

Big Real Estate Transaction in Borough Now Completed

50 'Company Houses' Purchased by Tenants

One of the biggest real estate ownership changes in the history of Patton was completed early this week when tenants of the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corp. purchased their homes.

The more than 50 Patton families residing on Herriman, Kerr, McIntyre, Palmer, Lang and Marge Aves. all took advantage of the offer to buy their homes, which mostly are of the five and six-room type and are located on lots approximately 50 feet long by 140 feet in width.

The mass property sale was directed from the coal concern to the Patton residents, and was in charge of John J. Stobie, president of the Realty Investments, Inc., 1306 Law and Finance Bldg., 429 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh.

Sale was made by deed, clear and free of all incumbrances, and covering sale of the land and improvements thereon.

Tenants were given first choice by the coal company in the purchase of their homes. If purchase would not have been made by the families residing in the houses, at a later date they would have been offered for public sale.

Company officials point out that the sale was made directly from the company to the tenants in order to avoid profiteering by any other organization to which the homes could have been sold in a bulk lot. Prices of the homes varied according to improvements and paved streets.

The Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp. had been leases of the Patton properties.

Eight Hastings families also soon will have an opportunity to purchase their company-owned houses, according to Mr. Stobie. The coal concern will offer first choice again in the case of the tenants of five-room houses, two-room houses and one double house. These sales are expected to be made in the not too far distant future.

The Clearfield concern at present is exposing to public sale for \$100 to \$200 a house, a nine-room house in Winburne, Clearfield Co.

Carrolltown Solons Plan for Erection Of New Reservoir

Increase in Pressure Is Seen for Borough

Carrolltown Borough Council, at a meeting last Thursday evening in the Municipal Bldg., made initial plans for the construction of a 250,000-gallon reservoir on the hill to the north of town known as the Old Picnic Grounds.

Councilmen J. J. Wenzel and John H. Buck were authorized by the members to take steps toward the purchase of the property upon which the proposed reservoir is to be built.

The new project is badly needed in the town, where only a 95,000-gallon reservoir is in service at the present time. In addition, since the present water tank was built the population of the town has greatly increased.

Councilmen have pointed out that several times during the past winter the present reservoir went dry even with 24-hour pumping service. An engine is at present being consulted as to estimates on the cost of the project.

Under present plans, the four-inch mains from Union Press Works would be increased to six or eight-inch pipes to the proposed new structure.

The council also endorsed the State Highway Department's plans for the improvement of the Carrolltown-Spangler Road, and an ordinance to clear the way for the project within the limits of Carrolltown Borough is published elsewhere in this paper.

Dairy Dine Here Changes Hands

The Dairy Dine in Patton now is under new management—that of John and Joe Ratzek, who took over its operation this week.

The popular Patton restaurant is located in the new Courthouse Building and will feature special Sunday dinners, sandwiches, ice cream, short orders and excellent "ho-made" pies.

Clay Workers, Company Disagree On New Contract

15-Day Clause Causes Idleness at Patton Plant

Approximately 150 employees at the Patton Clay Mfg. Co. left their jobs last Friday after the failure of the United Brick & Clay Workers to reach an agreement on a clause involving the reopening of negotiations on 15-day notice if the big steel companies grant the USWA more than an 11 1/2-cent-per-hour raise.

The brick workers had asked the Clay Institute, of which the Patton concern is a member, to grant a pay increase, with the negotiation at the time the local walkout standing with the union asking for a 12-cent hourly raise and a 14 percent hike for piece workers, and the company offering 11 1/2 cents and a 12 percent piece work raise. However, the one-half cent differential is said not to be the main cause of disagreement.

So far four companies have signed agreements which include the "15-day reopening" clause. They are:

Peck, Clay Co., Stratton Clay Co. and the Michigan Clay Co., as well as the Union Clay Co., at Toronto, O., operated by the Austin-Prindle Co., in which George Prindle, a former Patton man, has a large interest.

Negotiations on the new contract were begun on Mar. 17. The government concludes in the negotiations is Paul Fuller.

Aged Patton Lady Dies Wednesday After Short Illness

Mrs. Matilda Burkley Oldest Patton Resident

Mrs. Matilda Burkley, 91, Patton's oldest resident, died at her home on Mellon Ave. at 10:30 Wednesday morning. She enjoyed good health until about 10 days ago. Mrs. Burkley, a daughter of Mrs. Anna Dishart and Mrs. (Baker) Farabaugh, was born in Carrolltown on Mar. 5, 1856. Her husband, Augustine Burkley, died September 23, 1922.

She is survived by the following children: Sebastian J. Burkley, Edward J. Burkley and Dennis Burkley of Patton, and Mrs. Maloy of Latrobe. Mrs. Frances Novick of Cleveland, O., and Leonard, address unknown. She was a sister of Mrs. Lucinda Costlow, Mrs. Anna Dishart and Mrs. Catherine Boxler of Johnstown. Mrs. Francis Miller of Spangler, and Anselm Farabaugh of Johnstown. She also has 17 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Burkley has been a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Patton since it was founded. Services probably will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's Church and interment will be made in St. Mary's Cemetery.

State Bonus Bond Issue Is Given OK

Flood Control Bill Is Introduced on Monday

A proposed \$500,000,000 bond issue to finance a maximum \$500 million to Pennsylvania's 1,324,000 veterans of World War I passed the House unanimously Monday night.

The proposed bond issue, in the form of an amendment to the Constitution, was introduced by the House unanimously Monday night.

The bonus bond issue proposal was sent to the Senate where that branch's military affairs committee is considering a House-approved bill fixing the basis for the soldier bonus at \$15 monthly for overseas service and \$10 for domestic service.

A \$10,000,000 flood control bill, which went to the House, would allocate the money to the U. S. Army of Forests and Water to make effective Gov. James H. Duff's recommendation "to carry on vitally-needed and long-neglected work of flood control and conservation of water resources."

A House-approved measure to permit counties to pay up to \$75 for memorial headstones for World War II veterans buried overseas also was approved unanimously by the Senate.

5 Legion Auxiliary Units 'Top' Quotas

Five Cambria Co. American Legion Auxiliaries were cited for surpassing their 1947 membership quotas at a meeting of the Cambria Co. Council of the body at St. Michael's last Thursday.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26, at Dunlo American Legion Home.

Red Arrow Victim Expected Home

Fred Solomon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solomon of Fourth Ave., Patton, who was injured in the Red Arrow train wreck in February, is reported considerably improved and is expected to return to his home in Patton this week.

Fred was enroute to his home for a visit when the train wreck occurred. He was employed in Detroit, Mich., and is the last of the injured persons involved in the catastrophe to leave the Altoona Hospital.

Bid Submitted On Road Project

The State Highway Dept. has received one bid on the proposed new section of Route 219 between Carrolltown and Spangler.

This bid was made by the Interstate Amiesite Co. of Wilmington, Delaware, and involves the sum of \$301,837.

The Highway Dept. plans to widen the road from its present 16 feet to 22 feet. It also will be resurfaced and relocated in some places. Beginning at the residence of W. A. Blum in Carrolltown, it will travel West Carroll and near the intersection of the Balcerton Road in Spangler Borough.

Francis Hennessey, 49, Killed Under Rock Fall at Colver

Patton Miner Crushed At 1 P. M. Monday

Caught under a huge rock fall, one mine killed and two others injured Monday afternoon in the Ebensburg Coal Co. mine in Colver. Seven other miraculously escaped injury.

Francis Hennessey, 49, of Patton, who was killed, and Joseph Sasaway, 38, Barnesboro, and Fred Malone, of Colver were injured.

Authorities said Hennessey was crushed to death about 1 p. m. when the rock was caught under a fall of several hundred tons of rock and dirt in the main west section of the mine. He suffered a fractured skull, a crushed pelvis and fractured back.

Joseph Sasaway, who was working only a short distance from Hennessey, sustained a fractured right knee and a crush burn of the entire body. He was admitted to Colver Hospital and his condition was listed as fairly good.

Malone was taken to the hospital for treatment of a head injury and crush burns of the forehead. He was released from the hospital but ordered to return for X-rays.

Deputy Coroner Andrew J. Stropko said about 10 men were working around a cutting machine in a section off the main heading when the fall occurred.

He said the fall, one of the largest ever heard of, was 25 feet wide and 65 feet long. Miners also said the fall was exceptionally large.

Mine officials said the fall blocked off one section of the mine and buried a big cutting machine.

Miners, who were working in the scene, said they were saved from eating dust by a heavy iron shield which was being used to cut the rock. The fall, coming from the face-side, crushed the one side of the cutter and did not touch the men working on the other side about 15 feet away.

Deputy Coroner Stropko was informed the section was very well timbered. In fact survivors said they never heard of any timber falling than was necessary. Mine authorities could give no reason for the fall which they said extended nearly 100 feet.

Officials of the mine said they were unable to make an accurate estimate of the amount of rock that was buried, but they believe the section of the mine but said it would be several hundred tons. Work was started yesterday to remove the valuable cutting machine.

Among the men working at the scene when the huge fall occurred were John Jubie, James Malone, Regis Dougherty and William Rubeck.

Mine officials said the accident was the first fatality in the large operations since 1944. The accident was caused by the first mine death since the men returned to work last week after observing a six-day mourning period for 111 miners killed in an explosion in Lancaster, Ill.

Cornor Paul J. Willis said he will conduct an inquest in the case but will not set a date until reports are received from the State Mine Inspector Samuel Cortis of Ebensburg.

2 Homes at Watkins Leveled on Wednesday

The homes of George Barger and John Bythway, situated at the intersection of the main road, were completely destroyed by fire about 2 a. m. Wednesday morning. The Barger family resides in an 8-room house and the Bythways lived in a 6-room home.

Firemen from Carrolltown, Spangler, Barnesboro, and Patton responded to the barn but were hampered by a lack of water. Mostly chemicals were used in trying to control the blaze.

The fire was of an undetermined cause, and the high winds soon spread the flames from the one blazing house to the other. Damage was heavy, but an estimate of it is not available at this time.

Hastings Student Gets Essay Prize

Second place honors in the recently-completed essay contest of the Cambria Co. Medical Society went to Sydney Lee Brazill of Hastings, Pa. School.

The contest was open to junior and senior students in the high schools of the county, sons and daughters of physicians not being eligible. Subject of the essays was "Why the Private Practice of Medicine Fails This Country."

First place was taken by Paul Jones, a student at Johnstown High. The contest was open to junior and senior students in the high schools of the county, sons and daughters of physicians not being eligible.

Dr. Arthur M. Stull, county superintendent of schools; Tressa MacGowan, director of the county center, Pitt University, and Dr. Arthur Miltnerberger, public relations chairman of the county medical body.

10 Miners Killed In Exeter Explosion

Ten more Pennsylvania coal miners lost their lives underground last Thursday when the Knox Coal Co. mine, which has Exeter, Pa., exploded shortly after the day shift reported for work.

Deputy State Secretary of Labor, J. W. Anderson, stated that it is believed that the explosion was caused by the ignition of methane gas. He reported that the mine was in a "fair" condition after recent inspections.

Nine were killed outright and the tenth man died Monday.

Fishermen Flock To Trout Streams

With almost ideal weather conditions prevailing Tuesday was termed by district anglers the best opening day of the trout season in the last ten years.

It was said one of the largest groups of anglers in the history of state lined mountain stream as the season opened on Tuesday morning. Streams were ideal for fishing in this district and many good catches were reported.

Ted Ott Named By Borough Assn.

Ernest Yanssens of Cresson was named president and Theodore Ott of Patton first vice president of the Cambria Co. Assn. of Boroughs at a dinner meeting held at the Ferrdale on Tuesday evening.

Other officers named were James Fagan, Scalp Level, secretary; Dale, treasurer; Frank Rhoades, Dale, secretary; and Atty. Howard V. Stull, also of Dale, solicitor. Resolutions were held their posts since the body was formed in 1938.

Carrolltown-Patton Road Will Get 'Face Lifting'

The Patton-Carrolltown Road is to receive a beauty treatment in the near future. During the past week many tons of shale have been dumped at a point on the "Sharbaugh Hill" for use in giving the road a new blacktop coating.

At present the road is in fairly good shape, but during the past few weeks holes were developing in many places and a new blacktop coating will present any serious damage from being done.

PHS Band Concert Tuesday Night Is Well Attended

By Dr. B. J. Overberger Awards Are Presented

The second Annual Spring Concert of the Patton High School Band and the Girls' Glee Club, which was held in the Grand Theatre on Tuesday, was well attended by Pattonites and district residents.

A special stage was erected in the Grand Theatre to accommodate the large organization, which is now in its second year. The floral bouquets and lighting presented a delightful appearance to the stage, and the girls, in their beautiful evening gowns and the boys in their "Sunday Best" added much to the appearance.

Opening remarks were made by Alvin Vezza, president of the band. The program got off to a good start with "Pennsylvania," a state song, by Gertrude Martin Rohrer, which was presented under the direction of William Fisher, student director. Following that were stirring marches and a delightful mixture of various types of music, including classical, modern and novelty, with Mr. John Semonich, director of music at Patton High, on the podium.

The Girls' Glee Club of 35 voices was well received by the audience in their presentation of "Like Light of Stars." The presentation of awards and letters was made by Dr. B. J. Overberger, president of the Board of Education, in the absence of the supervising principal, Mr. W. M. Bosserman. Dr. Overberger expressed the appreciation of the school authorities and the community as a whole for the painstaking efforts the students and the director have made in bringing to the community such a fine organization.

The band letters, which were awarded to several of the students, were purchased by the Band Mothers Association, which has done so much in assisting the organization. Those receiving letters and awards were:

Ronald Dietrick, Leona Weakland, Sally Lee Dietrick, Bill Fisher, Jerry Dietrick, Eddie Douglass, Wanda Smithbauer, William Dietrick, Virginia Weisner, Geraldine Cammarata, Adolphine Getsy, R. Hennessey, Eleanor Hoover, Dorothy Wharton, Eileen Hofer, Bill McCann, Dick Lauer, Erna Strittmatter, George Degenmott, Alvin Vezza.

Also receiving letters and band awards were:

Drum Major—Edgar Callahan. Senior Majorettes—Grace Dietrick, Captain, Jenny Macalus, Co-Captain, Rita Hoover, Ferna McNulty, Mildred Baranick, Mary Golemnino, Margaret Begeny and Florence McGough.

Kiwanis Members See Colored Slides

Rev. Ralph Krouch, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Patton, delivered an inspirational address at the "Church Night" meeting of the North Cambria Kiwanis Club last Thursday evening in Central Hotel, Carrolltown.

Miss Ina Thomas, a sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Warren Reese, twin brother of the groom, was best man. The brides were given in marriage by her father, the Rev. R. D. Ruppert, pastor of the St. Marys Catholic Church here on Monday, Apr. 7.

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St. Michael's is the site of the diocese's first parish and the activities of Father Demetrius Augustin Glezin, prince-priest of the Alleghenies.

Miners Each Get \$1,000 Insurance from Fund

Trustees of the United Mine Workers welfare fund during the past week established a \$1,000 death benefit for the family of each bituminous coal miner belonging to the fund.

Death benefits were made retroactive to last June 1, thereby making the 111 victims of the Centralia disaster among those aided at once.

According to the latest reports, the welfare fund now contains about \$18,000,000.

Carrolltown Undecided On Question of DST

Members of the Carrolltown Borough Council as yet have not taken any action on the question of Daylight Saving Time, as erroneously reported in last week's issue.

Action on whether or not to observe "fast" time will be taken at a later date.

House Plans Speed Of Labor Bill Vote

Final Vote May Come Thursday or Friday

Sweeping sentiment in favor of the Hartley labor bill, now before the House at Washington, was shown this week as the 319-congressman-controlled House voted 331 to 70 to begin immediate consideration of the bill, which many sources term as a blow to organized labor.

GOP leaders believe that they can garner enough strength to override a possible veto by President Truman if the labor legislation is passed and sent to him. However, House and Senate leaders disagree on provisions to be included in the omnibus legislation which would outlaw all bargaining on a nationwide scale by unions, which probably would take in the UMW, as well as ban the closed shop and place a number of other limitations on the administration of union welfare funds.

Debate on the bill, from all indications, will not consume more than 1 1/2 days, and a final vote is seen by Thursday or Friday.

Labor unions are asking their members to wire their congressmen, senators and state legislators to vote against the measure. The congressman from this district is Harve Tibbott, House Office Bldg., Washington.

Senators Myers and Martin are located in the Senate Office Bldg. Minority Speaker of the House, Charles McNary, of the House, (D-Ill.) conceded the Hartley measure, which he termed a "most vicious bill" will pass easily, but warned the Republican House members:

"If you think the people voted for you last November to pass this legislation, you are mistaken."

St. Mary's Church Scene of Nuptials

Miss Lenor S. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Thomas of Patton R. D., became the bride of Wayne Reese, also of Patton R. D., at a lovely ceremony here Tuesday evening. Mr. Ruppert Stadtmiller, OSB, in St. Marys Catholic Church here on Monday, Apr. 7.

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After the ceremony, a wedding dinner and reception were held at the home of the bride's brother, Charles E. Thomas, Patton R. D.

Mrs. Reese is a graduate of Patton High School and the Nursing Training School of the Philadelphia State Hospital. The groom is a son of Mrs. Esther Reese of Revloc and a graduate of Ebensburg College. He is currently serving the ETO for three years during World War II.

The newlyweds will make their home in Detroit, Mich.

North County Vets Accepted for Farm Training Program

Twenty-five more Cambria Co. veterans were admitted to the program of the county veterans' agricultural training committee at a meeting of the body in the Ebensburg Courthouse last week.

With the enrollment of the new young men, mostly from Northern Cambria, the number receiving the farm training was boosted to 90.

Daylight Saving Time Ballot Will Be Cast by Patton Folks

Official Form Printed on Page Five of Paper

Will Patton have Daylight Saving Time this summer?

That is the question the Patton Borough Council is putting up to the residents of the town in a special ballot printed on Page 5 of this week's newspaper. In order to obtain the sentiment of the townspeople on the "time" question for this year.

There are several requirements for residents of Patton to meet in order to be eligible to cast a ballot. They must be 18 years of age or over. They must reside in the Borough of Patton, not in townships adjoining the town.

Each person must vote only once and in each ballot must be signed with the voter's name and address. Up to five persons can vote on the same ballot, providing, of course, that their opinions on the question is the same. However, each must sign his own name and address.

All "time" ballots must be in the hands of borough officials before eight o'clock on the evening of Thursday, Apr. 24—next week. They may be placed in a ballot box located in the Borough Office or handed or mailed in to the Union Press-Courier, Patton.

Those who do not subscribe to this newspaper or who need extra ballots may obtain them free of charge at the Union Press-Courier office.

The ballot is printed on Page 5 of this issue.

Colver Man Hurt Riding on Man-Trip

John Wizenak of Colver was injured in an unusual accident at the Colver operations of the Ebensburg Coal Co. last Tuesday.

While riding to work on the man-trip he was struck on the head by a heavy piece of rock, sustaining injuries sufficient to cause his removal to the Memorial Hospital in Johnstown.

A Carrolltown resident, Steve Mihalik Jr., also was the victim of a freak mishap at the Colver operation. While at work drilling on Wednesday morning of last week, the cable on his drill exploded and caused him to suffer second degree burns.

Patton, Carrolltown Students Place In County Contest

Paul Gavalar of Carrolltown High and Sally Lee Dietrick of Patton High took first and second place, respectively, in the county essay contest sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary Unit of the Fox-Peale Post, American Legion, at a meeting held recently in the Legion Home. He was presented with the award for that time.

Nicholas Grecia of St. Benedict topped second place in the contest.

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Children of all the diocesan parishes will join together to form a huge chorus to sing the pontifical Mass. They will represent their parishes in a recitation of the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Proper will be chanted by young people of the Loretto parish. The combined choir will sing the Ordinary, the processional, supplemental offertory and recessional.

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