

Spangler Man Is Freed of All Blame In Doran Death

Witnesses Say Driver Traveling At Slow Speed

A coroner's jury, on Tuesday of this week, absolved a Spangler motorist of all criminal negligence in the death of a pedestrian Dec. 4 on a borough street in Spangler.

Coroner Joseph Govekar, who conducted the inquest in Spangler Municipal Building, said it was recommended Louis T. Schrenkel, 23, be exonerated of the blame in the fatal accident in which Philip Doran, 72, was killed.

Doran died Dec. 4 in the Miners Hospital, Spangler, about two hours after he was hit by the car operated by Schrenkel.

The driver testified he was driving on Route 219 toward Barnesboro about 8 p. m. when a heavy fog began to form. He said he did not see Doran crossing the road until the aged man was directly in front of his car.

James Passarella and John Abrams both testified at the inquest and agreed with Schrenkel. The two men said they were standing on Bigler Ave "thumbing" a ride to Barnesboro at the time of the accident. Both said Schrenkel was driving at a slow speed when the mishap occurred. Spangler police chief, Joseph Mihalich, also was a witness.

In its recommendations, the jury urged installation of some safety measure be taken at the intersections near where the man was killed. The members also suggested authorities take action to stop persons from standing on the roadway attempting to hitch rides.

Members of the jury were Martin C. Kirsch, John Lobick, Albert Mulrone, Duane Beiker, John S. Steward and Albert Spriggs.

Colver PTA Plans Holiday Program

A Christmas program will mark the December meeting of Colver Parent-Teachers Assn., at 7 p. m. tonight at the Colver school. Miss Viola Parrish will preside at a business meeting.

Mrs. Betty Lyons, music supervisor, will have charge of the holiday program. Taking part will be pupils of Miss Pearl Masters, Mrs. A. W. Price, Mrs. Helen Friedhoff and Miss Dorothy Moore. The program follows:

Songs, Christmas Is Coming, Kolyade and Christmas Morning, by the grade school chorus; piano solo, A Merry Merry Christmas by Alice Bright.

Second and Third Grades—Recitation, Christmas Candles Welcome You; song, Sweet Christmas Bells; song, Holiday Holly; dance, and song, Snowflakes; dance, Santa's Christmas Elves; song, We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

Piano solo, Evelyn Martin; Twas the Night Before Christmas, grade school chorus; recitation, Christmas Stockings, Tom Valeri; Shepherds Shake Off Your Dreamy Sleep, March of the Magi and Angles We Have Heard On High by the school chorus; vocal solo, Silent Night by Bill Sides.

Nativity story by the fourth and fifth grades—O Come All Ye Faithful, Hark Now O Shepherds, We Three Kings, Away in a Manger and O Come Emmanuel.

Pay Hike At Jail Recommended By Co. Prison Board

Final Action Must Be Taken By Salary Board

Cambria Co. jail employees were voted pay raises at a meeting of the county prison board, after a lengthy meeting in which some opposition was voiced and finally compromise made.

However, the board's vote Monday of this week serves only as a recommendation and no raises will go into effect until passed upon by the county salary board.

Warden Edward Beattie recommended that the pay of his first deputy, Patrick H. McCann, be increased from \$213 to \$275 per month to correspond with pay of other first deputies in the pay of the county. He also recommended that salaries of nine guards be raised from \$187 to \$210 per month.

A motion to adopt the new rates was made by Judge George W. Griffith, but was rejected by a 4-to-3 vote of members present. Judge John H. McCann, president of the board, did not vote and Commissioner Cyrus W. Davis did not attend.

After discussion, District Attorney Samuel R. DiFrancesco moved that the first deputy's pay be set at \$275 and that guards' pay be raised to \$200. The motion carried, 6-to-1, with Controller M. C. Chervenak Jr. dissenting.

Chervenak pointed out he was not opposed to increases if they were general for all employees. He stated, however, that prison employees had received a pay raise along with other county workers last August. A raise for this particular group at this time, he said, would "start the ball rolling" toward pay raises in other county departments.

DiFrancesco was the first to raise the question concerning the recent raises for jail workers. He pointed out that prison guards working in eight-hour shifts did not work as many hours as the county detectives assigned to him.

Board members generally agreed that the pay of First Deputy Warden McCann should be on the same level with the pay of other first deputies. Although he did not vote, Judge McCann, father of the deputy, commented that he thought the increase to \$275 may be too much in proportion to the other proposed increases.

Most opposition to the raises was voiced by Chervenak and Commissioner Pat Farrell. They were joined in voting against the original proposal by Commissioner Thomas A. Owens and DiFrancesco. Deputy Sheriff John McHugh, Judge Ivan J. McKenrick and Judge George W. Griffith voted in favor of the first proposed increase as well as the compromise rate finally approved.

The matter now will go before the salary board with Judge McCann sitting with that group as a representative of the prison board. Other members of the salary board are Commissioners Farrell, Owens and Davis and Controller Chervenak. It is expected to meet at an early date.

No action was taken last Tuesday on the proposal to raise the pay of Arthur Brosch, jail maintenance man, from \$150 to \$160 per month. When the recommendation was made, Commissioner Farrell objected on the ground that Brosch is receiving maintenance in addition to his salary. No vote was taken on the proposed increase.

Pennsylvania, now one of the greatest game and fish states in the nation, was practically a "shot-out" state in 1895.

Van Ormer Mine Visited Recently By U. S. Inspector

Suggests Improvement, Praises Safety Features

A rock dusting program, improved blasting practices and further ventilation safeguards are recommended for the Shomo-Moshannon Coal Co.'s Shomo No. 2 mine in a Federal inspection report released last Monday by the Bureau of Mines. Commendable safety features are also cited. Near Van Ormer, Cambria County, the mine employed 13 men and averaged 50 tons of coal daily when it was examined in October for the first time by Inspector Arthur C. Jones.

Reporting that rock dust had not been applied in this dry mine, Inspector Jones recommended the adoption of a rock-dusting program conforming fully with accepted coal-dust-control standards.

The inspector noted that black powder was used for blasting on shift, and he proposed that shift blasting be done with permissible explosives, stored, transported and used in accordance with the Federal Mine Safety Code.

Although describing the face ventilation as adequate, Jones recommended more air for two last open crosscuts, construction of an air lock at one location, as well as offset installation and fire-ure-relief doors for the ventilating fan. He also suggested pre-shift and weekly examinations for explosive gas and other hazards.

Fraiseworthy safety measures cited in the report included driving of crosscuts at 60 foot intervals, conformance with the systematic timbering plan, frequent roof testing, and provision of clear shelter holes at proper intervals along the haulage roads.

Other proposals called for better control of loose haulage roof, adequate fire protection underground, universal wearing of "hard" hats and safety-toe shoes, and discontinuance of using open flame lights and smoking in the mine.

Hunting License Fee Probably Will Go Up Next Year

By Pennsylvania News Service Harrisburg, Dec. 15—Pennsylvania's hunters stand a very good chance of having their hunting license fee upped a notch or two.

The lawmakers when they gather for their biennial session in January will be asked to increase the fees of both the resident and non-resident licenses.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs has endorsed the idea.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has also tacitly placed its indirect stamp of approval on the plan.

And this week into the mails went questionnaires and literature to more than 900 sportsmen clubs in Pennsylvania—asking them what they thought of the idea of increasing license fees.

The present fee for a resident hunter's license is \$2—the same as in 1927.

The Game Commission in its letters to the 900 clubs in Pennsylvania pointed out that the current state game conservation program, if continued, would cost the neighborhood of \$3,200,000 a year.

The commission points out further that unless the license fee is jacked up next year's work will have to be curtailed about \$750,000. The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs has recommended increasing the fee to \$3.65 for a resident's license and \$25 for non-resident licenses.

Cambria Co. Roads 'Death Free' in Nov.

However, 51 Vehicles Involved in 30 Accidents

There were no fatal accidents on Cambria County highways during November, according to a report by State Police at Ebensburg last Friday. It was the second monthly report this year that did not include a fatality. The other perfect month was February.

Generally, the accident rate in Cambria County last month showed a decline when compared with figures for November, 1947. During the month, State Police investigated 30 accidents involving 51 cars. Thirty-four persons were injured and property damage amounted to \$12,160.

During the corresponding month of 1947, police checked 41 accidents which involved 79 cars and resulted in injuries to 36 persons. Three persons were killed in November, 1947, and property damage was \$15,190.

For the first 11 months this year the highway toll shows 16 fatalities as compared with 17 for the same period last year. Otherwise 1948 figures are slightly higher than those of last year. Up to Nov. 30, State Police had investigated 306 crashes, as compared with 300 last year, and 311 persons were injured as compared with 240 last year. Property damage this year totals \$163,891, which is more than \$40,000 above 1947 totals.

Carrolltown Man Is Named To 19th Term By Sportsmen

M. J. Farabaugh Is Re-elected By Co. Group

Charles A. Allen of Ferndale was retained as president of the Cambria County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs on Wednesday night of last week. He was re-elected to his fifth consecutive term during the reorganization in the Ebensburg courthouse.

M. J. Farabaugh, of Carrolltown, was retained as recording secretary, for his nineteenth consecutive term.

Other officers are: J. H. Nicholson, Gallitzin, first vice president; William Cruikshank, Johnstown, second vice president; Dr. Robert Koehler, Johnstown, third vice president; Harry Ondricek, Nanty Glo, fourth vice president.

Gerald A. Plummer, Cresson, financial secretary; Dr. Koehler, delegate to the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, and Mr. Allen, alternate.

power to make hunting pleasant for all concerned.

He predicted that turkey hunting in this district in the next few years will be greatly improved.

The sportsmen set aside \$200 to be used as a winter feeding fund for wildlife. Several resolutions will be presented at the December 18 meeting of the South Central Division in Altoona.

Cresson Raps Portage, 37-18, In Game Monday

The Cresson High School cage squad handed the Portage High School five a 37 to 18 defeat on the Portage floor, on Monday of this week.

Sparked by forward Billy Vaile, the Indians grabbed a 12-7 lead in the first quarter and a 13-1 edge in the final period. Portage held to a 5-5 deadlock in the second period but fell behind in the final 7-5.

Vaile tallied as many points as the entire Portage team, 18, and teammate Kime was the runner-up with seven counters.

Cresson 12 5 13 7-37
Portage 7 5 1 5-18

Patton Panthers Sink Lilly, 47-28

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Patton	3	0	1.000
Gallitzin	1	0	1.000
Lilly	0	1	.000
Nanty Glo	0	3	.000
Cresson	0	0	.000
Barnesboro	0	0	.000

Patton walked off with its third straight victory in the reorganized Northern Cambria League last Tuesday night by smashing Lilly to the tune of 47-28.

Carrolltown and Hastings have dropped basketball this year due to the lack of home floors.

Donahue tallied 14 points to spark Patton with Hoover giving 13 points to the victors. Battisti led the Panthers with 11 counters.

The Panthers jumped off to an 11-8 first period lead and Lilly shaved the margin to 19-17 at the halftime. Patton then stole the win with 19-2 and 19-9 romps in the second half.

Lilly grabbed a 23-6 junior varsity win in the preliminary.

Spangler Alumni To Elect Sunday

A meeting of the newly reorganized Alumni Association of Spangler High School will be held in the High School Auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2:30 p. m.

All Alumni of Spangler High School are sincerely invited to attend.

James Paone, temporary chairman, will officiate, and nominations and elections for permanent officers will be held. A discussion will be opened for future activities for conducting future activities.

This meeting will climax a two week publicity campaign which was launched on Dec. 5. The campaign is being carried out on an extensive basis in an attempt to conduct all alumni and to urge their presence at this important meeting.

Reffner Re-elected By Spangler Club

A. C. Reffner of Spangler was re-elected president of the Spangler Sportsmen Rod and Gun Club last Sunday afternoon at a meeting in Logue Restaurant.

Other officers elected were William Reed, vice president, and John Pisanich, secretary-treasurer.

Joseph Sovick and Paul Miller were appointed delegates to the county meeting. Stewart Logue was named chairman of the membership committee.

The club voted to hold its regular meetings the first Sunday of each month. It was disclosed that the Spangler club has purchased 18 dozen of rabbits. Refreshments were served following the business session.

Sets Dues for Year

The newly organized FFA held a special meeting at the Patton High School on Thursday evening Dec. 9.

A regular election committee was appointed and Lois Urbain was elected as treasurer of the Patton Chapter. Mrs. Petresky and Mrs. Wharton were elected as Chapter Mothers. The girls also set the dues at 75 cents a year, apportioned in the following manner: 50 cents local dues, 10 cents national dues and 15 cents state dues.

A constitution and by-laws committee will be appointed in the near future. The FFA girls will join the FFA boys in the Christmas Party to be held in the School Gym on Dec. 22.

Truman's Election Seen Biggest News Story This Year

President Truman's election was the biggest news story of 1948 in the opinion of editors around the world.

It appeared as one of the year's "10 biggest" on lists from every section of the world in the United Press annual survey of news events. It led many foreign lists. The struggle at Berlin and other developments in the European cold war also rated high on all lists.

United Press executives in New York chose the year's 10 biggest stories from the standpoint of Americans. Their unanimous choice for first place was Mr. Truman's victory over Gov. Dewey. This list follows:

1. Election of President Truman.
2. The Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
3. The high cost of living.
4. Mrs. Kasenkina's escape from the Russian consulate.
5. Gandhi's assassination.
6. Death of Babe Ruth.
7. The Chinese civil war.
8. U. S. spy investigations.
9. The founding of Israel and Bernadette's assassination.
10. Princess Elizabeth's baby.

Three Allegheny County soft coal operators will go before the Clearfield County Grand Jury in March on charges of strip mining coal without registering and posting bonds under the new open pit mining conservation act.

Defendants are officers of Pearce-Westphal Inc., of Rochester Mills and Irvona. They are Edward S. Westphal, 30, of Fox Chapel, president; John Pearce, 31, Pittsburgh, vice president, and Dr. S. B. Pearce, 60, Pittsburgh, secretary-treasurer.

They waived hearings and filed \$2,000 bonds each on the charges filed by the Pennsylvania Department of Justice. The state commented the violations were made at an operation in Beccaria Twp. in Clearfield County.

Conviction would carry a maximum fine of \$5,000 on each of the counts. The 1945 act requires strip mining operators to post a bond which they forfeit if they do not fill in and re-plant high all lands.

The state said the violations charged against the company took place between Sept. 1, 1947, and Aug. 31, 1948.

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