

McDERMOTT NAMES FOUR DEPUTIES FOR NEW SHERIFF TERM

McHugh, McKinley, McCloskey and Myers Chosen; Willis May Be Coronor

Faber McCloskey, Gallitzin, Francis Flynn, Myers, Ebersburg; Miss G. McKinley, Lorain Boro, and John B. McHugh, Twin Rocks, are the new deputy sheriffs under the Sheriff-elect, Pat McDermott of Hastings, who is to be sworn into office next Monday.

Mr. McDermott made the announcement last Thursday afternoon. Salaries of the new deputies under the McDermott administration will be fixed soon by the salary board.

At the same time County Republican Chairman Jerry Sheehan of Patton announced that the name of Paul J. Willis, Loreto, has been submitted to Gov. Edward Martin as the unexpired term of McDermott, who has been coronor for some years. If Willis is selected, his term will be for two years.

Mr. McCloskey has been active in Democratic politics for many years and also has been a leading member of the U. M. W. A., having been connected with the organization since 1908. He was president of Gallitzin Local 1056 for 14 years and served as district vice president of District 2. He served overseas during World War I and is a past commander of Memorial Post 174, American Legion, Gallitzin.

Mr. McKinley is burgess of Lorain. His term will expire Jan. 7. He is also a justice of the peace and was engaged in the insurance business for many years.

Mr. McHugh is chairman of the past war serving in the Pacific area. He is at present a deputy under Sheriff Pat Farrell, assuming duties in Jan., 1942, and getting military leave June 8, 1942. He was reinstated as deputy after 40 months' service with the infantry and air corps.

Miss Myers has been in the office ever since Sheriff Carl Steuer's administration in 1926. Three other prominent Democrats who submitted their applications for deputy appointments withdrew in favor of the successful appointees. They were Joseph Fenech, Cambria City, sponsored by the Polish Federation; Joseph Govekar, serving as deputy coronor under McDermott, who has been active in the P. A. C., and John Castle, president of the Portage Local, U. M. W. A.

McDermott's resignation as the coronor becomes effective next Monday, Jan. 7, and the appointment of his successor is expected to follow within the next two weeks.

Mr. Willis is 37 and has been associated with the Department of Highways for some time, and also was a foreman for the Civilian Works Administration. He served in the armed forces from 1943 until 1944, when he was given a medical discharge. The Loreto man is now serving his second term as the commander of Loreto Post 748, American Legion.

GASOLINE TAXES OVER ESTIMATE

Two-Cent Emergency Tax on Cigarettes Also Brings In Over Seven Million

Gasoline and cigarette tax revenue in Pennsylvania ran \$2,500,000 ahead of estimates in the first six months of the present biennium according to reports from the state budget office.

Gasoline taxes for the period reached \$20,400,000 against the estimated total of \$19,200,000. During the period ending Nov. 30 the two-cent emergency tax on each pack of 20 cigarettes brought in \$7,800,000 against a predicted level of \$6,500,000.

Budget officials say, however, that the state will not know until next spring what effect the end of the war has had on the corporate net income and capital stock tax, biggest single revenue producers in the state.

Estimates for the current biennium from these two taxes were \$175,355,000, a decrease of nearly \$38,000,000 from actual returns in the 1943-45 biennium. Whether estimates will have to be revised downward or upward is a question that can't be answered, they added, until March and April, when the levies fall due.

Officials say the state finances are in a "healthy" condition with practically all of the \$110,000,000 treasury surplus still intact except for approximately \$49,000,000 used to retire General State Authority bonds.

All of the surplus was appropriated by the 1945 session of the Pennsylvania Legislature for debt retirement or the post-war improvement program, but the budget officials said little, if any, of the money had been spent outside of the bond purchases.

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NO CERTAIN CAUSE IS DISCOVERED FOR GALLITZIN ILLNESS

Agent Henry Gooderham Gives Report on Death Following Gallitzin Church Feed

There have been no conclusive findings as the result of a state investigation into the death of Mrs. Esther E. Bender of Gallitzin, who died Dec. 10 after reportedly suffering from an attack of food poisoning.

Mrs. Bender's death, which came two days after she had eaten a turkey dinner at the Methodist Church, Gallitzin, was attributed by the coroner's office to food poisoning and a heart condition. A number of other persons also were ill following the dinner, but none seriously.

Agent Henry M. Gooderham, a former Patton R. D. resident, in a report of his investigation to the State Bureau of Foods and Chemistry, states:

"If any person were to ask me what was the cause of a great part of this illness, I would say it is somewhat of a puzzle. But later, if it is shown that this wave of influenza has a forerunner of the cramps and diarrhea, I would be strongly inclined to believe it was the cause."

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"Neither the daughter-in-law nor the children suffered any ill effects or had any illness resulting from the dinner," he continued.

The agent also told of other instances of finding persons who had been stricken with cramps and diarrhea, followed by vomiting and the flu. He reported a case in which a couple and their son ate the same kind of platters at the dinner and that after they had returned home, the parents drank some refreshments but their son did not. During the night the parents were ill, but the boy was not.

FATHER IS OFFERING FIVE FOR ADOPTION

Makes Plea for Good Homes for Motherless Children; Is Unable to Provide

If you want to adopt a child, here is an opportunity! Five young Portage children are being offered for adoption by their father, Walter Miller, who currently is charged with aggravated assault and battery and is being lodged in the Cambria County Jail.

Mr. Miller said he was willing to arrange for the adoption of his five children by any family or families who will provide them with a good home. He further said he did not mind what religious following the children would be subjected to if they are adopted.

Miller, who suffered a back injury in the mines in November, said he is unable to take proper care of the children. The mother of the children left eight years ago and since that time they have been cared for by Miller and housekeepers. They are now staying at the homes of several relatives.

The five children are as follows: Gladys, 16; Joseph, 15; James, 12; and Paul and Agnes, 11-year-old twins.

Miller is charged with attacking and injuring his housekeeper, Mrs. Mabel Latato, 43, in their home on Christmas Day. He claims that Mrs. Latato left the children alone on Christmas night, and a result they had nothing to eat.

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VETERANS ELIGIBLE FOR TESTIMONIALS

Certificate from President Will Be Issued Upon Individual Application of Vet

Those now being discharged from the armed forces are eligible to receive a testimonial of appreciation from President Truman. The testimonial bears the Presidential seal and reads as follows:

"To you who have answered the call of your country and served in the Armed Forces to bring about the total defeat of the enemy, I, the President, extend my sincere thanks of a grateful Nation. As one of the Nation's finest, you undertook the most severe tasks one can be called upon to perform. Because you demonstrated the fortitude, resourcefulness, and calm judgment necessary to carry out that task, we now look to you for leadership and example in further exalting our country in peace."

Those who already have been discharged may receive their testimonials by presenting, either in person or by mail, their certification of service, discharge or other evidence of honorable service at all Army, Navy or Marine Corps installations and at Coast Guard separation centers and headquarters of districts.

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ROAD DEATH TOLL HIGHER THAN MINE FATALITIES RECORD

Records for County Given by Coroner's Office; Total 103 Less Than 1944

Unexpected deaths in Cambria County during 1945 totaled 498, or 103 less than during 1944. For the first time in three years the highway death toll was greater than the mine total. During the past year 21 persons lost their lives in motor accidents, while 20 were killed in county mines.

During 1945 Coroner Patrick McDermott's office investigated a total of 601 cases. The toll of natural deaths was 368, mostly due to heart attacks or apoplexy.

During the year before, 1944, 27 persons were killed on the roads and 29 lost their lives in the coal pits.

Eight workmen were killed in Johnstown steel plants, 18 lost their lives in mines, seven of these being in homes.

Mine operators and workers in the coal pits were lauded by McDermott for the safety measures exercised, as officials pointed out that mine fatality rates dropped last year even though the near-peak production was maintained.

Only three persons drowned in Cambria County during 1945 as compared to five during the preceding year. One person was killed in hunting and a boy was shot fatally by companion who was examining a loaded pistol.

As in 1944 four homicides were recorded. One of the homicides was the slaying of a three-year-old girl by a nine-year-old boy, Ten Combrans were burned to death, including four in the recent fire at Ehrenfeld.

FULTON I. CONNOR NAMED DETECTIVE

Replaces McGowan As Lateral Takes Over County Jail Warden's Position

Fulton I. Connor, Johnstown, assumed the duties of assistant chief county detective Jan. 1 according to announcement by District Attorney Stephens Myers.

The detective succeeds John P. McGowan of Portage, who resigned at the beginning of the year to become the new warden of the Cambria County Jail. McGowan recently was elected to that position upon resignation of veteran warden Ed H. Kneeb.

Other members of the detective staff are John Carroll, Johnstown, and Roy Feeley, Nanty-Glo.

"Pat" Connor is an active member of Johnstown Legion Post 294, and was a founder of Johnstown Sons of the Legion. He helped organize the band of the latter organization.

Mr. Connor is also a former city councilman in Johnstown, and during the early years of the war was engaged in war work with the U. S. Army Engineers on the island of St. Lucia and on Trinidad in the British West Indies.

Anderson is a veteran of World War II, having served with the Office of Strategic Services. He enlisted on March 3, 1942, and was discharged in 1945.

Mr. Anderson is married and resides in Portage. He was graduated from the Portage High School in 1937. A brother of the new deputy warden, Pvt. Harry Anderson, is with the State Police at the Greensburg Barracks.

DONNA M. LEHMAN LOSES HER LIFE IN COASTING FATALITY

Twelve-Year-Old Daughter of Postmaster and Wife Dies of Fractured Neck

Donna Marie Lehman, 12, of this place was killed last Thursday afternoon while coasting near Sixth Ave. in Patton. She was the daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. George A. Lehman.

There were no witnesses to the accident and authorities were forced to piece together details. It is believed the child lost control of the sled while riding down the steep grade in the alley. She crashed into a telephone pole and was found unconscious a short time later.

Coroner McDermott said the girl died at 12:30 p. m. of a fractured neck. It was the first coasting fatality in the county this winter.

Elmer Stiffley of Alquippa, who was walking past the alley, noticed the Lehman child lying beside her wrecked sled and called to a boy who was playing nearby. The boy identified the girl and then dashed to the Lehman home and informed her parents.

Postmaster and Mrs. Lehman both rushed to the scene and were present when the child died. The little girl lived only about five or 10 minutes after her sled hit the pole.

Dr. George Dvorchak, recently discharged from the Army Medical Corps, was called, but the child was already dead when he arrived. Dr. Dvorchak is visiting relatives in Patton at the time.

Donna Lehman, a seventh-grade student in St. Mary's Parochial School, was born in Patton Apr. 4, 1933, a daughter of George A. and Laura (Ager) Lehman. Her father has been the county treasurer in Patton for a number of years and her mother is a registered nurse.

VETS ADVISED TO KEEP INSURANCE

If you have been discharged from the service or are going to be discharged from the service, the Veterans Administration advises you to hold on to your National Service Life Insurance.

That's the word relayed by R. H. Krissinger, officer in charge of the Johnstown V. A. headquarters, Old Post Office Building. Krissinger declared that many veterans who came into the V. A. office, indicate intentions of letting their service-connected insurance to lapse, but change their minds after its advantages are explained.

"The insurance and profit life insurance available is National Service Life Insurance, and service people stepping back into civilian life ought to hang on to it," Mr. Krissinger said.

He pointed out that in July Congress extended the five year level premium term policies of service men and women for three more years. Thus a person in the service since 1940 can keep this term insurance in effect until 1945, if he chooses, without converting it.

Policies can be kept in effect by paying to the Veterans Administration the same premiums as were deducted from their service pay before discharge. Those who have already allowed their service-connected life insurance to lapse may reinstate it any time within six months without taking a physical exam, merely by paying up their back premiums. After six months, a new physical may be required.

SAILORS SOLDIERS DISCHARGES LISTED

1st Lt. Charles A. Gasser, Carrolltown. T-4 Mike A. Soltis, Emeigh. T-5 Aldo Cangoli, Colver. T-Sgt. James Stevens, Carrolltown. Pfc. Thomas Sherwood, Bakerton. T-Sgt. Walter E. Strasser, Hastings.

S-Sgt. George Staruch, Colver. T-4 Roger K. Murphy, Colver. Pfc. Michael Buidyos, Barnesboro. Sgt. Michael Zabala, Barnesboro. T-Sgt. Edward J. Butler, Dewart. T-Sgt. Edgar J. Scott, Barnesboro. R. D. 1. T-5 Joseph Kachmer, Spangler. T-5 Walter F. Dumm, Nicktown. T-4 Carl A. Anderson, Belsano. T-4 William Zeighardt, Dewart. Pvt. Tony E. Presto, Mentle. T-4 Lewis E. Mannion, Colver. T-5 George E. Mansfield, Dewart. Pfc. Jay C. Williams, Patton. T-5 Joseph Piva, Coupon.

R. D. 1. T-5 Edward B. Simmons, Patton. T-5 Joseph Zabinski, Flinton. T-5 Thomas P. Trexler, Patton. Sgt. Fred W. Moore, Patton. Sgt. Robert C. James, Barnesboro. T-5 Frank Skibo Jr., Colver. Pfc. Forrest Wolf, Alverda. Pfc. Thomas B. Greene, Barnesboro. R. D. 1. Pfc. Sherry Shuttles, Hastings. T-Sgt. Andrew Fisanick, Barnesboro. S-Sgt. George G. Konitsky, Bakerton. Sgt. Joseph W. Gill, Barnesboro. T-5 Ben F. Wilshire, Barnesboro. T-5 Walter E. Gerrick, Marsteller. T-4 Frank E. Magulick, Barnesboro. Pfc. Russell D. Capute, Patton. T-4 Arthur J. Pomy, St. Benedict. Sgt. John Wloskiy, Spangler. M-Sgt. George E. Senko, Colver. Cpl. Harry P. Bradley, Hastings. 1st Lt. Robert J. Lovell, Colver. T-4 Robert J. Pomy, St. Benedict. T-5 Donald E. Platt, Patton. T-5 Louis Slovickoy, Flinton. T-5 Stephen Pagano, Hastings. Sgt. Nicholas Kokus, Colver. S-Sgt. Vincent Balon, Patton. T-4 Patrick J. Kelly, Hastings. T-Sgt. Anthony Palka, Bakerton. T-4 Lawrence T. Hammond, Spangler. Pfc. Henry G. Bills, Hastings. Pfc. George Tabacher, Barnesboro. R. D. 1. Pvt. Walter Mcguire, Barnesboro. Pfc. Patrick Elliott, Spangler. T-5 Eugene Drass, Hastings. R. D. 1. T-Sgt. Paul V. Hromulak, Barnesboro. T-5 Joseph A. Cavallo, Hastings. Pfc. John Baron, Patton. Pfc. Wally V. Wargo, Spangler. Cpl. Joseph J. McCombie, Spangler. Sgt. Blair L. Tresser, Ambsry. Pvt. Joseph Pavia, Patton. Pfc. Andrew J. Gregg, Flinton. R. D. 1. S-Sgt. Robert J. Albright, Patton. Pvt. Blair J. Shuttly, Hastings. Pfc. John J. Kolas, Hastings. Pfc. Albert M. Maniccia, Colver. Pfc. John Overchek, Patton. Pfc. Norbert McNulty, Carrolltown. Pfc. Robert Kutruff, Flinton. Pfc. Anthony J. Salpino, Coupon. T-5 Victor Hauret, Patton. Pfc. Charles L. Kirsch, Spangler. R. D. 1. Cpl. Howard Wightman, Elmora. S-Sgt. James C. Gregg, Ebensburg. R. D. 1. S-Sgt. Florie Gaston, Alverda.

SAILORS George H. McLaughlin, petty officer 3rd class, Patton. Theophilus W. Rice, seaman 2nd class, Alverda. Joseph Smith, soundman 2nd class, Colver. Leroy D. Burke, pharmacist's mate 1st class, Barnesboro. Louis P. Chosenak, radioman 3rd class, Barnesboro. R. D. 1. Meade F. Woodside, seaman 1st class, Barnesboro. R. D. 1. John Poracky, electrician's mate 2nd class, Ebensburg. R. D. 2. Edward Baran, coxswain, Patton. William Yankavich, aviation mechanic's mate 2nd class, Carrolltown. R. D. 1.

The Japs, it now appears, have a cruiser equivalent of our Frank Sinatra. But is there any call for being Americanized that fast?

EBENSBURG WAR I VET NAMED GIBB'S HELPER

Cambria County Commissioners have formally appointed J. Harold Gibb as County Service Officers and the salary board has fixed the salary of the new job at \$225 per month.

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CHARTER IS ASKED BY COUNTY LEGION IN LAND PURCHASE

Application Probably Will Be Acted On Monday; Plan to Buy Fairground

The Cambria County Legion Re-creational Association Monday filed an application for a charter in the office of Prothonotary John L. Hite as a preliminary step to purchasing the Ebensburg Fairground.

The application for the association, which will be presented to the board of representatives of service organizations of Cambria County.

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Grace Martucci, Hastings, Weds Bakerton Veteran at Ceremonies Thursday

Miss Grace Martucci, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Martucci of Hastings, became the bride of Sylvester Sponski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sponski of Bakerton, at a very pretty ceremony performed in St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Hastings, at 9 a. m. last Thursday.

The marriage service was read and the nuptial high mass sung by Rev. Father Aurelius Labuda, assistant rector, with Rev. Father Raymond Balke, O. S. B., playing and singing the nuptial mass.

HOSPITAL ESCAPEE DIES WHILE FLEEING

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon for John Charniskey, 75, hospital patient at the Cambria County home who dropped dead Tuesday morning in trying to escape from that institution. Burial was in the county plot.

The deputy coroner Govekar attributed death to heart attack aggravated by exposure.

The deputy was informed that Charniskey had climbed from his bed and ran outside where he resisted efforts of an institution employee to stop him and fled across a field. He was found dead about 400 yards from the building.

4,466,000 MEN RELEASED FROM ARMY SINCE MAY

Washington, D. C.—The War Department has announced that a total of 4,466,000 Army personnel had been returned to "civvies" during the period from May 12, 1945, through Christmas, 1945. Of this number, 3,874,000 were released from Sept. 2 through Dec. 21. Since V-E Day, 18,493 doctors, 4,385 dentists and 27,628 nurses have been given discharges.

JAMES E. GRIFFITH IS REPORTED DEAD

The War Department has announced that definite proof has been obtained that Sgt. James E. Griffith, 19, son of County Treasurer and Mrs. Roy B. Griffith, was killed during a flight over Japan on Mar. 27 of this year.

Sgt. Griffith previously had been reported missing. He was a gunner on a Super-Fortress, 2nd Lt. Fisk Hanley of Ft. Worth, Tex., and 2nd Lt. Albert H. Andrews of Altadena, Cal., were the only survivors of a crew of 10 serving on the plane. The confirmed death of Sgt. Griffith.

BETTER THAN MONUMENT More striking than any monument which might be erected to Franklin D. Roosevelt is the organized fight against infertile paralysis which he inaugurated and personally symbolized in his lifetime.

Your contributions to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis through the March of Dimes, Jan. 14 to 31, can help to build a living memorial to our late great war president.

—Read the Classified Ads!

PATTON PROTESTANTS TO UNITE JAN. 7 TO 12 FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

The Protestant churches of Patton will unite in observing the "Week of Prayer" with special services from Jan. 7 to 13—next Monday to the following Sunday. The schedule of church services will be as follows: Monday, Jan. 7: Baptist Church with Rev. Ralph Krouse preaching. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 8 and 9: Presbyterian Church with Rev. Thomas McQuillen preaching. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 10 and 11: Methodist Church, with Rev. Elmer Stiffley preaching. Sunday, Jan. 13: Baptist Church with Rev. Ralph Krouse preaching.

All the above services will begin at 7:30 p. m. Special music is scheduled.

MISS RITA HOLTZ WEDS WILLIAM F. BENDER AT LOCAL CHURCH SERVICE

Miss Rita Holtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Holtz of Patton R. D., became the bride of William F. Bender, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bender, also of Patton R. D., at a double ring ceremony performed on Wednesday morning of last week in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Patton, by the Rev. Father Rupert Stadtmiller, O. S. B., pastor.

Miss Hilda Holtz served as her sister's maid of honor and Paul Strittmatter was Mr. Bender's best man. The children's choir of the church sang for the nuptial high mass. Mrs. M. J. Shannon, church organist, presided at the console. Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, after which the newlyweds left on a wedding trip. Mr. Bender was discharged from the Army after serving three years in the Pacific. He was graduated from Patton High School and is presently employed by the Westrick Motor Co., in Carrolltown.

RESIGNS STATE JOB S. Arthur Probert of Barnesboro has resigned his position as senior claim adjuster at a salary of \$2,023 per year, according to announcements by the Department of Labor and Industry of Pennsylvania.

STATE POLICE SAY JAN. 31 IS DEADLINE Jan. 31, deadline date for car owners and drivers. January is an important month for both car owners and drivers. The current official auto inspection period ends Jan. 31, 1946; thereafter follows the 3-month enforcement period. Your 1945 operators license expires Jan. 31, 1946. If you have changed your address during the past year, be sure the Department has been notified, otherwise you will experience a delay in receiving your 1946 operators license application. The change of address forms may be obtained at State Police Stations. Avoid unnecessary delays and inconvenience... have your car inspected and send for your 1946 operators license.