

### St. Benedict Mine Firm Gets 2 Top Safety Group Awards

#### Peale Mines 9, 17 Win Citation for Past Year

Peale, Peacock & Kerr Coal Corp. of St. Benedict has been awarded double honors by North Cambria Council of the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Assn. for first-place accomplishments for both December and the whole year of 1948.

The firm operates two mines, Nos. 9 and 17, and during the 12-month period produced 356,622 tons of coal without a fatality and with only 19 lost-time accidents.

This fine record was achieved in the face of 356,000 manhours of exposure. The Peale concern also was presented the December safety banner.

Together the member mines of the local association turned out a total of 2,255,364 tons of coal during 1948 with a mark of two fatalities and 225 lost-time accidents. Employees spent 3,715,331 manhours at work.

In addition to Peale, Peacock & Kerr, those enrolled in the North Cambria Council are the Duncan-Spangler Coal Co., Barnesboro; Rich Hill Coal Mining Corp., Hastings; Sterling Coal Co., Bakerstown; Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp., Marsteller; and Barnes & Tucker Corp., Barnesboro.

During the meeting, held in the St. Thomas Parish House, Barnesboro, Dennis Keenan, state mine inspector for the 15th Bituminous District, spoke on roof support. He said 67 percent of all accidents in 1948 were caused by roof falls.

Plans were advanced for the organization of a 50-50 club to have as its purpose the boosting of attendance at meetings of the council. Additional members will be sought among the coal operators and the United Mine Workers.

### Complete UMW Vote Count Shows Ghizzoni Led By 8,889

#### Bernard Timms Named Territory 1 Member

John Ghizzoni, running for reelection as an international board member from District 2, United Mine Workers of America, won over Michael Demchak of St. Michael by an 8,889-vote margin, according to an official tabulation of votes in District 2 completed last Friday.

Ghizzoni, who was first elected to the office in 1945, received a total of 12,814 votes. Demchak had 3,925 votes, the majority of these coming from what is known as Cambria Co. 105 ballots in being rejected to Territory 4.

Clarence (Rusty) Donaldson of Somerset had the highest number of votes in his unopposed race for reelection as vice president of District 2. He had a total of 14,364 ballots.

Bernard Timms of Barnesboro polled a total of 2,433 votes as district board member of the

### Train Crew Freed Of Blame In Death Of Harry Giarth

The members of the Cambria County Coroner's Jury consisting of Theodore Ott, G. E. Woerner, Dr. E. P. Cooper, Seymour Ratzowky, Louis A. Haskins and D. V. Sheehan, exonerated a PRR train crew of all criminal negligence in the death of Harry Giarth, 63-year-old Patton resident.

Mr. Giarth was injured fatally on Dec. 28 when his car and a 12-car freight train collided at the Fourth Avenue crossing in Patton. He died Dec. 30 in the Miners' Hospital, Spangler.

The train was traveling only a five or six miles an hour when the collision occurred, and that the warning whistle was sounded.

After agreeing unanimously to exonerate the train crew, members of the jury recommended installation of a flashing signal on Route 56 at the railroad intersection and that a member of each train crew patrol all branch crossings within the through limits before trains pass over the crossings.

The witnesses at the inquest were: Edward Donahue chief of police, Dr. John Allen Murray of the Miners' Hospital and Serenus Lilly who arrived at the scene shortly after the mishap.

The members of the train crew were H. W. Bergan, engineer; J. W. Nagle, conductor; H. E. Weaver, fireman and W. Gibson and C. E. West, brakemen.

### Ambrose Pfeister, Patton R. D., Dies

Ambrose B. Pfeister, 73, of Patton R. D. died at his home on Thursday, Jan. 20, following a lengthy illness. A son of the late Vitis and Charlene (Anna) Pfeister, he was born in East Carroll Twp. on Nov. 28, 1875. He had been a farmer in East Carroll Twp. all his life.

Surviving are his widow, the former Melissa Schettig; a son, John, Patton R. D.; a daughter, Mrs. Ivan Bear, Mordredale, and these brothers and sisters: Leo Pfeister, Mrs. Dennis Dillon and Miss Gertrude Pfeister, all of Carrolltown, and I. J. Pfeister, Hastings.

Funeral services were held at 9 a. m. Monday in St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Carrolltown, of home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Petrusky of McIntyre Ave. in the church cemetery.

### Patton Sportsmen Will Adopt New By-Laws Tuesday

#### To Ask More Trout Stocked In Chest Creek

Officers will be elected and incorporation by-laws will be adopted at an important meeting of the Patton Sportsmen Assn. to be held next Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Moose Home in Patton. New by-laws are made necessary by the purchase of 219 acres of fish and game land.

It also will be necessary to make plans for the raising of additional finances for the purchase of ground and to name committees to develop natural resources for the betterment of hunting and fishing.

Officers named for the year are as follows: Louis Haluska, chairman; Melvin M. Scott, vice chairman; and Gilbert D. Freely, secretary-treasurer.

A by-laws committee was appointed, consisting of M. M. Scott, Charles Weitz Jr., Robert Miller, Russell Bianco, Louis Stoltz and St. Solomon.

The group also voted to express its thanks to the editor, manager and staff of the Union Press-Courier for the splendid cooperation given the business people during the past holiday season.

The Patton Business Association cordially invites all business people of Patton to attend the next regular meeting, to be held at the Patton Fire Hall on Monday evening, Feb. 7, at 7:30 o'clock.

#### VISIT PATTON HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Pauline Sandeas, Home Economics Expert of the State Department at Harrisburg, Miss Menges, Vocational Adviser for Cambria County and Dr. Arthur M. Stull, Cambria County Superintendent of Schools, spent some time in the Patton Public School on Friday of last week.

#### Approximately 1,000 fishing and hunting licenses were issued in Patton during 1948, while membership in the sportsmen's organization for the same time was 248, or one-fourth the number of the total licenses issued. Of the 248 members, about 15 are active in carrying on the sportsmen's improving hunting and fishing in the area. They have shown no lack of effort, but the group feels that it is its duty to every true sportsman to assist in making future conditions better, and state this can be accomplished only by uniting cooperatively.

All sportsmen are invited to be present at the meeting next Tuesday.

#### New Co. Farmer Group Organized In Area Monday

The Cambria County Progressive Farmers Assn. was formally organized at a meeting held at Patton High School on Monday evening of this week.

The officers to control the organization for the ensuing year are: A. K. Wineland, John W. R. D. president; B. F. Troxell, Flinton, vice-president; Don East, Patton, R. D., secretary; and Richard W. Bloom, Ebensburg, R. D., reporter.

Seventy-five members attended the first meeting. All are currently receiving farm training under the on-the-job training program for veterans. Membership in the new organization, however, is open to any person who makes his living entirely by farming.

The membership voted unanimously to become a member of the State Progressive Farmers Assn. and the president will attend a meeting next Monday at State College, where the state unit will be organized officially.

The purpose of the new organization is to continue the educational program now being received by the young farmers engaged in on-the-job training. It was said that most of the trainees will complete their government training within the next few years and that the newly formed organization will continue the educational program.

The next meeting of the Cambria County unit will be scheduled following Mr. Wineland's return from State College.

### Rosster Trucker Picked Up In Patton By Sheehans

James Houck of Rosster, Pa., was fined \$100 and costs this week by Squire Regina Winslow of Patton after pleading guilty to charges of delivering coal in Patton Boro with a false and incorrect weight certificate. The coal was hauled from Indiana Co. Prosecution was made by J. V. Sheehan, state sealer, and D. V. Sheehan, county sealer of weights and measures.

### Patton Fire Co. 'Stag' To Aid Convention Fund

Members of the Patton Fire Co. are planning for a "stag" party to be held at the Eagles' Home, Patton, Wednesday, Feb. 2, beginning at 8:15 p. m. Refreshments will be served. Admission, \$1. The proceeds will go into the convention fund—1949 Convention of the Volunteer Firemen's Assn. of Cambria Co. & vicinity being slated for Patton this summer.

### Spangler Nurse Group Sets Semi-Formal Dance

A semi-formal dance for the benefit of Nurses' Alumni Assn. of the Miners' Hospital in Spangler will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 1. The affair will be from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. in the ballroom of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Barnesboro. Music will be provided by Bob Ford and his orchestra.

### District's Coal Production Hits Slight Snag During '48

#### Many Small Wartime Operations Fold Up

to closing of small operations which opened to meet wartime demand. With coal merchants now demanding top-grade fuel, these marginal mines with poorer quality coal have been forced to close. Also feeling the impact of the tighter market blow are strip mines which had been adding a big tonnage to the district's overall production picture.

Stockpiles of most industries have reached capacity, and coal demand has been cut down to immediate demands. The preliminary yearly tonnage reports for each of the bituminous districts comprising the district follow:

Sixth	2,754,000
Seventh	3,363,000
10th	3,517,000
12th	4,243,000
15th	2,931,000
18th	3,150,000
21st	3,322,000
24th	4,417,000
25th	3,520,000
28th	2,210,000
30th	3,923,000

### Find Emeigh Man Dead In Creek

Frank Sponak, 67, was found dead in a creek at Emeigh early on Tuesday morning. Sponak, a coal miner, was lying face down in the water when discovered by Mike Katchmer at 10:30. A doctor was called and pronounced him dead.

Coroner Joseph Govekar is making an investigation. He has ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death. "The man had made his home in Emeigh with three other men, and had not been seen since last Saturday. He worked at Victor coal mine of the Cherry Tree Coal Company in Emeigh.

### Barnesboro Cop Fight Hits Court

The "old fight" over the dismissal of Ernest Rescinto, a one-time Barnesboro policeman, finally reached the courts on Monday of this week, when a hearing was held before Judge Ivan A. McKenrick and George W. Griffith. Rescinto, dismissed nearly a year ago, brought action by asking the court to compel the city of Barnesboro to reinstate him. Rescinto's attorney, Robert Bender, told the court that Rescinto had a clean record and should not have been dismissed and that while Rescinto was dismissed for economy reasons another man was hired at the same time, thus nullifying the alleged economy move.

When Rescinto was discharged, early last year, it is charged that he had been hired by Jim Brant at a salary which was \$5 per month less than that received by Rescinto.

The court will review the testimony before handing down a decision.

On the other hand, a total of \$5,357 was set up for highways, roads and bridges, but damage claims had eaten up \$21,150, or nearly 10 times the amount anticipated, by the end of the year.

In addition to \$196,000 in the general fund, the balance in the bank accounts, all earmarked for specific purposes such as bonds, retirement, special educational, income tax, liquid fuels tax and sinking fund.

Mrs. Susan Santucci, 57, wife of George Santucci, died at her home in Patton on Monday of this week, following a three years' illness.

She was born in Italy on May 14, 1891, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Santucci. Surviving are her husband and these children: John of Juniata, and Mrs. James Forsythe and Mrs. Quentin Blake, both of Patton. One brother, John Porchardt of Italy, also survives.

A Requiem High Mass was held in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Patton, Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock by Rev. Father Rupert Stadtmiller, pastor. Interment was in the church cemetery.

### Captive Mine Union Shop Is Ruled Out

William R. Ringer, trial examiner at the Federal Relations Board, last week ruled that the UMW's union shop in coal mines owned by steel concerns and operated by a legal and ordered it abandoned.

Ringer said the seven-year-old union shop violated the Taft-Hartley Law because it was continued in effect in contracts last July without a government-conducted election required by that act. He said the union had compelled the companies to sign the agreement by striking and dismissing the charges of refusal to bargain and coercion of employees.

The order is subject to review by the full five-man labor board and the federal courts. If the order is upheld, the UMW plans to appeal it to the Supreme Court under a stipulation with U. S. Steel and nine other big producers signed last July which provided that the union shop should remain in effect until the dispute is finally settled by the highest court.

#### FEED WILD GAME SUNDAY

Over 150 bushels of ear corn were dropped over the "wilderness" of Patton on Sunday by plane in a project by the Co. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. Salt will be dropped at a later date.

#### ARNOLD ON PAPER STAFF

Mark Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Arnold of Magee Ave., Patton, and a junior in journalism at Penn State, has been named to the junior advertising board of the school's student newspaper, the Daily Collegian.

### '49 Fund Chairman To Head R. C. Drive

#### Jesse W. Cogley Jr. To Head R. C. Drive

Jesse W. Cogley Jr. will act as fund chairman for the annual campaign of the Clearfield Branch of the Cambria Co. Chapter of the American Red Cross. Quota for the branch is \$2,550.

Entire goal for the chapter is \$99,750. Of this amount \$23,035 has been assigned to the six county branches.

Cogley is supervising principal of the Patton Public Schools. During World War II he served as a major in the 8th Air Force in the European Theater.

He is a member of North Cambria Kiwanis Club, American Legion and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

### Assistant D. A. to Speak to Kiwanis

#### N. C. Group Will Hold Joint Meet, Barnesboro

Cletus Lehmer, chairman of the program committee, announced that he has secured the consent of Al McDonald, assistant District Attorney, and Joseph Roberts, Chief of County Detectives, to be present at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Northern Cambria Kiwanis this Thursday evening, Jan. 27. The Club will convene in the Commercial Hotel, Patton, for dinner at six o'clock.

Attorney McDonald will address the Club and some remarks will be made by Chief Roberts.

Immediately following the Club meeting there will be an important meeting of the Board of Directors.

Last week's meeting was well attended. An open forum was held with many members participating in the discussion of things pertaining to the welfare of the Club. Tentative projects were also discussed.

Northern Cambria has accepted an invitation from the Kiwanis Club of Barnesboro to unite with them in an Inter-Club meeting on Jan. 31. The meeting will probably be held in Barnesboro.

### Robert Eckenrode Will Be Reburied

Cpl. Robert J. Eckenrode, 25, of the U. S. Marines Corps, killed in action on May 1, 1945, at Okinawa, has arrived in New York, was the word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Eckenrode of Carrolltown, R. D.

He will be buried in the National Cemetery in Baltimore, Md., but no definite date has been set by the Government.

Cpl. Eckenrode was a graduate of Carrolltown High School and before entering the service was employed at the Englebert Faraugh Dairy Farm.

He is survived by his parents, John and Catherine (Danegan) Eckenrode and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Cecil Springer, Harold and Phyllis of Ebensburg, Paul of Cleveland, Ohio and Merrill, Dave and Eugene at home.

### Patton 7th Grade Students Hear Inaugural Address

While all the students in the Patton Public Schools were dismissed in time to hear President Truman and Vice President Barkley, take the oath of office on Thursday of last week, the students of the Seventh Grade remained in school and listened to the ceremonies in a group.

Miss Montanaro brought a radio and the students listened to the administering of the oath of office and to the President's Inaugural Address which followed.

### Learning By Doing Best, Say Penn State Experts

State College—Findings in a research project to determine the principles for producing the most effective "how to do it" film corroborates the old maxim—"learn by doing."

Researcher Knor tying, a film picture as the deer would watch a knot being tied from an over-the-shoulder position was found more effective than a film that pictured the task from the front view of an observer.

### Television Here Now Reality; Many See History In Making

#### Inauguration Witnessed By Many at Moose Home

Television has come to Northern Cambria Co. to stay—as will be borne out by those who witnessed "history in the making" last Thursday via television sets in scattered parts of this area.

Despite the fact Patton sits in a "hot spot" in the making, the crowd at the Patton Royal Order of Moose Home last Thursday got a far better view of the proceedings than did most of the folks from this section who journeyed to the nation's capital to see the "goings-on."

Reception was reported as excellent in other points in this area, too, including Nicktown and Ebensburg. Television sets in Carrolltown clearly state pictures from the Pittsburgh station, closest to the area.

### Small Coal Mines To Give Half-Cent A Ton for Hospital

#### Fund Drive to Go Into Full Swing This Friday

Operators of North Cambria coal mines employing less than one-half cent for each ton of coal mined in their respective operations for the next two years to the fund drive to raise \$250,000 for the construction of a new wing at the Miners' Hospital in Spangler.

The donations will be effective from Jan. 1, 1949, to Dec. 31, 1950. Action was taken at a meeting of the smaller operators held recently at the Barnesboro UMW Hall.

About 100,000 tons of coal are mined annually by the group of operators. The announcement was made by a committee consisting of James Lynn, St. Boniface; Joseph Ploucha, Barnesboro; and Urban Lantz, Spangler.

Dennis J. Keeney, state inspector for the 15th Bituminous District and chairman of the fund drive, spoke on requirements of the fund drive, which will go into high gear this Friday and continue through February, will meet at the Nurses' Home in Spangler at 8 p. m. this Thursday.

The proposed program will boost the hospital patient capacity by 62 and also will provide space for a new operating room and a diet kitchen.

### Music Club Lists Program for Feb.

Tuesday evening, Feb. 1, the Patton Music Club will present the following program in the Moose Hall at 8:15 p. m.:

Soloists will be Mrs. Paul Kane of Patton, Mrs. E. J. Keeney, accompanist, and Angelo Dominic of Spangler, accompanied by Mrs. Angelo Dominic.

Mrs. Kane's members will include: "In the Garden of My Heart" (Caro Roma), "Evening Prayer" (Franz and Gretel) (Humperdick), "Calm As Night" (Bohm), "I Passed By Your Window" (Brahm), and "The Bells of St. Mary's" (Adams).

Mrs. Keeney, Jr. is chairman of the meeting.

The 25th Biennial Convention of the National Federation of Music Clubs will be held in Dallas, Tex., Mar. 27-Apr. 3. Theme of the convention will be "Music, the Handmaiden of Religion; Religion, the Handmaiden of Music." Mrs. E. J. Keith of Chicago is president of the national group. Mrs. John I. Barnard is president of the Patton Music Club.

### War Bonds, \$200 In Cash Stolen Saturday, Spangler

A quantity of war bonds and about \$200 in cash were reported stolen from the home of Michael Smolko in Spangler on Saturday evening. County detectives said the money and 18 war bonds were in a cedar chest in the Smolko home when the chest was stolen some time before 11 p. m. The chest was found a short distance from the home. County detectives and Spangler police are investigating.

### Accident Late Saturday At No. 4 Mine, Spangler

Twenty-seven year old Michael L. Bush of Hastings, a veteran of world war II, was killed almost instantly last Saturday afternoon in the Springfield Coal Corp., in Spangler.

The Hastings man was killed about 4:15 p. m. on Saturday when he was crushed between a mine locomotive which was operating and the mine roof.

Bush was attempting to replace his trolley pole on the power line when the accident occurred and was pronounced dead when removed from the mine by fellow workers.

Cambria County Coroner Joseph Govekar was informed Bush was standing in front of his stopped mine locomotive when the brakes failed to hold.

The machine moved forward only two or three feet. The motion of the heavy machine pulled Bush on top of the vehicle and he was crushed against the rail timber on the roof. The accident occurred near a low section of the mine.

The victim was alone at the head of the trip when the mishap occurred. A buddy was working on the rear of the coal car train as a spragger.

Coroner Govekar said Bush died of a crushed chest and internal injuries. He said an autopsy will be held probably later this week.

An investigation into the fatal accident also was conducted by Charles E. Fisher, Dr. Ebensburg, inspector for the 10th Bituminous District.

Michael Bush was born on Jan. 6, 1922, in Clearfield county and was the son of Luke and Lulu (King) Bush. His father is deceased. Surviving are his widow, the former Angeline Roberts and these children: Judith Ann, William and Michael Jr.

He was a member of the UMW Hastings Local 393 and the VFW Post 1588 of Hastings.

The Mass was celebrated in St. Bernard's Catholic Church on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock by the Rev. Father Adelbert Kalsch and the burial was made in the church cemetery.