

# 20-Man Safety Group Named For Cambria By Gov. Duff

### Patton Native to Head Program in Western Pa.


Appointment of a 20-man Governor's Highway Safety Advisory Committee for Cambria County has been announced by Pfc. John T. Docherty of Ebensburg, sub-station, state police.

In setting up the committee, Pfc. Docherty selected men engaged in diversified enterprises so as to get a representation of the largest number of people.

Selected were men interested in safety programs in industry, in the schools and other fields.

Committee members had their initial meeting on Tuesday of this week, and Guest Speaker of the meeting was Capt. Joseph G. McCann of Greensburg barracks, of the state police. Capt. McCann, a

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and Pfc. Docherty of the state police.

Purpose of the committee is to promote greater safety on county highways. The group not only will recommend highway safety, but also will put them into effect where possible.

Under present plans the committee will meet once each month to discuss highway hazards in the various sections. It also will seek solutions for hazards and make recommendations to the proper authorities.

# Albany Merchant May Have Sent First Yule Card

### Seek Authoritative Proof Of Origin of Greeting

Who really did send the first Christmas card—and when—is a controversy that has never been settled.

The chief contenders for the honor are an obscure 16-year-old engraver's apprentice in London, a famous British lord, and a dry-goods merchant in Albany, N. Y.

The historic first Yuletide card was probably designed in the 1840's, about the time the U. S. Government issued its first postage stamp and Charles Dickens' famous novels were teaching England "how to keep Christmas well."

The merchant was R. H. Pease, who operated a dry goods store in Albany from 1834 to 1856. Sometime during that period he commissioned an artist named Forbes to draw the Christmas card that certainly was the first in America, and perhaps the first in the world.

Combining sentiment with business, the lithograph card had a line of rustic lettering across the top reading, "Pease's Great Variety Store in The Temple Of Fancy." Beneath appeared the formal Christmas greeting and several panels showing a family group, toys, a Christmas dinner, and a wassail bowl.

Unfortunately, Forbes put no date on the card. Greeting card publishers who would like to claim world-wide honors for the U. S.—are still searching attics and old trunks in up-State New York for evidence that will finally settle the mystery.

The official title-holder is William Maw Egley, who was only 16 when he designed his Christmas card in a London garage in 1842 and printed 100 copies for his friends. Typically English, the card pictures the Christmas pantomime "Harlequin and Columbine," a puppet booth, skaters outdoors, and a formal banquet.

Because the date on the card is slightly obscured, some historians award the honor to an elaborate Christmas greeting card designed in London in 1846 for Sir Henry Cole, who had 1,000 copies engraved for his personal use.

The first complete line of Christmas cards in the U. S. was printed in Boston in 1874 by Louis Prang, German immigrant who later became known as "Father of the American Christmas Card."

Protect Roses in Winter

Roses need some protection in the winter says A. O. Rasmussen the extension ornamental horticulturist of the Pennsylvania State College. Hill some soil around the individual bushes, place a small screen of chicken wire around each bush, and cover the mounded bush or bushes with leaves from hardwood trees.

—The leading industry of Danbury, Conn., is the making of hats.

# The Origin of Santa Claus



SAINT NICHOLAS WAS AN ARCHBISHOP IN ASIA MINOR DURING THE FOURTH CENTURY. NOTED FOR HIS GENEROSITY AND MIRACLES, HE BECAME PATRON SAINT OF CHILDREN, MADDEN'S SEAMEN, AND THIEVES

RECEIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM THE COP SAINT ON DECEMBER 6. ST. NICHOLAS DROVE HIS STEEDS THROUGH THE WALLS OF THE DUTCH CITY OF ROTTERDAM TO BRING HIS BROTHERS TO CHRISTMAS. HE WAS THE FIRST TO BRING GIFTS TO CHILDREN.

WASHINGTON IRVING INVENTED THE CHARACTER OF SANTA CLAUSE IN HIS NOVEL "ST. NICHOLAS: A SKETCH OF HIS CHARACTER AND HISTORY AS FOUND IN THE OLDEN TIMES."

HELLO THERE! Here's Santa Claus!

A Christmas Greeting in the Simplest Style

# O'Neill Tells Coal Operators Mine Union Is Here to Stay

### Says Some Operators Hope for Union's End

About 575 members of the Coal Mining Institute were warned on Thursday last to prepare for the 1949 contract demands of the United Mine Workers.

Addressing the 62nd annual session, held in Pittsburgh, Charles O'Neill, president of the Central Pennsylvania Coal Producers' Association, declared:

"The lingering hope retained by some operators that they are going to return to a non-union status, or get released by some means or other from a basic wage agreement, is nonsense. That day is not returning now or ever."

He pointed to UMW demands for a "spread the work" program and said operators should start now to organize a committee with the power to deal with the union for the entire bituminous industry.

At the convention banquet, Harry W. Moses, president of the H. C. Frick Coke Co., called relations with the UMW "the major internal problem" of the industry and said:

"I cannot see the solution of many of the problems which we face unless our relationships with the UMW improve to the point where the necessary degree of confidence is brought about."

# 32 North Cambrians Drawn To Serve Civil Court Juries

### 2-Week Session Slated To Begin On Jan. 3

One hundred and thirty-one persons have been named to the traverse jury which will serve during a two weeks' session of civil court in Ebensburg next month. Civil cases slated for the December term will be heard during the weeks of Jan. 3 and Jan. 10. Civil court normally would have been held this month but was set back to January to avoid conflict with the Christmas holidays.

Persons from the north of the county drawn on the jury, include:

Rita Bilko, West Carroll Twp. Theresa Beck, Hastings. Margaret Callahan, East Carroll Twp.

Benton Edwards, Ebensburg. Margaret Gallagher, Ebensburg. Irvin Griffith, Cambria Twp. Clifford D. Gibson, "Sunset" Twp. Mike Haneyok, Sr., Barnesboro. Leo Hartmann, Susquehanna Twp.

Vone R. Jones, Ebensburg. Mae Kozmin, Barnesboro. Gibbs Leidy, Cambria Twp. Arthur Lewis, Munster Twp. Charles Long, Loretto. Grace Miller, East Carroll Twp. Marie Marshall, Patton. Harry E. Martin, Ebensburg. Robert McAnulty, Barnesboro. Creighton McClellan, Reade Twp.

Beatrice Overberger, Barnesboro. P. P. Parrish, Cresson. Llewellyn Reese, Ebensburg. R. P. Short, Patton. Margaret Sundelin, Cambria Twp.

John Shope, Reade Twp. Charles Smithbower, Allegheny Twp.

Mary Sitko, Cambria Twp. Anna B. Schneider, Ebensburg. Alice Turner, Cresson. Margaret Wyland, Allegheny Twp.

Rita Weber, Carrolltown. Margaret Work, Barnesboro

# Parents Urged to Be Sure Santa's Sack Holds Safety

A toy maker says only a few parents will select the proper playthings for their children this Christmas. Most will buy toys that please themselves rather than the children.

The National Safety Council adds that too few parents will keep safety in mind when they choose toys, because they fail to realize the hundreds of ways that children get hurt.

Here are the hazards to avoid in choosing toys for various ages:

**The Hand to Mouth Age (up to 2 years)**—Avoid small toys which can be placed in the mouth, flammable objects, toys with small wheels or knobs that can be pulled off, poisonous paint on any object, stuffed animals with glass or button eyes (most of them will come off. Either remove at once or buy animals with stitched eyes).

**The Exploratory Age (2 to 3 years)**—Avoid anything with a sharp or rough edge which will cut or scratch; objects with small removable parts, poisonous paint or crayons, marbles, beads, jacks, flammable objects.

**The Let's Frestend Age (3 to 4 years)**—Avoid toys too heavy for child's strength, sharp or cutting toys, cowboy suits or other costumes which are not flameproofed, and electrical toys.

**The Creative Age (4 to 6 years)**—Avoid shooting or target toys which will endanger eyes, sharp whistles, horns or other moan objects that can be fallen on, sharp scissors or cutting instruments, sewing machines.

**The Dexter Age (6 to 8 years)**—Avoid electrical toys not approved by Underwriters' Laboratories, transportation toys that entice children into the street, sharp-edged tools, conductive kites and dart games.

**The Specialization Age (8 and older)**—Avoid air rifles, chemistry sets, darts, bows and arrows, dangerous tools, electrical toys—unless used under parental supervision—motor scooters or motorized bicycles.

**PIONEER PLOW MAKER**

Nathaniel Fairbanks, an American inventor, began the manufacture of plows and stoves in the United States in the year 1824.

—Press-Courier Classifieds pay!

# Cambria County's December Draft List Made Public

### 3 Board 38 Enrollees Take Service Physicals

Three Cambria County Draft Boards the other day listed the names of eight men who will answer the call to the colors this month.

Three men will be sent from Board 41 and two from Board 40, both with headquarters in the Carnegie Building Johnston, and three from Board 38, with headquarters in Ebensburg.

Those called from board 38 will go to Altoona on Friday of this week. They are Anthony Zucco, Chester Leonard Keith and Calvin Arlington, Jr.

Under the present setup the inductees go to Altoona and from there are sent to Ft. Knox, Ky., for basic training. Draft board officials did not know if the eight men called as the December quota will be given leaves for the Christmas holidays.

For security reasons draft board authorities declined to disclose addresses of those scheduled for induction. Addresses are withheld the board members said, as a protection for the inductees as well as members of his family.

Board clerks in Cambria County are sending out questionnaires to all men who registered under the Selective Service System. The forms are being sent to all men whether they are ex-servicemen or not.

It was pointed out, however, that the forms do not mean the recipient is subject to draft call. Boards simply are seeking necessary additional information regarding all registrants.

At present only men between 16 and 25, who are single and non-veterans, are subject to immediate military service.

—Three Pennsylvania cities have been the capital of the United States—Philadelphia, York and Lancaster.

# Talk Of A-Bomb With Due Respect, Says Lilienthal

### People who minimize the atom bomb's destructive power are playing into Russian hands, David E. Lilienthal says.

The chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission told the Women's National Press Club in the National Capital the other day that "some military men and some scientists" now say the bomb is just another super block-buster.

"This down grading of the atom bomb is the attitude of the Kremlin," Lilienthal said.

If the country were to accept this idea, he said, it might spur a drive to return the atomic energy commission to military control—a move Lilienthal consistently has opposed. The program

now is under the supervision of the five civilian members of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Lilienthal also assailed the idea that supplies of uranium—the A-bomb's source material—are too scarce for large-scale use of atomic energy. He said that within the next 20 years a sizeable amount of the nation's electricity will be produced by atomic energy plants.

—The "Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania," in Harrison State Park near Wellsboro, has a gorge almost 50 miles long and more than 1,000 feet deep at some points.

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