

**PATTON NEWS ITEMS**

Miss Ella Marie Gill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Gill of Mellon Ave., has enlisted in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps and has received her commission as a Second Lieutenant. She will report to Camp Lee, Va., on April 16. Lt. Gill was graduated from the Pittsburgh Hospital Nurses' Training School, which is under the supervision of the Sisters of Charity, in September, 1944. She is the fifth member of the Gill family to enter service. First Lieutenant Clair Gill, who was a pilot of a B-17, was shot down on December 16, 1944 and is now a prisoner of the Germans. S-Sgt. Patrick Gill, who has completed his required number of missions over enemy territory as an aerial gunner of a B-17, is now stationed at Utah, Oklahoma. T-Cpl. Craver Gill is with the Ordinance in Paris, France. Pvt. Herman

Gill of the U. S. Army Air Corps is stationed at Smyrna, Tennessee. Cpl. George Colberg, who was wounded in action in Burma last September, has received a medical discharge from the Army. Cpl. Colberg was in service for two years, during which time he saw action in China, Burma, and India.

A farewell party was held last Thursday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Gray of Patton R. D., in honor of their son, Cletus Gray, Jr., who enlisted in the U. S. Navy and left on Friday, Friday, April 6, for boot training.

Music and dancing featured the evening's entertainment, which was followed by a delightful luncheon. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Celestine Holtz, and daughters, Josephine and Matilda; Mrs. Charles Schank and daughters, Dolores and Rose Marie; Betty and Patty Gray; Mildred and Leo Yeckley; Ed Gray, Lorraine and Leroy Yeckley, Alvin, Eugene, Joyce and Catherine Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dietrick have

received word that their son, Pfc. James Dietrick, has arrived in France. Mrs. Harold Somner of Chest Springs, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, was admitted to the Altoona Hospital as a surgical patient last Tuesday. Her condition at present is slightly improved.

Mark Brown, Jr., has been promoted from Seaman 1-c to Yeoman 3-c. The sailor enlisted in the Navy February 2, 1944 and trained at Great Lakes, Ill. He was assigned to a Troop transport and took part in the invasion of Leyete, Mariannas, Philippine Islands, and other Pacific engagements. Yeoman Brown is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brown of Terra Cotta Ave.

Mrs. Dorothy White and son, Donnie of Bradford, Pa., spent a week with Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shunkwiler.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dietrick of Washington, D. C. visited over the week end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dietrick of Brewer Ave.

Pvt. James George, who spent the past three months in an England hospital after being wounded in Germany in December, is now spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul George of Lang Avenue. Pvt. George was shot in the left leg by a sniper, while serving as a machine gunner of an infantry division of General Patton's Third Army. He has already had three operations and will undergo the fourth operation at the Wilson Hospital, where he will report at the completion of his furlough. Pvt. George is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Humphrey.

S-2c Joseph Lannon, who has served fifteen months with the U. S. Navy, received a medical discharge on April 3. He had been a patient at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, for the past four months. Pfc. Herman Caretti of the Military Police Force at Fort Story, Virginia spent a nine-day furlough with his wife, who lives on Fourth Avenue.

Mrs. David Pallas, the former Bertha Mae Thomas, Cadet Nurse, has received word that her husband, Pfc. David M. Pallas, has arrived safely in France.

Cpl. Hester Thomas and Sgt. Weatherbolt of the WAC recruiting office staff, Johnstown visited at the Vincent Thomas home here during the past week. Week end guests at the Thomas home were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Panczak and family.

Mrs. Daniel Thomas and daughter, Shirley, were week end visitors in Altoona.

A birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lawson of South Fifth Avenue Wednesday evening, April 4 in honor of their son, Cpl. James, 23rd birthday anniversary. Games were the evenings entertainment followed by a lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Fisher presented Cpl. Lawson with a huge birthday cake.

Those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swab, Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Wib Morgan, Mrs. Rebecca Young, Misses Ellen Dietrick, Dorothy Bailey, Louise Young, Viv-

ian Kirk, Renelda Mitchell, Catherine Young and Betty Bailey, and Dwayne McConnell, Milton Platko, Pvt. James C. George, Bobby and Cecelia Lawson. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Strittmatter of Detroit, Mich., visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Strittmatter, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Derr G. Winslow of Clearfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rodkey and A. C. Winslow. Derr was formerly employed by the Courier, but now is with the Progress at Clearfield.

Miss Dolores Strohmer, who is employed in the Agricultural Department, Washington, D. C., is spending a two weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strohmer of Loretto, R. D.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Patton Fire Company will sponsor a card party in the Firemen's Hall Tuesday evening, April 17. Lunch and prizes. Admission 25c.

Major and Mrs. Albert A. Maykovich of New York City were recent guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maykovich of Fifth Avenue. Major Maykovich recently was graduated from the Army Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maykovich, Mrs. Francis Brooks of Johnstown, spent the week end with her parents.

Pvt. Ronald Skurka is now serving with the 17th Airborne Division in France according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Skurka.

Mrs. Eddie Donahue underwent a major operation at the Spangler Hospital Tuesday morning.

Don't forget the bingo party at St. Boniface every Sunday afternoon at 2:15. Silver dollars will be awarded. Everybody welcome — bring your friends with you.

A party was held by a group of young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noonan last Thursday evening. A spaghetti supper was served followed by an enjoyable evening of dancing and games. The following attended: Jeannie Zern, Ralph Wilkinson, Dolores Mangold, Bob Zada, Rose Bearer, Alphonse Noel, Dottie Derringer, Eddie Smith, Gloria Marsh, Louis Price, Sally Luther, Milton Williams, Nellie Lou Bender, Buddy Buck, Phyllis Grief, Bob Sloy, Nancy Luther, Jean Buck, and Jake Leaper.

Cpl. Frank Brown, son of Mrs. Harriet Brown, who has been a patient for three months in a hospital in New Guinea, returned to the States on April 3rd, and is now in a base hospital in San Francisco, California. It is believed he is suffering of a tropical disease. Cpl. Brown will be moved to a hospital nearer home as soon as he is able to be transported.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Biller and daughters of West Homestead, Pa., returned to their home Saturday after spending a week with the former's mother, Mrs. Anna Biller of Mellon Avenue.

Cpl. William Huber of the Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas, is spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Huber.

S-2c and Mrs. Francis Huber of Prudence Island, R. I., visited with relatives in town last week-end.

Tec. Grade 4 John Roman of Patton, recently was awarded the bronze star of heroic achievement with the First United States Infantry Division in Germany. He is the son of Mr. Michael Roman of Patton. The citation reads as follows: "When shortage of mortar ammunition hindered his company's defense against enemy counterattacks, Sergeant Roman, a cook, voluntarily served as ammunition handler and kept the weapons supplied with necessary quantities of shells. Sergeant Roman's outstanding courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the service."

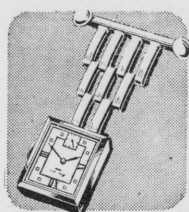
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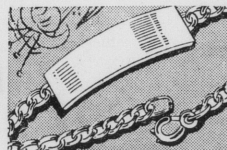
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**Patton Presbyterian Church**  
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Annual Congregational meeting.  
Wednesday, 6:30 p. m.—Choir practice.  
Friday, 8 p. m.—Ladies Aid meeting at the home of Mrs. R. E. Good.  
Sunday, April 16, 10 a. m.—Sunday School.  
11 a. m.—Morning worship.  
Rev. H. A. Bailey, guest preacher.

**Trinity Methodist Church**  
Sunday, April 15, 9:45 a. m.—"The Church at Study," topic, "Adventuring With God."  
10:30 a. m.—"The Church at Worship," sermon, "Believing."  
6:30—Youth Fellowship. Leader of worship—Harry Winslow; leader of discussion—Milton Williams.  
7:30 p. m.—Evening service, "The Word Which Causes Wars."

Tuesday, April 17—The Adult Bible Class will meet in a supper meeting in the church at 5:30 p. m. Bring a tureen.

Don't Forget the Clothing Drive!

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