

Dam at Nicktown to Be Improved by Co. Sportsmen

Options Are Obtained by Spangler Body

Representatives of 27 clubs of the Cambria Co. Sportsmen's Association last Wednesday evening voted to set aside \$1,200 for the purchase of approximately 12 acres of land surrounding and including Duman's Dam, near Nicktown.

The body, meeting at the Ebensburg Courthouse, learned from the Spangler club's representative of the dam, and already has secured options on the land which the county body hopes to acquire. The association will make a survey of the site for the improvement of the dam, and already has secured promises from the Pennsylvania Fish Commission that it will cooperate in making the dam one of the best fishing dams in this area.

County sportsmen seemed generally to favor increases in cost of hunting and fishing licenses in the state, although no action was taken along this line. The contention was the more money was needed to expand stocking programs.

Game Protectors N. M. Raha and Jack DeLong announced that 77 wild turkeys have been liberated in the county this year, following which the group adopted a resolution asking the Game Commission there are 2,500 clubs in the wild fowl for stocking in the county. Mr. Raha also announced that 400 ringnecks will be stocked in another resolution, sportsmen voted to incorporate the organization under the name of the Cambria County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. A petition is to be presented to the Co. courts to grant incorporation papers.

Charles Allen, president, announced that he soon will appoint committees to complete arrangements for the Annual Sportsmen's Picnic to be held at the Ebensburg Fairgrounds this summer.

Fish Warden Carl Wertz disclosed that a large fish-stocking program is now going on in Cambria Co.

'Bunk' Boslett Elected President of Barbers' Union

Reorganization Meeting Is Held Monday Night

Eugene (Bunk) Boslett of Carrolltown was named president of the Northern Cambria Barbers' Assn., Local 404 (I.O.O.F.), at a regular meeting of the organization held Monday evening in the American Legion rooms at Spangler.

Mr. Boslett succeeds L. M. Walsh of Spangler, who served in the capacity of president for the past 10 years.

Other officers elected were as follows: Samuel Amendola, Barnesboro, vice president; A. J. Dominic, Spangler, secretary-treasurer; Mike Nagels, Barnesboro, recording secretary; and Albert Bonigiovanni, Barnesboro, guide.

Installation of officers will be held Monday evening, Apr. 21, at the Legion Home, Spangler.

All barber shops of Northern Cambria Co. close at 6 p. m. each evening. Shops at Spangler, Barnesboro and Carrolltown are shut down all day Wednesday and the shops in Patton, Ebensburg, Colver, Revlon, Navajo and Twin Rocks are closed all day Thursday.

Wholesale Prices at 27-Year High

Official reports have been received from the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics that wholesale prices of all commodity groups rose last week to their highest levels in 27 years.

The index of prices rose 1.6 percent during the week ended Mar. 8 to 148.7 percent of the 1926 average—the highest price since 1920.

This new wholesale price peak represents an advance of 4.9 percent in the past year, and 37.4 percent over a year ago.

Wholesale prices of farm products claimed 3.2 percent last week, particularly for grains.

Pauline Gober Guest of Local Moose Women

Pauline Gober of Coalport, the Graduate Regent of Women of the Moose, was a guest at a meeting of Patton Chapter 637 held last Thursday evening, Mar. 13. Mrs. Gober gave a brief talk and recited a poem. A poem also was recited by Christine Bertuzzi.

Four new members were initiated at this meeting. They were Imogene Balzano, Caroline Balzano, Mary Louise Fassonette and Virginia Conzo.

Lena Dillon, the social service chairman, held her chapter night. Officers' chapter night will be held at the next regular meeting, Thursday evening, Mar. 27.

State Police Say: Pedestrians are Involved in Many Fatal Accidents

Half of the people killed in auto accidents in the United States are pedestrians. It is several times as dangerous to cross between the street intersections as to cross at cross walks. Nearly three times as many pedestrians are hit crossing streets against red lights as are hit when crossing with the light. Stepping out from the curb from between parked cars is the cause of 35,000 pedestrians being hit every year.

About \$1,500 Spent in Patton by Red Cross During Flood

\$2,150 Spent in '46 in Clearfield Branch

During the present drive for funds in the American Red Cross campaign it might not be amiss for our readers to know something of the help given by that organization here in the local community, and the following letter addressed to Mrs. Robert Swope, chairman of the Clearfield Branch will explain itself.

Dear Mrs. Swope: I checked the records regarding assistance grants made by National Red Cross to persons in the Clearfield area following the floods last summer. The figures we have from National Red Cross are not broken down according to various towns in Cambria county, but I would judge that of the amounts spent in Cambria County about \$1,500 was spent in Patton.

I thought you might be interested in some figures also and I have lined these up for you. Our records indicate that your branch, in 1946, spent a little over \$500 in the form of grants, First Aid and Water Safety Expenses, etc. Our chapter sent out telegrams concerning persons in Clearfield Branch to the amount of approximately \$150. These amounts, added to the \$1,500 spent by the National Red Cross, gives us a total of about \$2,150 actual expenditures in that area. This does not take into account the administrative expenses in the Cambria County Chapter, of which your branch is part; the telephone calls to your branch from chapter headquarters; salaries for Home Service workers working with you, and other chapter personnel giving part of their time to the work in Clearfield branch.

Of the \$2,900 raised last year in Clearfield branch, \$754 went to the National Red Cross, leaving a balance of the amount raised in the Clearfield branch of \$2,146 for activities in Cambria County. We believe the figures cited are sufficient evidence of the policy followed by the Clearfield branch territory has been referred to those in need in that territory, and that such figures would be of interest to you in the present campaign to a successful conclusion.

If there are any further questions, we will be glad to have them. Clearfield branch has always been a good campaign job and we expect they will continue to do so. (Signed) R. S. McCLELLAND, Executive Director.

Kiwanis Official Speaks at Patton

Sound Film Scheduled This Thursday Evening

The weekly dinner meeting of the North Cambria Kiwanis Club was held in Commercial Hotel in Patton last Thursday evening and was featured by the annual visit of J. Foster Tierney of Hollidaysburg, district lieutenant-governor of Kiwanis. He was accompanied by two other members of Hollidaysburg Kiwanis, Carson Brady and Viv Swenson.

Lieut.-Gov. Tierney, being introduced by President E. W. Winslow, spoke on "Kiwanis Objectives." In the course of his remarks he stated that International Kiwanis now has a membership of 108,000 and that the goal for 1947 is 200,000. At present there are 2,500 clubs in the U. S. and Canada. The goal is 2,500 clubs.

Speaking of the district which he represents, he stated that the aim of Kiwanis is to do good, which compares favorably with other districts.

The International Convention is to be held in Chicago this year, and an attendance of 450 is being sought for from the district. The District Convention will be held in Pittsburgh in October, with an attendance of 1,000 asked for.

Next meeting of Kiwanis will be held at the Commercial Hotel this Thursday evening. A sound film entitled, "The Story of Neoprene," will be shown. The film is a story of the development of neoprene, which compares favorably with other districts.

Bob Callahan New Bakerton VFW Head

Robert Callahan was elected as commander of the VFW Post, 8897, V. F. W., meeting in Cale's Hotel, Bakerton on Sunday afternoon. Other officers are: Vice commander, Theodore Tucker, junior vice commander, Gervase Panek, quartermaster, Thomas Lehmer, recording adjutant, Leo Bender, recorder, and Earl Flora, trustee for three years. A special meeting will be held at 2 o'clock next Sunday afternoon in the temporary headquarters in Cole's hotel.

Truman Calls for Prayer Good Friday

President Truman hopes everybody will "participate actively" in church services on Good Friday, Apr. 4.

Mr. Truman's views were given in a letter commending the Committee on Three Hours Observance of Good Friday. Our National Catholic Council for the commemoration of the death of Jesus Christ. It would be a fine thing he said of the nation would follow that example. He added:

"The world in these latter years has learned many lessons which the mystery of sorrow teaches. I trust therefore that the people of this nation will participate actively in church services during the sacred period of Good Friday meditating on the lessons taught by the Savior on this day and exemplifying by their daily lives those noble Christian virtues."

Crushed When Caught Beneath Bed of Truck

Andrew B. Jurick, 24, of Beaverdale met an untimely death last Tuesday when he was crushed beneath the steel bed of his dump truck while making repairs on it. Coroner Willis said Jurick was pinned against the steel chassis when the bed let go as he was repairing the hoist.

His wife returned home from her job as a store clerk at noon and finding her husband absent, went to the garage for him and discovered him dead. He was an ETO paratrooper veteran of about 16 months.

Laundry Workers Election

Thursday of this week is the date scheduled by the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board for an election to determine the bargaining agent of Yorgy's Laundry & Dry Cleaning Co., Ebensburg. About 28 employees are affected.

The workers will decide whether they wish to be represented by the United Construction Workers of America, an affiliate of the United Mine Workers' District 50.

50,000 Histories on File at Offices of Draft Boards

What will happen to those intimate facts approximately 50,000 Cambria County men have told to their draft board clerks when their selective service ends this month? Almost every man who will read this story has bared his soul to the local board clerk. His name, age, address, place of birth, color, size, identifying characteristics, place of employment, salary, family data, and so on are listed in forms in filing jackets in his local board. What happens to this information when the board is disbanded Mar. 31?

No board member seems to be able to say what will happen. But one thing is certain—the information will not become public property. It's held confidential by the boards and that confidence will not be betrayed.

Some of the files are pretty big. Some registrants rate folders as much as two inches thick. Others are involving only a few sheets of data.

Most of the information is useless except to draft boards. This data is used for registrations, dependency and physical information which is used in selective service work.

Although nobody has been indicted for releasing this information for some months, the continuation of registering 18-year-olds has gone on. Should something happen to change the present setup, the draft could be resumed in a few days.

However, if things go as Congress intends, the boards will be the state police this month. If their records that are causing the trouble. What agency, if any, will get them, has not been determined.

It is one group of men in Cambria, which was registered but members of which need not worry about their draft records. That's the men between the ages of 18 and 21, who once were required to sign up.

Local Protestant Churches Plan for Joint Services

Holy Week Schedule Is Released Wednesday

The Protestant Churches of Patton will unite in the observance of Holy Week by holding a series of services. The arrangements have been completed by the Ministerium, of which Rev. Thomas A. McQuillen is president.

The schedule of services as arranged is as follows: Sunday, Mar. 30, Trinity Methodist Church, Rev. Ralph Krouse in charge.

Monday, Mar. 31, Patton Baptist Church, sermon by Rev. Wm. Thomas A. McQuillen.

Tuesday, Apr. 1, Trinity Episcopal Church, sermon by Rev. Ralph Krouse.

Wednesday, Apr. 2, Baptist Church, sermon by Rev. Plummer Harvey.

Bus Transportation Funds Given Boards

Auditor General G. Harold Wagner this week approved payment of \$106,968.83 to 31 school districts in Cambria Co. for bus transportation for the school year ending July, 1946.

The districts in this section of the county which amounts they will receive follow:

Cambria Twp.	\$12,919.72
Ashtabula Boro.	4,722.06
Barr Twp.	3,524.15
Carrolltown	1,266.99
Dean Twp.	3,452.51
Elder Twp.	1,496.63
Prince Gallitzin Dist.	6,628.97
Sumner	5,667.69
Susquehanna Twp.	25.83
West Carroll Twp.	1,366.69
White Twp.	1,667.26

Joseph Stich Dies Saturday Evening

Joseph Stich, aged 87 years, a native of Carrolltown, died on Saturday evening at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Farabaugh, Carrolltown. He had resided in Altoona for a number of years prior to his coming to this town several years ago. For many years he was engaged in draying and wholesale businesses in Carrolltown.

The deceased was born on Aug. 23, 1859, in Carrolltown, Pa. (Byrnes) Stich, died in 1936. Surviving are 12 children, as follows: Stewart, Galesburg, Ill.; Mrs. Willard, Altoona, Pa.; Mrs. J. Farabaugh, Carrolltown, Pa.; Mrs. Howard Jones and Joseph and Lawrence, all of Altoona. There are 27 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Miners' Hospital Alumni Plans White Elephant Sale

A "white elephant sale" will be held by the Nurses Alumnae Association of Spangler Hospital at its Apr. 4 session. This was decided at the group's monthly meeting at the hospital but the graduates employed at the hospital but not members of the alumnae, will be guests.

A covered dish party was served at the session. Entertainment included piano solos by Sophie M. Kertz and singing and curfew. Mrs. Bertha Klawisch of Carrolltown, was named public relations chairman. Mrs. Hazel Everetts was re-elected legislative chairman.

Patton High School Observes 'Senior Day'

The Patton High School held its 36th Annual Senior Day program at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon in the study hall of the school. The 80 members of the class of '47 participated in the ceremonies held each year on St. Patrick's Day.

The following program was presented: Introductory remarks; roll call; Senior Day song; seniors go to the football games; Senior Day edition of the school paper; explanatory remarks; seven stages in the life of a senior; introduction of tall tales; tall tales; girls' chorus; introduction of Chinese dance and Chinese Dance; recessional.

Student Nurses Leave for Georgia

Four student nurses of the Miners' Hospital School of Nursing at Spangler are now studying in Georgia.

They are LaVaughn Baker of Hastings, Eleanor Thomas of Patton, Pauline Venesky of Bakerton and Rita Klaine of Nicktown.

O'Brien Re-elected VFW Commander

Leo O'Brien was re-elected commander of John White Post 779, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Patton, on Tuesday evening in the local post home.

Other officers named are Peter Fenchak, senior vice commander; Warren O'Leary, junior vice commander; Henry Urban, re-elected quartermaster; Albert Haluska, post advocate; Dr. Edward B. McGovern, post surgeon; Rev. Thos. McQuillen and Rev. Father Rupert Stadtmiller, chaplains; trustees for three years—Maurice Huber; Charles Daniel; and J. J. Paddock. The Post voted a donation to the two Boy Scout troops in Patton. Officers will be installed on April 1 in the post home.

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Frugality Supper Sunday Is Success

The trucky dinner sponsored by the members of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Union Community Service with Rev. Ralph Krouse presiding.

Friday, Apr. 4, Presbyterians Church, Three-Hour Good Friday Service, from 12 Noon to 3 p. m. Seven out-of-town ministers have been invited to participate, each speaking upon one of the Seven Words from the Cross.

Sunday, Apr. 6, Easter, Trinity Methodist Church, Easter Pictures.

All the evening services will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Names of out-of-town ministers who are to participate in Good Friday Service will be published in the next edition of the Union Press-Courier.

North County Holmes Group Hears A. J. Barry

A. J. Barry of Johnstown will address North Cambria Council, Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association, on Thursday evening of this week in Barnesboro.

Mr. Barry is an inspector attached to Johnstown subdistrict of the U. S. Bureau of Mines. The safety meeting will be held at 7 o'clock in St. Thomas' Parish Hall.

"Roof Movements and Roof Control in Low Coal Seams" will provide the topic of Mr. Barry's discourse. He has made an extensive study of roof conditions in the local coal field.

District 5 Miners Chipping In to Pay Lewis' Fine

Rank and file members in Pittsburgh district, No. 5 of the U. M. W. A., are chipping in \$1 apiece voluntarily to help pay the \$360,000 in fines levied against John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers for the coal strike last fall.

John P. Busarello, president of Dist. 5, said that nine locals with a membership of 122,000 have so far voted to do this.

SPRING CONCERT APR. 15
The spring concert of the Patton High School Band will be held at the Grand Theatre, Patton, on Tuesday, Apr. 15.

Edler Twp. Road Tax Approved at 14 Mills

Cambria County Court has permitted the supervisors in Elder Twp. to set the 1947 road tax at 14 mills. According to a petition filed in the office of Clerk of the Courts J. Dean Joy, seven mills are to be allocated for road purposes and seven for bonded indebtedness.

Edler Twp. supervisors are: J. J. McKeenrick, chairman; John L. McKeenrick, second vice; and J. J. McKeenrick, third vice.

Patton Councilmen Approve Strict Dog Law Enforcement

Unlicensed Dogs Here to Be Shot on Sight

Dogs running at large in Patton without 1947 licenses will be shot on sight!

Such are orders to be carried out by local police when the drive to enforce the State Dog Laws begins in Patton Borough in the near future. Strict enforcement of the law as pertaining to the canines was decided upon by the Patton Borough Council at its meeting in the Borough Office last Friday.

The authorities decided at the same time to give residents a warning to secure licenses for their dogs and to keep them unlicensed dogs out of the streets of the Union Press-Courier.

Council was prompted to this action after receiving numerous complaints of dogs doing damage to property.

The 1947 dog licenses should have been on all canines Jan. 15—over three months ago—but as yet there are numerous dogs in the town without new tags. They should be affixed to a collar or harness and kept on the dog at all times.

Dog owners also are cautioned to the effect that they are responsible for any damage caused by animals owned by them. The word "owner," as defined by the law, means any person having a right of property in said animal and every person who keeps or harbors such dog or has it in his care—and every person who permits such dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.

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Wolf's Sponsoring Program on WJSW

The Wolf Furniture Co. Stores at Barnesboro and Ebensburg invited you to tune in the new Altoona Radio Station, WJSW (650 on your dial) at 10 a. m. each day to hear the Polka Program entitled "Wolf's Polka Time," the program provides delightful radio entertainment.

The station WJSW has been receiving much enthusiasm in the north of the county. It can be heard with clarity throughout the day and is affiliated with the Mutual Broadcasting Corp.

15th Engr. Regt. Reunion Planned

The 15th Engineer Veterans Assn., of which many ex-G. I. boys from this area were members, will hold its next reunion in the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on April 26th. This outfit was organized in 1919 and has since been active in the Western Pennsylvania region. The reunion was the first overseas, and earned two citations.

The 15th Infantry division of the group landed in North Africa with the invasion forces in 1942, were in Bizerte, Sicily, Italy, then with the Normandy invasion, and finally wound up in Germany.

The former members of the division look forward to a happy, reminiscent get-together.

Science Teachers Plan Meeting at Ebensburg

Five educators will speak at the spring meeting of the Cambria Co. Science Teachers Club at 7:30 o'clock next Tuesday evening in the Ebensburg Courthouse.

Gordon C. Durbin, president of the club, listed the speakers as Ira C. Goss, supervising principal of Patton; J. J. McKeenrick, principal of Patton; and J. J. McKeenrick, high school teacher, and Marcellus Lynch, teacher at Portage. A number of topics will be covered.

Hastings Fire Co. Annual Banquet to Be Sunday

The annual banquet of the Hastings Volunteer Fire Co. will be held at 6:30 p. m. on Sunday, Apr. 20, in St. Bernard's Church Hall. Members of the committee are Cy Dillon, chairman; Anthony Fiasco, Rudy Bush, George Demento, and Bert Lee. Ladies' Auxiliary members will be guests.

Read the ads. They contain profitable news for you.

Co. War Memorial OK'd by Jim Mark

District 2 Approval Is Given During Week

Clearfield, Pa.—Assurance of full support for the Cambria Co. War Memorial Arena project, to be erected through public subscription, was given this week by James Mark, president of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America.

Mr. Mark has announced the appointment of four members of District No. 2's Board to serve as co-chairmen of the Coal Division of the War Memorial project, with Dennis Keenan, state mine inspector, who heads that phase of the effort.

They are Bernard Timms, Barnesboro; George Mottey, Clymer; William Parks, Windber, and Ernest Yanssens, Cresson.

An important feature of the plan is to erect and equip a \$750,000 arena, dedicated to the servicemen and women of Cambria Co., is provision for sports and recreational facilities. The building will feature a hockey rink, space for multiple basketball games in tourney play, dances, and safety classes.

"We long have needed a big indoor arena," Mr. Mark commented. "The miners will be interested in the project brought to completion through the united efforts of all Cambria Co. citizens."

\$10,000 Spangler Blaze Leaves 12 Persons Homeless

Twelve persons were made homeless at noon on Saturday when fire gutted a four-family apartment dwelling in Spangler.

Made homeless by the disastrous fire were Mrs. Blanche Nagle, the owner of the building; Mr. and Mrs. John Klamar and their four children; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McCaskey and their two children; and Mrs. Domenick Bazil.

Firemen said the fire broke out at noon in the kitchen of the large artificial brick encased plank dwelling. The blaze, believed to have been started by an overheated heating stove, spread to the kitchen walls.

The flames spread through the room and melted a line to a gas stove. The escaping gas was ignited and turned the interior of the encased building into a raging inferno.

Flames were shooting from the kitchen when West Cambria firemen reached the scene. The four families lost all of their household furnishings and personal belongings. Damage to the building and the furniture was estimated at between \$9,000 and \$10,000.

Firemen experienced difficulty in this respect because of the fireproof encasement material. The interior of the dwelling was gutted completely. A heavy fought for more than two hours before bringing the flames under control.

The building is located on Bigler Ave., South Spangler, and as a result traffic on the heavily-traveled north-south highway, Route 219, was blocked for more than two and a half hours.

The Spangler fire truck was backed into the West Branch of the Susquehanna river to pump water to the flaming building.

The truck became bogged down in the mud and had to be towed from the burning area.

The heavy fireless is said to be partly covered by insurance.

Bakerton School Aids Local Fund

A Variety Show, under the direction of Joseph Boes, supervisor of music, and combining the talent of Carrolltown High School and the West Cambria West Carroll School Band, was well received at Bakerton on Thursday evening of last week.

Those participating showed a marked ability, and over in their entirety the Bakerton War Memorial Committee, of which Stephen Stefanik, Elmora Postmaster, is treasurer.

Esgrs Purchase Barnesboro Site

Dominick and Betty Esgro and Joseph and Della Esgro, all of Carrolltown, have purchased the Colonial Restaurant in Barnesboro, according to a deed filed in the office of Recorder of Deeds Clark Powell of Ebensburg.

The property, which is located on Philadelphia Ave., was bought from Joseph and Lena Baldacchio of Barnesboro, with the consideration of about \$25,000.

Bids Again Are Sought on Ashville Bridge Work

The state highway department is seeking bids again on the improvement of a section of Route 38 near Ashville, New bids, if any, will be opened in Harrisburg on Friday, April 11. The project involves construction of a new bridge and over a mile of road from Ashville toward Chest Springs. A \$224,000 bid on this project, received Mar. 3, later was rejected. It was \$12,000 higher than an offer rejected by the department last year.

Lenten Supper Mar. 28

A Lenten Supper will be served in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Patton, on Friday of next week, Mar. 28, from 5 to 7 p. m. Tickets are now on sale, the price being 75c.