

PATTON NEWS BRIEFS

Pvt. and Mrs. Robert Miller announce the birth of a daughter, Bobby Jean, at the Spangler hospital on Friday, November 3rd. Mrs. Miller was the former Miss Bethel Mertens. Pvt. Miller is, at the present time, recuperating in an English hospital, from wounds received in action in France.

Miss Evelyn Arnold of Tarboro, N. C., student at Duquesne University, was a week end guest at the Gardner home on Magee avenue.

Pfc. Robert Leary, first class airplane mechanic at Barkdale Field, Louisiana, is spending a twenty day furlough at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leary of Mellon avenue. He entered service on April 12, 1943, had training at Greenboro, N. C., Goldsboro, S. C., and went to the airplane mechanic's school at Henry Ford Willow Run School at Ypsilanti, Mich. From there he was sent to Gulfport Field, Miss. Up to the present time he is the smallest man in the army, measuring 4 feet, 10 in. and weighing 145 lbs. His mother, Mrs. Emma Leary, formerly of Patton, now residing in New York City, is visiting among relatives here this week.

Miss Louise Biller, who is employed at Elkton, Md., visited over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Biller.

Pvt. Robert Callahan, of Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, California, is spending a twenty-five day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Callahan. Norbert Callahan of Cleveland, Ohio, spent the week end at his home.

Banns of matrimony were announced in St. Mary's Church on Sunday between Miss Coletta Cooper of McKeesport, daughter of Mrs. Lucy Cooper of Patton and Robert Swope of Patton.

Miss Edna Kline who is employed at Plainfield, N. J., is spending her vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Kline of 613 Magee avenue.

Pvt. Robert Yeckley of Washington D. C., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Yeckley Sunday. Another son, Francis Yeckley of Cleveland, O., visited them last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dietrick moved last week to Cleveland, O., where they will reside.

Guests that spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Seymour were Mr. and Mrs. John Squires of Detroit, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Ben Christoff and children, Bob and Richard Squires of Cleveland, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Maher of Johnstown.

The promotion of Sgt. James J. Laurito, son of Mr. and Mrs. August

Laurito, of this place, now serving with a Sixth Airforce Signal Aircraft Warning Regiment in Panama, to the grade of staff sergeant is announced at Air Force Headquarters. Sgt. Laurito, 27, entered the army in March of 1942 and was assigned to the Sixth Air Force in December 1942. He is in the medical section of his regiment and has two brothers in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Dietrick received word recently that their son, Lt. Gerald Dietrick has arrived safely somewhere in the South Pacific.

Cpl. Louise Biller and Mrs. Bertha Rosencrance of Fort Meade, Md., recently visited with their mother, Mrs. Anna Biller of Mellon avenue.

Pvt. Earl J. Long, son of Mrs. Geo. W. Long, has won the right to wear Wings and Boots of the United States Army Paratroops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing. He is located at the Parachute school at Fort Benning, Ga.

Pvt. Earl J. Long, Co. H, 541st Parachute Infantry, of Fort Benning, Ga., is spending a fifteen day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Long.

A bingo party is held every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the St. Augustine Church hall, for the benefit of the boys from that section in the service. Admission is 50 cents and the general public is cordially invited to attend.

Pvt. Gerald Gooderham, of Camp Sibert, Okla., is spending a sixteen day furlough with his wife and family.

Week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Regis Hitch were Eleanor Steffey of Pittsburgh and Paul Sautana of Aliquippa.

Petty Officer 1-c Joe Paddock returned to his station in Philadelphia Sunday after spending a week end pass here with his mother.

Mrs. Ella Marie Gill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Gill, successfully passed the State Board Examination as a registered nurse at the Pittsburgh hospital, Pittsburgh.

Patton Sailors from Sampson, N. Y., who returned this Wednesday after a ten day leave with their parents, are Eddie Fisher 2-c Seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Beunier, of Magee avenue; Edward McDermitt, 2-c Seaman; and Bernard Small, 2-c Seaman.

Pfc. William Whiteford of San Marcos, Texas, arrived here Tuesday and will spend a twenty day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Whiteford of Mellon avenue.

A birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brown Terra Cotta Ave., in honor of their daughter, Norma Lou's eleventh birthday anniversary, Sunday, Nov. 5th, from 3 to 6 P. M. Bingo and games were played and lunch served. Many lovely gifts were received. Guests

were: Stella Yahner, Mary Harvey Sunseri, Diana Milause, Rose Lapenna, Janet Stevens, Barbara Rhody, Donna and Mary Jenkins, Eleanor Murphy, Geraldine Lauver, Linda Blankenhorn, Betty Ann Shuss, Elizabeth Haluska, Jane Petruynak, Marshall Swab, Anna Marie Yencho, Gladys Haluska, Helen Delozier, Jean Ann Bender, Jane Semelsberger, Denise Fox, Peggy McKee, Silva Luzier, Janice Delphire, Virginia and Norma Brown.

Church services Sunday evening, November 12th. English services at 7:30 at the Hebron Lutheran Church, C. E. Holmer, pastor.

Pvt. Charles L. Hockenberry, of Texarkana, Texas, is spending a 21-day furlough with his wife and ten months' old daughter, on McIntyre Avenue. Mrs. Hockenberry is the former Mary Lapenna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Lapenna.

Bernard C. Smale, Seaman Second Class, of the U. S. Naval Training Center, Sampson, N. Y., and his brother, Ronald A. Smale, Aviation Radio Technician 2-c, of Quonset Point, R. I., spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smale of West Magee Avenue.

Trinity Methodist Church. Sunday, Nov. 12-9:45 a. m. "The Church at Study." Topic: "International Friendship Through the Churches."

10:30 A. M. "The Church at Worship." This is World Order Sunday. 6:30 P. M.—Youth Fellowship. 7:30 P. M.—Evening service.

Wednesday, Nov. 15—Junior League at 3:30 P. M. Mid-week service at 7:30 P. M. Choir rehearsal at 8:30 P. M.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Church is holding its annual convention at Williamsport on the 15th and 16th of November.

RECENT DEATHS

Francis J. Coons. Francis J. Coons, 89, formerly of near Loretto died on Tuesday of last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Marian Walker, Altoona, R. D. He was born Aug. 9, 1855, a son of Joseph and Harriet (Watts) Coons and was a retired carpenter and farmer. His wife died some years ago. Funeral services and burial were at Loretto.

Sylvester Frank Ritter. Sylvester Frank Ritter, 56, a prominent merchant in Hastings for the past 25 years, died last Thursday in the Clearfield hospital after a long illness.

A former mail carrier, Mr. Ritter started a grocery business in the community 25 years ago. He was a member of the Methodist church and of the Masonic Lodge.

Born Sept. 21, 1888, in Olanta, in Clearfield county, the deceased was a son of Sylvester G. and Valeria (Walker) Ritter. His father resides in Hastings and his mother died Sept. 19, 1941. The Hastings man's wife, the former Vella Catherine Hurd, expired May 1, 1927.

In addition to his father he leaves two sons, Jack, Wilmington, Delaware, and Vernon, radio technician third class, serving with the Navy in Honolulu. He was a brother of Mrs. Jennie Ritter at home, and Mrs. Melvin Routh, Hastings.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at the Routh home in Hastings, by the Rev. H. B. Reilly, pastor of the Methodist church, and interment was in Union cemetery.

Mrs. Rosemary Roberts. Mrs. Rosemary (Gallo) Roberts, 54, died last Thursday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Domonick Giacomini of Barnesboro. She was born in 1890 in Italy, a daughter of Rosemary and Joseph Gallo. Her husband died fifteen years ago. The deceased had resided in Barnesboro for the past 35 years. Surviving are the following children: Frank, of New Brunswick, N. J.; Domonick, Altoona; Mrs. Nevello, Detroit, Michigan; and Mrs. Helen Giacomini, Barnesboro. There are 23 grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Monday morning in the Mt. Carmel Catholic church, and interment was in the church cemetery.

John Ahlstrom. John Ahlstrom, aged 79 years, of St. Benedict, died last Thursday afternoon at three o'clock in his home after an extended illness. A native of Sweden, he was born Jan. 23, 1865. His wife died 23 years ago. Surviving are these children: Theresa, at home; Mrs. Frank Anderson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Edmund, St. Benedict; Anthony, Akron, Ohio; Verne, St. Benedict; Mrs. G. W. Anderson, of Cresson; and Adelle, Pittsburgh. There are 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon and interment was made in Fairview cemetery at Patton.

Anthony Hare. Anthony Hare, aged 86 years, was found dead in bed last Thursday morning in the Commercial Hotel in Barnesboro, where he resided. Coroner Patrick McDermott listed his demise as due to a heart attack. The deceased was unmarried and there are no known relatives in this section.

Mrs. Dorothy (Nicholson) Bauder. Mrs. Dorothy (Nicholson) Bauder, 33, former dietician in Spangler hospital, for two years, died early on Thursday morning of last week at her home on Aliquippa, R. D. A native of Barnesboro, she was born Mar. 13, 1911, a daughter of J. George and Susan (Richards) Nicholson, and was a graduate of the Barnesboro High School and Dexel Institute. In addition to serving as dietician in

Spangler hospital, she also served for a time in a similar capacity in the Watson Home for Crippled Children at Leetsdale.

Surviving are her husband, John C. Bauder, her parents, and two sisters and two brothers—Mrs. Edward McTague, Cresson; Walter, Barnesboro; Cpl. Jack, Camp Rucker, Ala., and Nancy, Ambridge. The remains were removed to Barnesboro, where funeral services and burial took place.

COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

Items of General Interest from Area in Condensed Form.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnston of Dean, have been notified that their son, Pfc. Regis, 19, was wounded on Sept. 24th on Peleliu Island in the Pacific. Inducted into the army on August 24, 1943, he trained in Oregon and California before going overseas in July. Two brothers are in the armed forces—Tech. Sgt. Joseph who now is in Germany, and Sgt. Clarence serving in France.

—Pfc. Lloyd Ebbs of Hastings has been decorated with the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds received Sept. 19th while he was landing in Holland. The soldier, son of Mrs. Hannah Ebbs, of Hastings, is recuperating in a hospital in England and expects to be ready for duty soon. He is attached to the glider infantry.

—Pfc. George C. Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Bush of Frugality, was seriously wounded in the fighting in France on Oct. 15, according to word received from the War Department. He has two brothers in the service—Cpl. Philip, in Italy, and Reuben, Jr., on duty with the Navy.

—Selective service headquarters at Harrisburg reports that calls for military inductions in Pennsylvania still are largely being filled with men under 26 years of age. "We are trying as far as possible to fill all calls with men under 26," said a spokesman, "but if we don't have enough we go into the 26-29 and 30-37 age groups for some."

—Boosting his total to 15 enemy planes, on Thursday last, Maj. John L. (Moon) Elder, of Ebensburg, in one of the greatest air shows of the war, blasted one Nazi plane from the skies, and destroyed five aground. Action was over Germany and the flier's achievements brought him to the front in international news for the third time since ending a furlough in the States last June.

—Discharged veterans who wish to return to military service may now do so under a new procedure. Heretofore men honorably discharged from service have been classified automatically as 1-C—not available for induction. Under the new procedure the draft boards are authorized to classify as 1-A any honorably discharged men who wish to volunteer.

—Pvt. John Skorupa, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Skorupa of Gallitzin, has been reported missing in action in France. He was inducted on April 21, 1941, and went overseas in June, 1943. He had been wounded in Italy in November, 1943. A brother, Pvt. Joseph, also is on duty with the army.

—Raymond A. Lenz, 48, prominent Gallitzin citizen, and active Legionnaire, died Sunday night at his home of a heart attack. He had been at St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Sunday afternoon to visit a son, seminarian at that institution. He was married to the former Aimee Gillen of Gallitzin, who survives with five sons—Cpl. Frank, serving with the army in Iceland; and Paul of St. Vincent's, Richard, Jack, Glenn and Ray, all at home.

JOE LOUIS IS LONG TIME CHAMP. Joe Louis now has the distinction of being the world heavyweight champion longer than any other man. Louis won the title over Jim Braddock on June 22, 1937 and he has seven years and close to five months as title holder. Jack Dempsey won the crown from Jess Willard July 4, 1919 and lost it to Gene Tunney September 23, 1926, and had the previous all time record of 7 years 2 months and 19 days.

That Louis still would be holding the title had the war not checked his ring career is taken for granted, although some think that Billy Conn might have beaten him in a return match. No one else seems to be able to compare with Louis, so there is no reason to say the champion has held the title only by inactivity provided by his service in the army.

Jack Dempsey defended his title six times during his time as champion while Louis has fought twenty-one times. Joe Louis has done much to help the boxing profession. He met all recognized comers although some gave him very little in the way of opposition. He is champion for the duration of the war and time will tell how much longer. Sgt. Joe Louis is now back in the United States after an exhibition tour in England. Louis met Billy Conn in England aboard a bomber. When Louis took a playful poke at Conn, the contender replied: "Don't do that, I'm your meal ticket!"

On the return of Louis he disclosed that he took a couple of punches at the Germans as well as at the chins of his sparring partners. He weighed 215 pounds and was thirty years old last May.

On his 14-months boxing tour, including 8 months of camp visiting in the U. S., Louis appeared before two million fighting men. Louis says "to get the war over first" before he expects to defend his title, but he adds that "next week would be soon enough" providing the war is over.

Louis also added that he met two American soldiers in Italy who offered a definite threat to his title after the war. The American sports public definitely will be hearing about them as soon as the war is over.

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