

Patton Boro Adds Another Tract to Its Growing Area

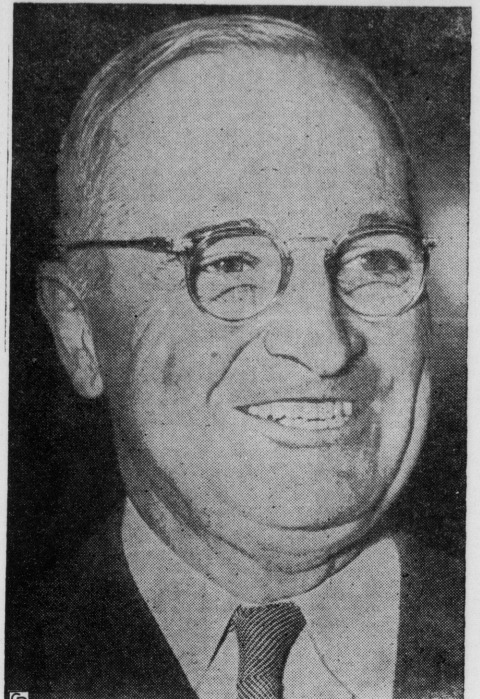
New Section Known As Hoppel Development

A tract of land lying just to the south of Patton Borough has been annexed by the borough authorities. An ordinance effecting the annexation was published in the Union Press-Courier last week and was filed on Monday in the office of Clerk of Courts Joseph C. Wess at Ebensburg.

The tract is irregular in shape and measures approximately 714 feet, 300 feet, 2675 feet and 1,812 feet on its respective boundaries. The area, known as the Hoppel tract, had been a part of East Carroll Twp. Entrance to the street will be at the Frank Callahan property, and turn at a left angle after skirting the Callahan property. The annexation was made at the request of property owners in the district. It is understood it is to be a new real estate development and that at least 14 or more dwellings will be constructed. The building already is under roof that of Clair Sherry.

Patton also annexed a tract of land lying to the west of the borough a few months ago. The purpose in the latter instance was so that the children in the area could attend Patton schools.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS EASY VICTORY



PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

WITH OPPOSITION becoming negligible to his nomination to become the standard-bearer of the Democratic Party for the Presidency of the United States, the convention now in progress in Philadelphia will, on Wednesday evening of this week, select him on the first ballot. Then Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, whom President Truman accepted on Tuesday morning as his Vice-Presidential running mate, likewise will be given convention approval. In all likelihood the selection of Sen. Barkley will go a long way in healing the present antagonism between Truman and the Southern States because of his stand on civil rights some time ago. There are some labor and civil rights provisions in the party platform the Southerners do not like, but they will swallow them after taken resistance.

Colver Hero to Be Honored by College

W. Garfield Thomas Jr. Was Penn State Grad

New posthumous honors will be bestowed upon Lt. W. Garfield Thomas of Patton, N. J., during the battle of the Solomons during World War II.

Pennsylvania State College plans to name its new water tunnel, being erected for the Ordnance Research Laboratory, in memory of the heroic Naval officer.

Lt. Thomas was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Garfield Thomas of Patton. His father is deputy secretary of the Pennsylvania Dept. of Mines.

The lieutenant was killed while serving on the cruiser, Boise, in Oct., 1942. Thomas was found dead at his post in a flame-swept gun turret after ordering his men to flee for safety.

Several times since then the officer has been decorated posthumously or cited for bravery. He was awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism. A. V. F. W. Post in the Ebensburg, Colver and Rev. and Rev. Roy Scout patch have been named in his honor.

Lt. Thomas was one of the first alumni of Penn State to lose his life in the last war. He was graduated from the school in 1938.

Patton Doctor Will Wed Trenton Nurse

Miss Betty D. Sparling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sparling, of Trenton, N. J., will become the bride of Dr. Edward B. McGovern, Patton, at 9 a. m., July 22, in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Spangler. Rev. Father Joseph Kreiter will perform the double ring ceremony.

The bride elect, a graduate of Medical Center School of Nursing and State Teachers College, Jersey City, N. J., took post graduate work at Rutgers University. She is Director of Nurses at Miriam Hospital, Spangler.

Dr. McGovern, a veteran of the recent World War, served as a medical officer in the ETO. He is a graduate of St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, and Pennsylvania State Medical School, Philadelphia. He is a member of the Miners Hospital staff, and has his office in Patton, where the couple will reside.

A wedding breakfast will be served in Wissinger's Inn, Ebensburg.

2 Mining Conventions Will Attract Area Men

Two conventions which will draw many delegates from the Cambria Co. area, have been scheduled for the fall.

The United Mine Workers of America will hold its fifth consecutive meeting Oct. 5 to 13 in Music Hall, Cincinnati. Under the union constitution, all credentials must be forwarded to the international secretary-treasurer by Sept. 20.

The National Coal Assn. has planned its 1948 convention for Oct. 4, 5 and 6, in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, in New York.

Barnesboro Skater Takes Second Place Award

Margaret Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Steele, Barnesboro, teamed up with Charles Irwin of New Jersey to take second place in the senior class division of the United States Amateur Ice Skating Championship. The events were held in the National Arena at Washington, D. C., early this month.

The Ludwig and Ward team, winners of the world championship last year in the senior division, beat out M. Steele and her partner by 2.2 points. Last year's national winners ended in third place.

Trout Clan Will Meet

The annual reunion of the Trout clan will be held July 25 at the home of Norman Trout, Barnesboro R. D. 2, in the form of a basket picnic.

Clair Gill Will Head Area Red Cross

Mr. Clair Gill of Patton has been elected chairman of the Clearfield Branch of the Cambria County American Red Cross Chapter. The announcement was made last night following a meeting at the headquarters in Patton. Mr. Gill succeeds T. J. Rivley, who retired because of illness a few months ago.

Mr. Gill is active in borough and civic organizations. He is a member of the American Legion, Kiwanis and Patton Bar Council. He served as fund campaign chairman for the branch this year. The new chairman is associated with Towler, Nehrig & Company, Patton.

American Legion Picnic Next Sunday At Patton Park

Swim Demonstration Will Be One Feature

Basket Picnic, Entertainment, Sports, Band Concert to Feature The American Legion and Walter McCoy Home Association will hold a Basket Picnic on Sunday, July 18, at the Patton Recreation Park. The program will begin at 11:00 a. m. and will continue throughout the day.

The committee in charge is doing everything possible to make the program an enjoyable one for the large crowd which is expected to present. Among the many features are the Red Cross Life Guards of Johnstown, known as the 'Aqua Hi-Liners,' who will present an interesting water show at the pool at 2:30. They will illustrate the nine basic strokes for swimming, a demonstration of rescues, elementary lifesaving, synchronized swimming and water ballets, 'A Kiss in The Dark and Remember.' This will be followed by a 'Swim Relay.' The Aqua Hi-Liners will conclude their program with a water polo game. Those who will participate in the Aqua Hi-Lite Show are as follows: Robert Orozco, John James, Roy Baldwin, Joe Baron, Paul Pahl, Edw. Orozco, James Overdorff, Dick Urosco, Margaret Grove, Mary E. Yingling, Shirley Risher, Viola Alessandri, Shirley Mobley, Agnes Urosco.

Other events include a mulligan game between the Veterans of World War I and II, and athletic events for the 'youngsters.' Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Patton High School Band. The band will rehearse at the school throughout the afternoon.

Free coffee will be served on the grounds and those attending are requested to bring their own cups and saucers.

Rain date for the event has been set for Sunday, July 25.

Union Protestant Daily Vacation School Sessions

A Union Daily Vacation Bible School is being held at St. Benedict from July 12 to 23rd, inclusive. The school will be held in the Presbyterian Church from July 19 to 23. Rev. William Strain, Mr. James Strain and Mr. Joseph Symmons, Misses Vivian Symmons, Shirley Bradford, Phyllis Ahlstrom, Cherie Sticker, Shirley Malloy and Marjorie Stoltz will help with music and recreation.

Closing exercises will probably be held on Sunday evening, July 25th.

The school will be in session each evening from Monday thru Friday, from 6:30 o'clock to 8:30.

Jerome Dietrick on State Camp Political Slate

Jerome Dietrick of Patton is on the Conservative 'slate' for Auditor General in a contest with the 'Progressives' for mock offices at the American Legion's Keystone Camp at Indiantown Gap this week.

The 300 boys from various parts of the state encamped at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation chose candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of internal affairs, treasurer and auditor general.

\$3,710 in Property Damage Caused By Area Wood Fires

Loss during the spring fire season in the Gallitzin Forest District was slight in comparison with last year. This was shown in a report released the other day by Forester Charles E. Zerby. The spring season ended June 1.

A total of 43 forest and grass fires were reported during the past season in the district, comprised of Cambria and Indiana Counties and portions of Blair and Clearfield counties. Damage of \$3,710 was caused when 754 acres were burned over by the fires. The cost of extinguishing the fires was placed at \$1,208.

Sportsmen to Plan for Picnic at Meet Thursday

Plans for the annual picnic of the Cambria Co. Sportsmen's Association will be outlined at a meeting of that group at 8 p. m. Thursday of this week in the Ebensburg Club House. The affair will be held in August at the Ebensburg Fairgrounds.

Barnesboro Edges Out Patton Junior Team

Barnesboro edged out Patton, 4 to 2, on two hits in a recent Cambria County Junior Legion League game at Patton. The winners coupled five walks and three errors with their pair of triples to notch the win. Nantyglo standing in first place in the League standings with Patton, second and Barnesboro third.

North Cambria Flood Control Problems To Be Aired at Meeting Here July 23

Susquehanna Group Secretary to Speak

Without question there are a hundreds of citizens and scores of borough and township officials in Northern Cambria County, who are vitally interested in some concrete movement on the part of the federal government, for flood control measures. This was an uppermost thought a few years ago when most every point of the headwaters of the Susquehanna River system, in this area ran wild and caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage.

The Cambria County Commissioners, along with most of the other Commissioners' bodies in the Susquehanna system counties, are co-ordinating their efforts with the Susquehanna River System Board of Engineers. They are adding concerted action for obtaining federal aid all along the line. In this connection, a meeting of all interested officials and citizens of the North County area has been called for the evening of Friday, July 23, at 8 o'clock, daylight time, in the Patton Fire Hall. The set-up provides that each county have an elected Director Representative to the System Association, with the second Representative being one of the

Election of Director To Feature Gathering

Board of Commissioners, of which Mr. Owens has been designated. The election of a director will be a function of the meeting on July 23rd.

The stage is now set in the affairs of the System group where there is every indication that the next Congress will be impelled to finance this much-needed project. But this can't be done until we have co-operated with the giving of certain specific information that can be collected only if representatives from all sections affected come to the meeting. It is of vital importance that all who read this story, and have a vital interest do come. Notices were mailed to the supervisors of each township in the area, to burgesses and to borough secretaries, as well as some of the folks who have been interested in the past. The County Commissioners are relying on all these people to pass the word around. By a good attendance, and the message that Mr. Allison will have for you, the first cog in actual achievement can be built.

Make it a point to attend the meeting on Friday evening, July 23, in the Patton Fire Hall.

Press-Courier News Editor Is Vacationing

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Owens, Jr., daughter, Carol, and son, Eddie, of Carrolltown, and Mr. and Mrs. John Short, Jr., daughter, Judy, and son, Johnnie, of Lewistown, are spending this week on a vacation period up at Erie, Pa., where they have leased a cabin on the Lake. Mr. Owens is managing editor of the Union Press-Courier and our chief linotype operator, as well. We hope the paper isn't too bad, without its guiding spirit this week.

Lewis and Captive Mine Operators Reach Agreement

Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough brought about a peaceful, out-of-court settlement on Tuesday of a weeklong strike in the 'captive' coal mines of the steel industry.

Agreement on a contract was worked out in Godsborough's chambers between the striking United Mine Workers and representatives of the management of the captive mines, whose production all goes to fuel the Nation's steel industry.

The contract quickly was signed and the 40,000 employees of the 'captive' mines were advised to go back to work.

The method which Judge Goldsborough used in terminating the strike in the captive mines was as follows: With the exception of the union shop provision, the steel companies were willing to accept all terms of the July 1 contract, including a \$1-a-day pay increase, and a 20-cent royalty on each ton of coal to go into the United Mine Workers' fund. The companies together produce 60,000,000 tons annually, about one-tenth of the national output.

Goldsborough persuaded the union and management representatives to stipulate that they would put in effect the same union shop agreement as the balance of the industry, pending a final court decision.

Portage Miner Killed When Struck by Gear

By a flying gear wheel, Andrew Salovich, 34-year-old Portage coal miner, was injured fatally last Thursday morning at the Johnstown Coal and Coke Co., Portage. He died in a Johnstown hospital.

Salovich was working on a conveyor crew at the time of the accident. Mine officials said he was on a cutting machine worked loose and the wheel flew off. The heavy cast-iron wheel flew several feet through the air and struck Salovich on the head.

To Ask Roof Bids

Hastings Borough School Board on Monday night agreed to place a new roof on the school building. The secretary was authorized to advertise for bids on the project. It is hoped the work will be completed before the opening of school in September.

Barnesboro R. D. Man Killed By Rock Fall at Springfield 4

Carrolltown Escapes Death by Taking Drink

Ronald A. Justham, 44-year-old Barnesboro R. D. miner, was killed instantly about 12:45 a. m. Thursday when he was crushed under a fall of rock at Springfield No. 4 mine in Spangler.

The Barnesboro man was hit on a back by a huge section of rock, 30 feet long, 11 feet wide and four feet thick, as he was walking through a heading. A buddy, Gerald Farabaugh of Carrolltown, missed the same fate by stopping to get a drink just before the rock fell. The two men had been working together prior to that time.

Coroner Joseph Govekar and State Mine Inspector Dennis J. Keenan said they learned that the rock fall occurred when a main ceiling support was knocked loose by a mine car. Four cars were going down a grade when the lead car was stopped. The prop, in turn, knocked out the king bar, or main roof support, causing the section of roof to fall.

Death was probably instantaneous, said Govekar, although the man was not pronounced dead until the body was brought to the surface about 1:30 a. m.

Mr. Justham was born on July 18, 1903, in Barnesboro, a son of James and Minnie (Ramsey) Justham. He was married to the former Mae Myers.

Surviving are his widow, his mother, and seven brothers and one sister, as follows: Harry, Tarentum; Simon, William, Albert, Joseph and Mrs. James Barton, all of Akron, O.; James, Conemaugh; and Robert, Barnesboro.

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. Friday in the Garmann-Town Church by Rev. Paul F. Smalley. Burial was in the Crown Chest Memorial Park, Clearfield. May 25, 1905.

Chest Springs Man Assumes Position As County Engineer

Joseph A. Graft Also Serves As Co. Surveyor

Joseph A. Graft, of Chest Springs, has been placed on the Cambria Co. payroll as county engineer. His appointment was approved by county commissioners at a meeting last Friday afternoon.

In addition to serving as engineer, Mr. Graft will be employed as a clerk in the office of the commissioners. The salary board fixed his salary at \$265 per month. The appointment becomes effective on Friday of this week, July 16.

The position of county engineer has been vacant since last March when the resignation of H. Frank Dorr was accepted. Mr. Dorr had served as engineer and chief clerk in the commissioners' office for 16 years. He had been in ill health and unable to work for some time prior to his resignation. Maurice A. Springer has replaced Mr. Dorr as chief clerk.

Mr. Graft also holds the position of county surveyor, which carries no salary. He was elected on the Democratic ticket in the general election last November.

Mr. Graft has resided in Cambria County since 1913 when he came to this county as a mining engineer for the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Co. He has taken an active part in Democratic politics for a number of years.

The new engineer has had forty years' experience in that profession. He is a graduate of Ohio Northern University, where he received his engineering degree in 1915, and is registered in this state as a professional engineer. He has spent the past sixteen years Mr. Graft has been a justice of the peace in Chest Springs.

John Simpson Leading In Local Bicycle Contest

The bicycle contest sponsored by the Fregly and Bianco got off to a grand start last week and returns to date show John Simpson in the lead. Runners-up are: Edward Hoover, Albert Sumser, Bonnie Agypt, John George Plunkett, Raymond DeDea, Gene Delapierre, Carol Mae Brown, Virginia Clark, Kenneth Kirk and Gerald Strasser.

The contest which opened on July 6, will close on October 2. The winner will receive a 1948 model Super DeLuxe Monark Silver King bicycle. Many other valuable prizes also will be awarded.

PLAN DANCE JULY 16

A rock and square dance will be sponsored by the Patton Post of Catholic War Veterans and Auxiliary at the St. Benedict church hall on Friday evening, July 16, according to plans made at a meeting of the group held last Thursday.

Music will be furnished by the Diamond Brothers. Dancing will be from 9 to 12. The public is invited.

Patton Legion Names Six Delegates to Convention

Election of delegates to the state Legion convention next month in Philadelphia took place at a meeting of Patton American Legion Post on Tuesday evening in the post home.

Named delegates were Francis Huber, James Toski, Harry Winslow and Ben O. Short. Comm. Earl Bender and Adj. J. J. Sheehan will attend the convention by virtue of their offices.

Legionaires also donated \$100 to the Salvation Army campaign. Plans were completed for a picnic Sunday at Patton Recreation Park.

Fallentimmer Man Fined On Coal Weight Charge

Charles Macey of Fallentimmer was fined \$100 and costs last Friday night for violation of the solid fuel act. At a hearing before Ebsburg justice of the peace Elizabeth Rowland he was charged with misrepresenting coal by using weight bills from another mine, and coal not being weighed on the scales for which the license was held.

The charge was brought by J. J. Sheehan, state deputy sealer of weights and measures, and D. V. Sheehan, county sealer.

North Cambria Tax On Coal Mined Has Court Tests Ahead

Three Claims Entered Against Recent Levies

Opposition to Cambria Co.'s several coal taxes kept rolling along like a snowball, this week. Three new claims were made in the county court on Monday—two of them opposing the taxes on coal.

There was considerable overlapping of complaints in one way or another. One school district which recently adopted a tax found itself challenged both in civil court and in the court of quarter sessions. The names of several coal companies began to appear on more than one appeal.

The complaints, generally, are the same. It is charged that the coal tax is unconstitutional, that it is discriminatory and that it is excessive. Various other reasons for asking the court to declare the coal tax invalid have been cited in individual instances. Among these are the allegation that coal already is being taxed by the state under the Capital Stock Tax Act and the Corporate Net Income Tax; also that taxing bodies are imposing taxes that would bring more revenue than they need to meet expenses.

The second equity suit appeared on Monday. Four coal companies filed a civil court suit against the Elder Twp. School District. They asked an injunction be issued to prevent the school district from collecting the five-cent-a-ton levy which went into effect June 24. The companies—the Rich Hill Coal Mining Corp., Lanark Coal Co., Hastings Fuel Co. and Lantz & Clark and Kline Coal Co.

In taking their suit to a court of equity, the operators are being cautious. They are making sure that their complaints reached the court in one form or another.

Previously, they had filed an appeal against the same tax. The petition for appeal had been signed by officials of the four companies, and a sufficient number of individual taxpayers to make up the required 25 signatures. An appeal must be signed by 25 individuals or by persons owning at least 25 acres of land. An assessed valuation of the political subdivision levying the tax.

Apparently all of the individuals who signed the appeal are not in the coal business and therefore not directly affected by the tax. Since it has not been definitely ascertained whether these people are qualified to sign a petition for appeal, it is uncertain whether the appeal will hold up. Therefore, the suit was entered as a precautionary measure.

The Township has 30 days in which to answer a bill of complaint in the equity suit. The appeal already has been set for later this month on the appeal—which in itself prevents collection of the tax until the hearing is completed.

Two other new appeals are against the Reade Twp. School District, which has levied a five-cent tax, and the Susquehanna Twp. School District, which has adopted a three-cent-a-ton tax. The Susquehanna appeal will be heard next week. The Reade Twp. hearing has been set for July 30. Although both taxes became effective July 5, neither may be collected until the appeals are disposed of one way or the other.

In Reade Township the levy has been challenged by C. E. and Annie Powell, owners of a strip-mining operation. Their petition bears signature of 26 other taxpayers in the township. The petition alleges that the school district currently has a surplus of \$50,000 and the additional revenue from the proposed tax is not needed or necessary.

Cambria's Traffic Dead 8 This Year

1 Killed, 17 Injured During June Alone

One person was killed and 17 were injured in traffic accidents on Cambria County highways last month. The number of fatalities to date this year is eight, the same as the number who died as the result of highway accidents in the first six months of 1947.

A report released the other day by State Police in Ebensburg disclosed that June accidents were slightly lower than the figures for the corresponding month of last year. The totals in the first six months, however, are about even.

There were 20 accidents in the month of June, making a total of 157 for the year to date. In June, 1947, there were 32 for a six month total of 158. Thirty-six cars were involved in last month's crashes and property damage was estimated at \$10,495. This brings the damage total to \$78,800 to date as compared with \$68,928 to the January-to-June period in 1947.

Thirteen of last month's accidents happened during the day and seven occurred after dark. Seven were caused by excessive speed, eight by driving on the left side of the center line and one by a careless pedestrian. Four crashes were classified as miscellaneous.

Sister Antoinette Expires in Louisiana

Sister Antoinette, the former Susan Mary Sutton, of Chest Springs, died June 28 in the convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor, at New Orleans, La. Interment was made in New Orleans. Sister Antoinette was born on May 25, 1881, in Chest Springs, a daughter of James and Cornelia (Donoghue) Sutton, both now deceased. She entered the convent May 25, 1905.