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## Our First County Industry

There are not many of the younger people in this area today who look upon the county as being an agricultural community unless they happen to live in a farming community, or upon a farm itself. But we are away up in agriculture in the state. Our pioneer settlers naturally were forced to resort to the land for their sustenance, and because the land offered that maintenance, settlements were made here on the Allegheny Mountains and it was in the Northern part of Cambria County that the pioneers first established permanent settlements.

Visitors to the county sometimes query why it is that there is a city of Johnstown's proportions in our confines, and that the county seat is located at Ebensburg. Perhaps the best answer to that rests in the fact that there probably was a settled community in Ebensburg, and that Johnstown was only a village situated in an extreme southern point of the county when it was organized back in 1894. There are other counties also where the county seat is much smaller than its ranking city. Blair County's seat of government is at Hollidaysburg. Altoona probably followed that town in settlement.

In the early days of Cambria County no one pictured it as a mining or industrial area. That all came afterward. The settlements were founded on a background of agriculture, and agriculture today remains to the forefront. While Pennsylvania as a state is generally regarded as mainly industrial, nevertheless, it also is high in the ranks of agriculture.

To the millions of people who think of Pittsburgh as the steel capital of the world—or Philadelphia as the third largest city in the United States—or of Scranton as the hard coal center of the world, it certainly must be amazing to learn that German agriculturists are visiting Pennsylvania to "learn how it is done" in the Keystone State.

Too often the yeoman work carried on day in and day out as mere routine by Pennsylvania's "tillers of the soil" is overlooked. Too often the rip-roaring, spouting industry grabs the headlines and public fancy—while the work of their counterparts, those of us who are rural folks, passes by as something taken for granted.

The visit of these German experts in agriculture to our fair state should certainly ring a bell in some heads. That they should select Pennsylvania is a tribute to those oft-silent folk who work quietly on their farms, doing a job equally as efficient and important as that of any one of our captains of industry. We salute the captains of agriculture who here in Cambria County and in Pennsylvania have earned for themselves an enviable reputation.

## Get You Going And Coming

The fellow who is the customer of the public utilities is a very troubled soul. The public utilities are governed by state regulations, and there is no single individual to find fault with. In the regulations of the utilities, as supported by state rules, the customer is required to pay his bills, and if he neglects that feature, the utilities certainly will cease giving him service. Maybe he has been a good customer and has paid his accounts promptly for months, perhaps years. Then, through a slip-up he fails to pay on or before the prescribed date, and a discount of approximately 10 percent is denied him. The utility says he must pay the gross bill. That's the regulations.

But, the rules never work both ways. Perhaps the next day through an act of nature or faulty equipment, the utility suddenly suffers a breakdown. The poor, helpless customer suddenly finds himself unable to operate his little plant or factory. He has a certain amount of work that must be done. He holds his help intact, paid by the hour, momentarily hoping that the electric power will come on. Then he realizes that it's going to mean extra time to be paid to his employees in order that his customers be served and promptly. He finds he's way out of pocket. Does he get any refund from the utility? That's a foolish question. Has it ever happened to you?

## Views And Comment

Perhaps the Communist leaders in the United States in making statements that they would, in case of war, uphold the Communist cause, may have at last created something that should have been done long ago. Legislation outlawing the Communist party may be pushed through as a result of the American party's announcement that Communist members won't fight for the United States in case we would have a conflict with Russia. It is said that President Truman and his associates, who have always opposed this kind of legislation, may change in view of the shift in the Communist party line to a policy the President has called traitorous.

Up here in the North of the County most of us feel that there are few, if any, sympathizers with Communist doctrines. Yet once in a while we are rudely awakened. The other day the writer overheard a young chap from a neighboring village air himself on the good features of Communism, and all that Stalin would desire him to say. Just where he assimilated this doctrine is not known to us. But he was stubborn, and the land that protects him seemed to be secondary in his mind.

There always seems to be lots to worry about. When we were in the war, we all viewed with anticipation the day when peace again would be with us. Now, we seem always to have other international worries. Perhaps we as a nation always have been more or less alarmists, or our newspapers at least have tried to keep us that way, chiefly for news sale. However, in spite of every conceivable trouble that may confront us, war is the worst of them all. The greed of a few men, who still dominate with dictatorial power many millions of people, continue to embroil the world with war thoughts. We must keep strong to keep the peace.

There is some indication that the soft drink tax imposed by the 1947 session of the legislature may come off, despite the influence of Gov. Duff to have it continued. Our thought: Well, why not. If there must be revenue from beverages, slap it onto the beer and wines a bit harder, and let the kids get a nickel's worth for 5¢ instead of six. Too bad the great commonwealth of Pennsylvania has found it necessary to tax the children.

Last week, and up until Tuesday of this week, there were a lot of folks busy with knotty problems of income tax. The deadline for filing now is over. A couple of years ago the Congress adopted a "simple" form for income tax solving. However, most everyone still finds it difficult. But likely now there are a lot more pleasant expressions to be seen than at this time last week. It's funny how so many of us who could have attended to this matter last January have waited until the deadline to take care of it.

Since we have mentioned income tax, we note in the periodicals that the Internal Revenue Bureau is making more frequent income tax check-ups on the "little fellows." Field investigators will sample all types of returns, large and small. The bureau believes that a good many people in the middle and lower tax brackets are lax in making out their returns because they're under the impression no check will be made on them. The program also will be designed to provide the bureau with positive information on the kind of errors taxpayers make in filling out present forms.

Down in Harrisburg the State Legislature will be passing a bill into law during the next few weeks that will prohibit the installation of television in any motor vehicle in Pennsylvania. This really is a necessary law. One can well envision that traffic accidents would mount if the driver became interested in some motion picture subject, even momentarily, and forgot to view the road ahead. Quite likely there will be enterprising manufacturers who will provide such equipment.

## Easter Seal Contributions Will Aid Camp At Laurel Hill Park



With World Series enthusiasms these crippled kids at a special summer camp for handicapped children watch while Pete whams a ball. Crutches, braces, special equipment and other facilities, as well as camps like this are essential for treatment of many crippled children here in Cambria Co. You help Pete and every handicapped youngster in this county when you buy and use Easter Seals. The county's Society for Crippled Children and Adults is planning to send at least six children to the new crippled children's camp at Laurel Hill State Park this summer.

## Letter to Editor Urges Immediate Action On New School Building

March 15, 1949  
Patton, Pa.  
Dear Sir:

Everyone who lives in Patton has a great pride in the town. We think we have a fine community here. We do. In the past few years Patton has made great strides forward. We have, for instance, erected a fine new factory building, a beautiful swimming pool and park, and soon we will have new street lights and an improved ball park. All this has come through the work of many individuals and through the cooperation of everyone.

However, there is one thing of foremost importance which I feel should be at the top of our list of civic improvements: namely, a new grade school building. The present building has long outlived its usefulness. Many fellow citizens stoutly declare the building is unsafe. Others just as firmly say that it is safe. If it is not safe, then surely we must take immediate action on this matter.

However, safe or unsafe, the present building has no lights in the rooms, nor has it room for the arts and crafts which our children in the lower grades should be learning. It is pitiful the way our school lags behind those of the cities. We need a large auditorium to take care of band concerts and to eliminate the sardine fashion of watching our victorious basketball teams. Consolidation of schools is years away, if ever, and this is a matter which calls for immediate action. From past performances, I feel sure if we really worked for a new school building we would not fail to have one. To be able to "brag" about Patton, we need better schools.

MRS. KATHRYN C. GILL

## Hastings Resident Hurt In Car-Truck Collision

Gordon McIlwain, 24, of Hastings, was given dispensary treatment last Thursday in the Miners' Hospital in Spangler.

He was a passenger in a car driven by James Fredo, 23, of Hastings. Fredo's car collided with a truck driven by Walter P. Rieger, 43, of Colver, about noon on the Barnesboro-Hastings road. The Ebensburg State Police placed total damage at \$650.

—To give real service you must possess sincerity and integrity.

## Flinton

By Miss Dora Hockenberry

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens were Saturday afternoon visitors in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Stewart of Lytleville were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Boone were last Sunday visitors at the Joe Kraha home.

Mr. and Mrs. "Jiggs" Swopes visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gondek.

Mrs. Malinda Hockenberry and son, Donald, motored to Altoona on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Super of Huntingdon visited in town recently with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coleman and children were Sunday evening visitors in Blandburg.

Edward Scott Jr., was a business caller in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens and son, Tommy, were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of John Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins and children were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stewart, last Sunday.

Mrs. Yvon Stevens visited recently with her parents in Fallentimber.

Wm. Westover and son, Chester, were last Tuesday evening visitors at the M. J. Hockenberry home at the home of Mrs. Anna Coleman.

Jared Hockenberry of LaJose, was a Sunday evening visitor at the home of Mrs. Anna Slovokoski.

## FALLETIMBER

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bandrowsky and son were Monday evening visitors in Altoona.

Pfc. Chester Keith, who is stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Keith.

Mrs. Howard Glass and Mrs. Michael Matish were Monday evening visitors in Altoona.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vogel were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kibler and daughter, Marlene of Ashville; the Drass and Andrew Hricko of St. Lawrence.

Mrs. Pearl Hollen of Glasgow visited on Tuesday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Beers.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Miller and daughter, Nancy Catherine, were Monday evening callers in Altoona.

Dale Kopp, Mrs. Earl Kopp and Connie Louise Campbell were Tuesday visitors in Altoona.

Charles Beers of East Freedom spent several days here visiting with his father, Charles Beers.

Mrs. Howard Apple and daughter Genevieve of Hollentown, visited on Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vogel.

Mrs. Francis Gates and daughter, Linda, spent Wednesday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Mulhollem of Glasgow.

Boyd O'Hara of Hamarville was a recent visitor in town.

Mrs. Ethel Conlay of Hollentown spent Thursday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conley.

Bob Apple of Hollentown and Messrs. Michael Matish, Howard Glass and Edward Buddie attended a county meeting of the sportsmen at Ebensburg on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Alfred Edmiston spent Friday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Conrad of Hollentown.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mulhollem and son of Utahville spent last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vogel.

Mrs. David Krise spent Friday visiting with relatives and friends in Blandburg.

Mrs. Bertha Smyers, Clara Beers, Mrs. Dorothy Lovell of Coalport, and Cora and Mary Glass visited with Mrs. Sue Gates at the Phillipsburg Hospital last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Macey visited in Altoona last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Campbell visited relatives in Altoona on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Altoona visited on Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Campbell Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kopp and Connie Louise Campbell visited on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Criste of Dysart, R. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kopp and Connie Louise Campbell and Mr. Alex Dawson visited in Altoona on Monday.

Mrs. Leora Myers, who is employed in Altoona, spent the week end visiting in town.

—Erie County is an important transportation center both for rail and water transportation commerce.

## ST. BENEDICT

By Miss Mary Ream

Marvin Swanson, S. A. of the Great Lakes, Ill., spent the week end here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Swanson. He came home via of T.W.A. Airlines.

Madeline Konitsky spent the past week end at the home of Chloe Ream.

Mrs. Jean Woodie has been confined to her home and is on the sick list.

Many people from this place attended the all-county chorus and orchestra, held in the Adams Twp. High School last Friday evening. Those pupils participating in the event from St. Benedict were: Shirley Bradford, Chloe Ream, Vivian Symons, Clyde Bradford Jr., and Thomas Shero, Charles Ream and Alphonse Karon of Beaverdale were Monday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Ream.

Bernard E. Swanson, E.M.F.A., graduated from electrician-mate school at Great Lakes and is now stationed on board the U.S.S. Echols at Spring Cave, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Lee Jr., and daughter, Betty Ellen, of Newcastle, spent a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Lee Sr.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Chester Bradford this week. A delicious lunch was served. Those in attendance were: Mrs. Clarence Hunter, Mrs. Harry Ream, Mrs. Tillie Lang, Mrs. Caleb Symons, Mrs. Gust Lee, Mrs. Clyde Bradford, Mrs. Leroy Lawrence, Mrs. Orville McKee, Mrs. Telford Saylor, Mrs. F. B. Saylor, Mrs. Joseph Symons, Mrs. Walter Myers, Mrs. Thomas Stafford, Mrs. Miur, Miss Ann Symons and Miss Jane Hunter, all of town; also, Mrs. Charles Myers of Spangler and Rev. and Mrs. Plummer Harvey of Patton.

## Grandpa Had Something!

I had long been puzzled by Grandpa's habit, when he was annoyed, of turning on the radio and listening intently for a few minutes. Then he would take out a notebook, write something in it and return to us with temper completely restored. One day I asked Grandpa what it was all about.

"Your grandfather takes a philosophical view of life," she explained. "He knows darn well that no one wins an argument, but he's got to let off steam. So he fiddles with the radio till he gets some irritating commercial, writes down the name of the product it advertises, and from that day on will never use it. That way he doesn't fight with anyone and he relieves his temper."

## MR. FARMER... What Are You Plans for Spring?

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