed as compared with nine predicted, and 143 patrol craft as compared with 133. Only construction of mine and district craft fell short of the goal, with 280 completed as compared with a schedule of 394.

So sharp has been the speed-up in ship construction, that the time for completing a battleship had been cut from the pre-emergency average of 42 months to 36 months; aircraft carriers from 45 months to 17.3 months; heavy cruisers from 36.4 to 22.7; light cruisers, 38.8 to 22.3; destroyers, 27.2 to 11.6, and submarines, 21.2 to 11.5.

The report presented also a table giving the number of aircraft of all types added to the service in five years. In 1938 there were 729; in 1939, 270; 1940, 328; 1941, 2,067, and in 1942, 4,895.

Curb 'Excessive Profits.'

The committee also reported that 95 per cent of war contractors were not profiting unduly, but recommended congressional action to stop the other 5 per cent from "enriching themselves at public expense."

On a year-long study of 39,405 naval contracts, with a total value of \$4,599,087,085, the committee reported that the profits averaged 8.1 per cent of cost.

But, while describing that percentage as "reasonable" in view of "the large scale naval procurement program," simultaneously the committee informed the house that profits on individual contracts ranged as high as 1,768 per cent.

"The committee is of the opinion that 95 per cent of war contractors are doing an honest and effective job and receiving only fair and reasonable profits," it summarized. "The other 5 per cent of war contractors appear to be taking advantage of the war situation and to be receiving excessive profits."

New Army-Navy Flag for War Production Records

WASHINGTON.—A joint army-navy flag, it was announced, hereafter will be awarded to war factories with outstanding production records.

In the past, the armed services have recognized such plants separately.

The joint award will be a swallow-tailed flag with a white capital "E" in a yellow wreath of oak and laurel leaves on a vertically divided blue and red background. "Army" will be on the red background and "Navy" on the blue.

Japs Believed Desperate For Food and Materials

CHUNGKING.—A military spokesman said that the Japanese are carrying on a "desperate campaign" to obtain foodstuffs and the materials of war. They are hastening the harvesting of wheat in the north and in every village of Occupied China have begun a campaign to collect scrap iron. In this connection, the spokesman said, they have salvaged some 40 ships sunk by the British at Hong Kong and are repairing them.

Boy's Note to F.D.R. Wins Brother Furlough

MONTROSE, COLO.—Pvt. John J. Pritchett visited his ailing mother on a 15-day furlough because his 11-year-old brother penciled a note to President Roosevelt that "she wants to see him."

"My mother is sick," wrote Donald Gene Pritchett, "and would like very much to see my brother before he is sent overseas. She doesn't say much, but I know she wants to see him."

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Young Men From All Walks Of Life Learn New Jobs.

SHEPPARD FIELD, TEXAS.—The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker—they're all in the air forces now—as airplane mechanics and machinists, radio operators and repairmen, parachute riggers, weather observers and forecasters, administrative and supply clerks, aerial photographers and armorers—and in scores of other "specialist" jobs.

This mass-transformation of hundreds of thousands of salesmen, college students, retail clerks and office workers into skilled technicians is one of the miracles now being performed by Uncle Sam's air wing.

Here at Sheppard Field, in addition to the air forces technical schools for training airplane mechanics, there is also located one of the several of the air forces replacement training centers from which numerous raw recruits are sent to this and to other technical schools throughout the country.

The task of choosing exactly the right place in the complex structure of the air forces for every one of the legions of raw recruits passing through Sheppard Field, falls to the classification division headed by Maj. Harold C. Poyer.

The process of classification and selection begins with the "general classification test" (commonly referred to as the "G.C.T.") which is a standard army mental alertness test given to every recruit within a day or two of induction. Because the aim of this type of test is to determine mental capacity rather than the amount of formal education, questions that make up the test are such as depend as little as possible on schooling and as much as possible on clear thinking.

FUTURE FARMERS INITIATE HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN

Fifteen freshmen agricultural students of Patton High were made somewhat acquainted with the F.F.A. when they were given the Green Hand Degree by the members of the Chest Chapter of the Future Farmers of America last Thursday night in the high school.

Receiving the degrees were: Pat Adams, Russell Adams, Francis Bloom, James Carl, Donald Cossitor, Bernard Cretin, Richard Drass, Chas. Jolly, Ralph Kartheim, Robert Krise, Wilfred Lechene, Jules Legros, Ralph Rodgers, Aubert Riley and Pat Sheehan.

Plans for the year's program were discussed and will be put into final form at the next monthly meeting. Pres. Howard Strittmatter appointed Robert Williams as chapter secretary to fill the vacancy left by Ed Nuss, who recently left Patton to make his residence in New York.


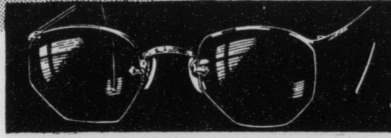
MINER FATALLY HURT AT REVLOC OPERATION

Trapped under a fall of rock in the Monroe Coal Co. mine at Revloc, Elmer Cunliffe, 33-year-old Cherry Tree miner, was injured fatally on Tuesday morning. The man's death occurred shortly after noon in the Memorial hospital at Johnstown. He was born at Ramey, Clearfield county, and is survived by his parents, his widow, a brother and four sisters.

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