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**Worthwhile Contributions**

There always seems to be something or other that demands our help in a financial way. No sooner is one driver for funds for some good and worthy cause completed, than another is upon us. Sometimes we find that we may be in the midst of two or even more fund raising campaigns at the same time. But for the good of our community, our county, state and nation, the things that are worth while, always deserve support.

During the several days of last week the Johnstown Democrat published a series of articles picturing the conditions prevailing at our Cambria County Home and Hospital. Patients and inmates in this institution are those whom misfortune has to a great degree thrown upon the public support, and all folks who pay taxes are contributors to the upkeep of this overcrowded institution.

Fortunately, only a very small percentage of the people become county charges. The greater majority can not themselves, or through the assistance of relatives, support their own illness or surgical problems. This opportunity is facilitated for them by the many thousands of hospitals over the country, and quite naturally, the closer a hospital is situated on one's home or work, the greater the advantage and convenience to all concerned—the patient, the doctor and the patient's relatives and friends.

Northern Cambria County has been blessed for many years with a hospital that has afforded geographical convenience, has taken care of the hospitalization needs of our community and has, by its very proximity within our midst, without question, been instrumental in the saving of many a life in emergency cases. Because of its location it has furnished the family physician or surgeon adequate facilities to alleviate the sufferings of those patients whose physical condition and medical history he intimately knows and understands. Because of the hospital your doctor has been able to give you the best that medical and surgical science has to offer. Without the hospital in Spangler in many instances your home physician—your family doctor—would be compelled to abandon your particular case perhaps at a time when he has solved the method of a successful cure.

In most every community in the north of Cambria County there are those who are prone to criticize the Spangler Hospital. They tell you this and that is wrong, and some may even openly declare that the Hospital will get no support from them. Likewise, in every community in Northern Cambria County there are others who will tell you just the opposite—who have all of praise for the institution, who fully realize what it has meant, or may mean, to them, or to their loved ones. Being brutally frank, may we suggest to those who seek fit to "knock," that it is always possible that they, too, without warning, may have desperate need for the Spangler Hospital—and they will not be turned away.

The Hospital has served the community for many years. As these years have rolled along its initial necessary equipment has always been augmented with every device that modern medicine and surgery practice has created. Now one major disadvantage looms ahead that will cause the institution to slip. That is the inadequate space afforded in a hospital built years ago to meet the demands made upon it by a population that has increased decisively out of proportion to its facilities. This lack of space curtails the addition of needed equipment, and even more seriously, it is materially short on bed space. It all presents a problem that the folks of Northern Cambria County must meet and solve.

Most all of our readers know about the drive for funds that is now under way for the enlargement of the Hospital. Most all of you know of the generous contributions that have already been paid or pledged by corporations, business firms, and more particularly by the hundreds of members of the United Mine Workers of America in this area, most all of whom have individually pledged good, substantial sums, to be deducted from their pay checks. But as fine as all of these gestures are, and as gratifying as the sums thus to raised appear to be, it will not be sufficient. Each and every wage earner aside from the miners should also consider it a duty and a privilege to subscribe to the Hospital Building Fund. It matters little whether you like the present management or not, whether you have liked past management or not, or whether you will be pleased with future management—the vital matter is, we all need the Hospital.

There are many different kinds of charity financial drives, and all of them serve their particular purpose and are deserving. However, in this particular instance, this adds up to something that vitally affects all of us. At some time or other most every-one reading these lines has had reason to be thankful that we have had a hospital here in the north of the county—either for himself or some member of his family. Thousands have been hurried to the Miners' Hospital at Spangler in emergencies—accident victims, acute surgical cases—only God knows how many of these who are living today might have gone into the Valley of Death, if it had been necessary that they should have taken to Johnstown, Altoona or Clearfield. The element of time lost in making such trips in many instances would have proved fatal.

The addition to the Hospital is urgent. Any North Cambria physician or surgeon will tell you that. There may be some folks who feel they have a justifiable gripe at the hospital. But, you'll hear the gripes in every community where there is a hospital, or several hospitals. Perhaps the Spangler Hospital has been criticized with some justification by some folks. There isn't any hospital in all the land that doesn't get some criticism. However, that doesn't excuse anyone from helping the cause. Every general hospital on the face of this earth is a blessing to humanity. Do your part in contributing to the campaign for funds to our own hospital. Help make it a bigger, better, more modern institution and you may well be doing something that may yet be the means of saving heartaches for yourself and your loved ones—if you are numbered among those who criticize.

**Observations From the Sidelines**

The Cambria County Commissioners last Thursday set the millage rate for county taxes at eight mills, the same as last year. This was not the recommendation of the County Controller, who had suggested ten mills. The Controller's recommendation was one of sound business. The continuation of the eight mill rate will compel the Commissioners to refund about half the bond issues due for payment this year—or about \$225,000. Perhaps the major reason the Commissioners, like their predecessors, are resorting to refinancing rests with the fact that taxation seems to be striking the taxpayers from every conceivable angle. Anyway, this year, you won't be paying any additional county taxes.

We wonder sometimes if the daily newspapers—meaning most all of them—are not bending backwards in showing their colors are representative of a free press, in publishing some of the malarchy that contributors write them. Nine times out of ten the contributor writes on people, public officials, and policies he or she knows nothing about. Some housewife will tell how to run the government, or some chap whose proclivities lean to the G. O. P., will find fault with the cost of the inauguration stands at the Truman coronation, while at the same time this cost was created by a Republican Congress who expected a chap named Dewey would be sworn in as chief executive. Most amusing was a recent letter in a Johnstown newspaper written by a Johnstown housewife, criticizing the County Commissioners for thinking about buying some additional farm land, and alleging that it would mean more folks on the payroll. The good lady

forgets there are lots of prisoners in the county jail who are glad to plant some beans or pitch some hay. It is strange how so many people can suggest how the other fellow should do his job. If public officials were to be subject to even the least bit of annoyance by this gentry, they wouldn't be good public officials.

At no time in the history of weekly newspapers has there been so much prepared propaganda in the editors' mail-boxes as at present. Year in, and year out, this hopeful attempt of trying to get something for nothing has been increasing. Prepared newspaper copy covers a range of a recipe with a hidden bit of advertising for some ingredient, to brazen and outright articles with a communistic flavor, or maybe the advocacy of birth control. Few newspapers publish the stuff. We wonder why the advocates of something for nothing aren't discouraged.

When you read this newspaper we feel that you are reading it because you want it. Our policy is first, to give our patrons a good community newspaper each and every week, and by so doing create a demand for advertising in our columns. Each is dependent on the other. A good newspaper means a desired circulation, which, in turn, produces desired advertising results. By producing a newspaper you like, we likewise insist that you pay for it. Our circulation is a paid proposition. There are no booster editions. There are no weeks when we toss papers about indiscriminately. There are no towns where we have the paper boy donate papers to some folks, after others have bought and paid for their copies. We write this simply because a paper with good substantial circulation in its field need never resort to giving papers away. A couple of weeks ago a Patton man brought three copies of a neighbor town newspaper into our office, all tossed in his doorway. You get the free newspaper whether you want it or not. It cheapens the newspaper business.

**500 Safety Posters In Cambria Co. Urge Care During Rainy Weather**

Distribution of 500 safety posters to schools throughout Cambria County, was started last week by the Johnstown Motor Club. Cyrus W. Davis, president of the motor club, said in order to make children realize the need for extreme caution and alertness in traffic during periods of bad weather, and the effects of weather on all types of transportation, the posters and lessons are being provided by the motor club. The work is part of the club's civic safety education program. Low umbrellas which obstruct pedestrians' vision and dirty, misty or ice-covered windshields, which prevent cars and person, are potential traffic accident breeders, declared Mr. Davis.

**U. S. Inspector Notes Improvement In Conditions At Lanark No. 1 Mine**

These included the providing of rock coat at regular intervals, additional sectionalizing switches in trolley and feeder wires, and universal wearing of protective hats and footwear by men exposed to falling objects. For greater protection to the workmen, the inspectors advised the setting of temporary roof supports in several working places and the removal or proper timbering of inadequate supported loose roof. To reduce ignition dangers, the use of permissible Ray Zepco lamps for portable illumination and prohibition of smoking in the mine were recommended. Additional safety proposals called for the firing of each bore hole immediately after charging on shift, air-ventilation facilities for the No. 1 ventilating fan and supports in several working places, and the use of additional incombustible stoppings, making of pre-shift mine examinations, elimination of some power-wire contact points, insulators and approved attachment of electric light wires, and wearing of goggles by men in eye-hazardous work.

**Spangler Mrs. Hilda Demi Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wagner Mark 55th Anniversary**

A dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wagner on this place, on Sunday, Mar. 6, in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Wagner was the former Louella Siebring of East Ridge, Pa. They are the parents of eight children, four who are living, and have 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. The children who are living are as follows: Mrs. Joyce DeHaven of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Ruth Gregory of St. Boniface; Mrs. Marcelleth Miller of Spangler and Leo, at home. Also, at this dinner was the celebration of the 5th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wagner's grandson, Clarence Wagner and his wife, the former Louella Paul of Renova. Those who attended the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. William Torak and children of Johnstown; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Yarnell and children of Alverda; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wagner and children of Renova; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boothman and children of Alverda; Mrs. Marcelleth Miller and son, and Mrs. Leo Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Greene of Spangler; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gregory and children of St. Boniface and Mr. Kenneth Wykoff of Renova. Mrs. Joyce DeHaven of Detroit was unable to attend.

Pfc. Gregory Kirsch, stationed at Andrews Field, Washington, D. C. is visiting with friends and relatives in town this week. Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Castonis of this place, were week end visitors.

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**GLASGOW**  
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**Jacob Reffner Buried At Pleasant Hill Cemetery**

Funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon at the Rosebud E.U.B. Church for Jacob Reffner, a World War I veteran. Services were conducted by Rev. A. L. Barnett and burial was made in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The military rites at the grave were conducted by the Blandburg American Legion.

Mr. Reffner had recently returned from the Aspinwall Veterans' Hospital.

The Youth Center held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening.

The I.O.O.F. members held their regular meeting on Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Troxell visited with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bland in Tipton, recently.

Mr. C. J. Troxell has been ill at his home here for the past few days.

Helen Weaver, spent the week end at her home in Johnstown.

The Caroline Troxell Rebekah Lodge held its regular meeting on Friday evening of last week.

Peggy Troxell of Altoona spent the week end here at her home.

Mrs. May Kuhn of Johnstown was a recent visitor in Glasgow.

Catherine Henderson of Duncannon spent the week end at her home, here.

Mrs. Euelah McCellan and son, John, of Blandburg were recent visitors in Glasgow.

Bob Troxell of Altoona visited here at the home of his father, Mr. C. J. Troxell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cree and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnett spent Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Barnett.

Clifton McCarty of Philipsburg visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McCarty last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Troxell and son, Roger, spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kuhn.

Gerald Miller of Hollentown was a recent visitor in Glasgow.

Lois Reager of Coalport was a Sunday visitor at the John McCarty home.

Calvin Stine was a visitor in Ebersburg last Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Troxell and daughter, Fatty, were recent visitors in Altoona.

**Solemn Novena To Open At Carmel**

On Friday, Mar. 11, at the Loreto Carmel, Wm. Penn Highway, Loreto, Pa., the annual, solemn novena in preparation for the Feast of St. Joseph will open in the public Chapel and close on the feast day, Mar. 19. Services each day at 4:00 o'clock p. m. In conjunction with this novena the regular monthly novena in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux (The Little Flower) will take place. All who desire to share in the graces attached to this novena please mail petitions to the Carmelite Monastery, Loreto, Pa. Special intentions will be included for the sick and all seeking, through prayer, a solution of their spiritual and temporal problems. The Disenclosed Carmelite Nuns will also remember the novena intentions in all their lenten devotions.

Sunday afternoons, throughout the year, devotions in honor of St. Therese are held in the public Chapel of the Carmel at 4 o'clock.

A 14 per cent increase in the number of turkeys to be grown in Pennsylvania and a 25 per cent greater number for the entire country are indicated by recent intention surveys, reports W. F. Johnstone, extension agricultural economist of the Pennsylvania State College. This is a reversal of the 1948 record.

**ST. BENEDICT**  
 Mrs. Tillie Lang has returned to her home here after a brief visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Lang and daughter, Cathie in Elmira, N. Y.

The ladies club held its meeting this week at the home of Mrs. Verlo Berringer. Mrs. George Jackson and Mrs. Orville McKee won the prizes. A delicious lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hornick and family of Johnstown spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. F. B. Saylor.

Miss Eleanor Symons from Johnstown spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Symons.

Harry Loman and James Findly of Spangler spent some time in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caldwell of Spangler spent Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Stratton.

Bud Smith of Barnesboro spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Dominic Bonnano.

Misses Marie Bonnano, Blanche Gomolka and Veronica Miller spent Tuesday evening in Barnesboro.

The Class meeting was held at the home of Fatty Berringer this week. The following were in attendance: Lois White, Shirley Hunter, Phyllis Ahlstrom, Jeanie Stoltz, Esther Anderson, Adele Ahlstrom, Barbara Wisner, Cherie Sticker, Vivian Symons and Ann Symons the teacher of the class. A delicious lunch was served and all reported a good time.

The V.F.W. held their regular meeting last Sunday.

The St. Benedict Ladies' Club held their meeting this week at the home of Mrs. Clyde Bradford. A delicious lunch was served and all reported in having a good time.

**Area Gets Liquor License Refunds**

G. Harold Wagner, state auditor general, has approved payments to Cambria Co. districts from the Liquor License Fund of the State Liquor Control Board as authorized by law. Districts in this area and the sums they will receive are as follows:

Ashville Boro	\$ 350.00
Barnesboro Boro	2,850.00
Carrolltown Boro	750.00
Chest Springs Boro	150.00
Gallitzin Boro	2,000.00
Hastings Boro	1,550.00
Loretto Boro	200.00
Patton Boro	1,550.00
Spangler Boro	2,350.00
Tunnel Hill Boro	500.00
Allegheny Twp.	150.00
Barr Twp.	800.00
Cambria Twp.	1,850.00
Clearfield Twp.	1,500.00
Dean Twp.	700.00
East Carroll Twp.	250.00
Elder Twp.	200.00
Gallitzin Twp.	1,300.00
Reade Twp.	750.00
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West Carroll Twp.	1,000.00

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**G. C. Murphy Co. Aiding Education**

The G. C. Murphy Co. has set up a program to help the schools in towns and cities where they have school programs involving distributive education, or selling. This is a new program, put into effect this year by the Murphy concern, with offices in McKeesport and New York. The concern's program is set up to not only supply cash registers but also to aid schools in any way they can in the training of classes. The company states this is in line with its program of aiding in the building of better communities.

The company hopes the program will be helpful to schools and that it can be put into effect in towns where the school has a

**Sisters At Cresson Topic Of New Book Publication**

Some of the history of the Sisters of Mercy, especially in regard to the founding of the religious group in Loreto, is contained in a new book titled, "So Surely Anchored." The book, written by Katherine Burton, is available at the book store at the Mt. Aloysius Junior College in Cresson. Sister Camille Marie, R.S.M., of the college said many requests are being made for copies of the book which deals with the origin and growth of the Sisters of Mercy.

—The only fish worth catching are the ones that swim upstream.

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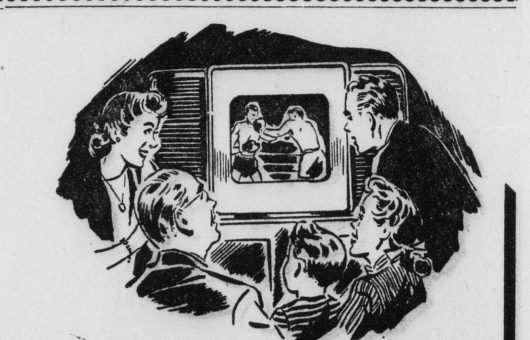
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