

Co. Firemen's Unit Convention Plans Outlined Thursday

Hastings Parade Aug. 5 Scheduled in Evening

Representatives of the member companies of the Volunteer Firemen's Assn. of Cambria...

Association President William Leary of Patton made the announcement that the convention will open Monday, Aug. 2...

The change in time was decided upon in order to permit more companies to take part...

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Over half of the 40 member companies were represented.

Legal Action to Halt Local Taxes on Coal

Test Case Decision Is Due at Clearfield

The first phase of legal action to prevent the collecting of a five-cent-per-ton tax on all soft coal mined in Lawrence Twp., Clearfield Co., coal producers...

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Catholic War Vets In County District Meet Here Sunday

Initial arrangements were made to hold a banquet in connection with installation of new officers...

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Ashville's Main Street to Be Widened, Resurfaced Soon

Only Few Dwellings Will Be Moved Back

Route 36 will be widened and resurfaced in Ashville Borough to complete an extensive highway improvement program...

The work will be done under a state contract. Bids on the project will be opened in Harrisburg on Friday, March 19.

According to State Highway Department officials, the improved roadway through Ashville will link two sections of route 36, already reconditioned...

Above a mile of roadway west of Ashville toward Cheat Springs was repaved last year under a \$217,000 state contract...

The proposed new contract calls for the widening and resurfacing of 2.25 miles of route 36 in the borough. Some property damage is involved.

The Cambria county commissioners, who will be responsible for the property damages, early in December contracted with the department of highways to assume the damages...

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Mine Accident at Revloc Pit Takes Life of Andrew Mikula

Fatally Injured When Pinned Against Roof

A Patton coal miner is dead and another is in a critical condition in the Memorial Hospital, in Johnstown...

Fatally injured in an accident was Andrew Mikula, 61, of Patton. The man died at 9:55 p. m. Wednesday morning in the Memorial Hospital, Johnstown...

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Ralph Ivory Named Carpenter Delegate

Local 2085 Files Letter For Hourly Increase

At the regular meeting of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local Union No. 2085, held last Friday evening...

Mr. Ivory, a well-known retired miner of this area, was born in Belgium on July 17, 1878...

A letter was filed for an increase in carpenters' wages from \$1.75 to \$2.12 1/2 an hour...

A committee was appointed at the meeting to contact insurance companies for group accident insurance.

The school in carpentry is held for one-half hour on meeting nights, which are the second and fourth Fridays of each month...

Some alterations in grade will be required for the Pennsylvania Railroad track crossing the street and a meeting of the parties interested will be held recently to cover this feature.

Ashville residents, as well as folks from Northern Cambria Co. generally, will welcome the improvement.

Blandburg Folks Hurt in Car Crash

Two persons were injured and a motorist arrested as the result of a hit-run accident at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night on Route 53, near Blandburg.

Mrs. Ida M. Willey, Blandburg, wife of the driver of one car, sustained bruises about both of her knees and her seven year old daughter, Catherine Virginia, sustained severe cuts about the head and face.

State police from Ebensburg sub-station arrested Ray D. Swope, Coalport, as the driver of the car which failed to stop after it collided with a vehicle operated by Walter Wiley, Blandburg.

Damage to both machines was estimated at \$300.

Swope was sentenced by Cambria Co. Courts Monday to 30 days in jail on charges of violating the state motor code.

Barnesboro Man Loses Life When Struck by Auto

George Sedlock, aged seventy years, a well known Barnesboro resident and a retired coal miner, was fatally injured when struck by an automobile Saturday.

Sedlock died at 7:24 o'clock on Sunday evening in the Miners' Hospital, where he was admitted in a critical condition at 11 o'clock Saturday night.

Death, Coroner Joseph Govekar said, resulted from shock, compound fracture of the right leg, fractured pelvis and left leg and internal injuries.

Authorities said the man was struck by a car operated by Dr. A. J. Silensky, well known Barnesboro physician.

Dr. Silensky told investigating officers he did not see the aged man walking across Route 219 in North Barnesboro until after his car struck the man.

When he stopped the car, Dr. Silensky said, he saw the man lying along the road. He summoned aid and took the victim to the hospital.

The physician told Coroner Govekar the left front fender of his car struck the man. Sedlock was attempting to cross the street and walked into the side of the physician's car.

Patton High's 'Panthers,' Winners of Section 1, Northern Cambria Cage League

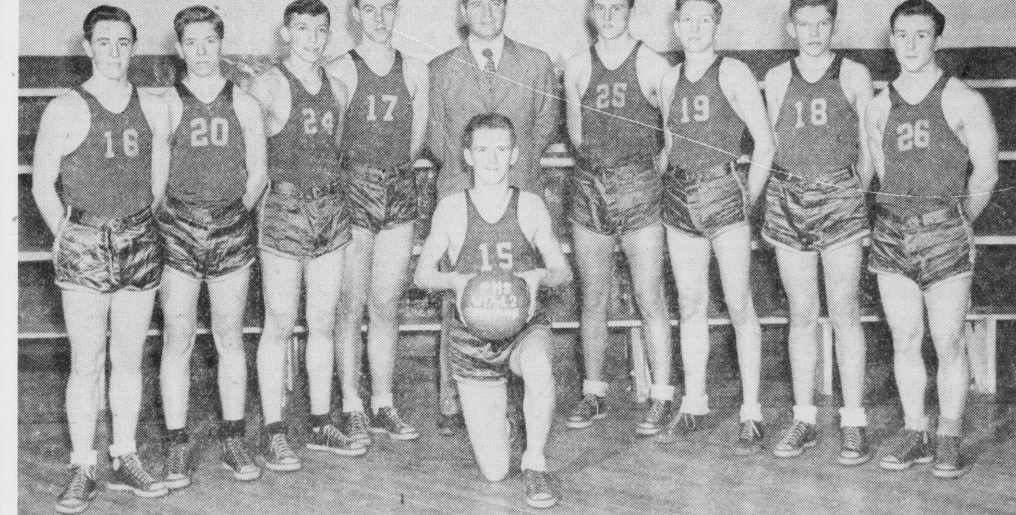


Table with 4 columns: Name, Position, Points, Rebounds. Lists players like Ralph Litzinger, Gilbert Blake, Charles Solomon, Coach Pat Marquette, Dick Donahue, Paul Hoover, Emmet Moyer, and their statistics.

Patton R. D. Couple Wedded 50 Years

Frank Urbans Married In Hawk Run in 1898

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Urban of Patton R. D. will observe their golden wedding anniversary on Friday of this week, Mar. 5, at their home. A dinner will be served for the celebrants at noon and open house will be observed in the afternoon and evening.

Mr. Urban, a well-known retired miner of this area, was born in Belgium on July 17, 1878...

The couple have two sons, Lester and Paul, both of Patton. They also have five grandchildren.

A veteran miner, Mr. Urban started to work in the pits in his native country, Belgium. He came to America in 1890, and followed mining for 58 years, at which time he retired.

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St. Lawrence Parish Get-Togethers Set

A meeting of the St. Lawrence parish was held on Sunday morning for the purpose of making plans for two old-time get-togethers. The church members separated themselves into two groups, namely the West Side Boosters' League and the East Side Boosters' League.

The first of these two get-togethers will be held this Sunday evening, Mar. 7, at 8 o'clock in the St. Lawrence Church basement. It will be sponsored by the West Side Boosters' League, of which Pat Leiden has been named chairman.

There will be a dinner and other games, refreshments and lunch. The public is invited to attend.

The East Side League will hold its party on Mar. 14, in a similar manner.

A meeting of the former group will be held next Sunday morning, at which time plans will be completed.

St. Lawrence has been known for its series of church parties, but due to weather conditions this winter, no parties were held.

Miss Bess Donahue Named As Clerk for Controller

Miss Bess Donahue of East Carroll Township, near Patton, has been named to the position of clerk in the office of Cambria Co. Controller Michael C. Chervenak Jr.

Her salary has been fixed by the county salary board at \$150 per month. Miss Donahue replaces Dorothy Adams, who recently resigned. Helen Noon, a former employee in the controller's office, has returned temporarily to train Miss Donahue.

7 North Cambria Girls Get Caps at Altoona Mercy

Among these from this area to receive their nurses' caps at the annual capping exercises of the Mercy Hospital, Altoona, at exercises on Sunday were: Mary Krohn of Fallen Timber, Leora Howell of Cresson, Anna Kunka of Hastings, Patricia Lantz of Spangler, Winifred Lieb of Nicktown, and June Berdsky and Suzanne Smithbauer of Patton.

U. S. Forest Service Head Suggests Plan

Patton and the North of the County well have reason to remember the disastrous flood damage to the area a couple of years ago, right here at the very headwaters of the West Branch of the Susquehanna, on Chest Creek, Clearfield Creek, and even on Little Run over at Hastings.

A new angle on flood control problems may soon be attacked at the scene of streams, such as we have here—where the rain actually falls.

Federal agencies are contemplating such a comprehensive program, asking the state the other day for cooperation in carrying out a long range program.

"The control of flood and sediment dangers begins at the point where the rain falls," said Arthur Bevan, chief of the Division of Flood Control Surveys in the U. S. Forest Service.

He spoke to state officials at a conference called to outline the federal proposal for broad surveys of every watershed in Pennsylvania.

8-Mill Rate Set for Cambria, Budget Is Adopted Monday

Monday morning of this week the Cambria Co. commissioners set a tax rate of eight mills and formally adopted a budget for the year 1948.

The millage rate is an increase of two mills over last year. The six-mill rate had been in effect since 1938.

The two-mill increase is expected to net the county an additional \$185,000 revenue this year. The new rate and budget were adopted at a meeting of Commissioners Thomas A. Owens and Cyrus W. Davis, Commissioner Pat Farrell, president of the board, was not present. He is on a brief vacation to Florida.

Previously he had indicated his approval of the budget and tax increase.

Total receipts for the year will be about \$50,000 in excess of those in 1947. Total expenditures, however, are expected to exceed those of the past year by nearly \$200,000.

Income Actually Less However, all of this is just on paper. The budget indicates a total income that will increase, but actually it will be less. Here is a breakdown to show why:

By its two-mill tax increase the county will pick up an extra \$185,000 in current tax revenue. This is more than offset, however, in the bond department. Last year bond issues brought in \$550,000. This year there will be a refunding issue of only \$331,000. Thus the treasury will fall short of \$219,000 in income from bonds.

Combining the tax gain with the bond figures shows that the county is short of last year's total income. However, the county started the year with a cash balance of \$142,836, most of which amount had been borrowed. Nevertheless, it showed on paper and is enough to give the county a total in income-plus-cash about \$90,000 in excess of 1947.

The increase in expenditures

Pennsylvania Electric Co. Indicates Pending Improvements in Service for North Cambria

Patton Folks Air Grips Before Penelec Officials

As indicated in this paper last week, the numerous and extended interruptions of electric service in this community prompted Burgess Robert Forsythe and President of Council Ted Ott to contact officials of the Pennsylvania Electric Co., who met with the town's citizens last Thursday night in order that some definite understanding might be reached as to the company's plans for rendering better service in the future.

The meeting was largely attended, and those assembled could well be summed up as a cross-section of folks in the area who have suffered most by the inconveniences of power curtailment.

Burgess Forsythe opened the meeting, and then turned the affair over to Jesse Cogley, supervising principal of the Patton schools, who acted as chairman.

Prof. Cogley suggested that the procedure of the meeting be covered in three parts—first, statement of citizens who realized the losses and inconveniences; second, statement of officials of Penelec, and finally, a question and answer period.

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Say Sub-Station Will Be Built at Patton by Jan. 1

Patton Sub-Station. He told of hardships the company experiences in securing necessary equipment and stated that since the war the equipment has been even harder to secure than was the case during the conflict.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS In the question and answer period, the query as to whether or not the company may be understaffed in maintenance personnel was answered by Mr. Pennelec, who stated the company is fully staffed and has been constantly adding men as the service expands.

He said the company has different department managers hire all the help necessary. He said plans are for a greater flexibility of service to the north county area and that these plans had been long before the recent difficulties confronted the service.

Discussion of some length followed concerning alleged fluctuations of power in Patton and of radio disturbances attributed by most of the town's power line officials explained many of the technical peculiarities of electric lines and stated they meant no complaint to the company. He also gave assurance that the lines were not carrying too great a load and checks of the transformers that are currently going the rounds.

A statement of most interest to his hearers was the assurance that a duplex line would be built to the North Cambria section and that a sub-station would be erected on the outskirts of Patton on this auxiliary line, that in the case of a breakdown of the main sub-station at St. Benedict the community, within a matter of minutes, would be again afforded current at least for domestic use.

This auxiliary substation was tentatively promised by the end of the present year, possibly before the end of the summer, department of the company will be to afford facilities of tying-in the sub-station at Spangler and Marsteller with the St. Benedict Sub-Station to offer temporary power for domestic patrons in case of breakdowns.

Mr. G. M. Dodson, commercial manager of the public utility, also spoke at length on the company's plans, reiterating Mr. Clark's statement relative to the auxiliary sub-station.

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