

Carrolltown
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New Church Basement Will Renew Past History
Work has been progressing rapidly the past few weeks on the completion of the basement that will cover the entire expanse of St. Benedict's Church here. Excavation was made last summer at the time the remodeling work on the church was in progress. The spacious room to be afforded will,

for all time, furnish the congregation with adequate facilities for many and varied activities. Actual excavation was made under that portion of the edifice that was built nearly a hundred years ago. In the front entrance portion of the church in the year 1857, seventeen years after the main building was dedicated. This basement served as a recreational room, as parochial school quarters, and in later years as a furnace room for the church. After the central heating plant was installed, the large room was abandoned until a few years ago, when it became a Boy Scout meeting place. However, the basement of the church was the recreational center in the past—the new and larger quarters will be repetitions of former times.

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Mrs. O. F. Stoltz and Mrs. Ligouri Lacey are serving on the Traverse Jury in Ebensburg this week.
Mrs. Bob Ford and son, Bob, have gone to Detroit, Mich., to reside. Mrs. Ford is a daughter of Dennis Link.
Joe Erber of the U. S. Navy, recently was brief visitor with his mother here. He is leaving shortly for the Panama Canal Zone. His ship was located at Norfolk, Va., at the time of his visit here.

Mrs. Ronald Zadai and children of Norfolk, Va., are spending a couple of days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Stoltz. Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Sharbaugh spent a couple of days in Pittsburgh last week.

Mrs. Joseph Phelps and Mrs. Howard Adams of Loretto, were visitors in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley and family of Johnstown were visitors over the past week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bradley. Their son, Eddie, Jr., of the U. S. Navy, home on leave for the week end, accompanied them. He left for his ship at Norfolk, Va., by plane on Sunday afternoon, and will leave for the Canal Zone.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth McGonegal and the former's mother, Mrs. Charlotte McGonegal, of Baltimore, Md., visited with Carrolltown relatives over the week end.

Frater Thomas Sullivan, son of Mr. D. J. Sullivan of Colver, was visiting sisters, Mrs. Charles R. Sharbaugh and Mrs. Ted Keenan, over the week end. The seminar will be ordained to the Catholic priesthood at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona early next month by Rt. Rev. Bishop Richard Gilfoyle, of the Altoona Diocese.

Herman Hahn, of Cleveland, Ohio, spent the week end here, the guest of his mother, Mrs. Barbara Hahn.

Lillian Fees of New Kensington, Pa., was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Fees, over Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Arble of State College were Sunday guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Rose Arble.

Local citizens who attended the monthly meeting of the Cambria County Federation of Clubs in Johnstown on Sunday were: Ligouri Lacey, Gerard Kelly, William Sharbaugh Jr., and Jack Green.

Carrolltown folks in attendance at the Ladies' Night program of the North Cambria Kiwanis Club were: Dr. and Mrs. Fred Arble, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wentz, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Owens Sr.

Cleova Feighner, R. N., of Johnstown, was a guest over Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Feighner.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Klaswicz of Bakerton, and Mrs. George Klaswicz of this place, were visitors in Johnstown last Saturday.

Misses Mary Kessler and Ann Delozier of Johnstown were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKernan of this place.

Mrs. Harry L. Fees is in Swisvale, Pa., this week, visiting with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meinle.

Mrs. Monroe Bearer was visiting with her mother, Mrs. Mary Hannur in Johnstown last week.

Mr. John Short and son, Frank, of Lewistown, were Sunday visitors in town at the home of the former's daughters, Mrs. Mary Lieb and Mrs. Tom Owens Jr.

Fred and Don Switzer of Flint, Mich., were week end visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeSales Switzer of East Carroll Twp.

Miss Clotilda Kelly, R. N., of Lyons, N. J., was a week end visitor in town at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Kelly.

Mrs. William Zadai and daughter, Linda, were week end visitors at the home of the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Buck.

Miss Florence Kozlowski spent Sunday with friends in Colver.

Joseph and Mike Gwizdak, Joe Calka and Mrs. Domete Kozlowski were visitors in Altoona this past Sunday.

Surgeons at the Miners' Hospital, Spangler, have removed a nail from the lower right leg of Mrs. Mary Adamoski of Bainesboro— but neither the lady nor anyone else knows how it got there.

The only explanation the 60-year-old woman can give as to how the nail came to be in her tibia bone is that it might have been part of shrapnel which wounded her during World War I fighting.

Coal Mine 'Company Town' Disappearing from Scene

Majority Mining Firms Have Sold Properties
Pittsburgh.—The ugly, feudal "company town" is rapidly disappearing from the Pennsylvania coal fields.

The coal companies are pulling out of the real estate business. They said it doesn't pay to own the houses miners live in and that ownership brought too much criticism.

Once made necessary by isolated position of mines, the company-owned town was made obsolete by good roads and automobiles. At one time nearly two hundred thousand miners and their families lived in company towns. Now the figure has dropped to thirty thousand and is still falling.

The miners are buying out the company. With the pride of new home owners everywhere they are busy with paint brush and hammer, remodeling and patching.

Company towns were once common in this area. Rows of drab, unpainted houses lined up in a straggling order on gullied, unpaved streets gave passersby an unhurried glimpse of one of the worst features of miners' lives. Most of them lacked any kind of sanitary facilities, grass or even shade.

The company town was born before the turn of the century when operators began opening of mines in out of the way spots. The mine owners were forced to supply living quarters for the employees they brought in.

Admitted evils crept in. In the 1920's when union organizers were active, it was easy for some companies to fence in company towns and deny admittance to those without a company pass. Miners were forced to trade at the company store, with a result they were paid off in "kisses"—meaning a list of "Xs" denoting deduction for rent, groceries and other items.

Many coal companies found they were running in the red in maintaining company towns. The labor market was fluid and miners could drive 15 to 20 miles to work. The union was strong enough to fight its battles.

The miners in the houses were given the first chance to buy, usually at a low price and often on very easy terms.

Waiting In Line Order of Day for Army Enlistments
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The new plan was pressed into service when the local recruiters amassed a long waiting list of men desiring to enlist in the armed forces.

Sgt. Warhul said a long recruit waiting list is something new for the army. Until recently air force were "wide open". Now however, a young man must wait from 30 to 45 days from the day he enlists until he is called for active duty.

Volunteer enlistments during the last few months were so heavy the army no longer is able to handle large classes of recruits it was pointed out.

Qualified applicants still are being enrolled at the Johnstown station. Those accepted are placed on a priority list according to their qualifications and are called for duty as vacancies occur.

Enlistments still are open in more than 30 specialized branches of the army and air force, but only a limited number of men are accepted each month, Sgt. Warhul disclosed.

Dist. 5 Teachers Air Legislation
New legislation which would affect salaries and retirements was discussed at a meeting of District 5, Cambria Co. Branch of Pennsylvania State Education Association, Tuesday night of last week in the Cresson High School.

The district went on record approving the "Package Bill" now before the Legislature. Teachers from Cresson, Cresson Twp. Lilly, Portage Joint School District and Washington Twp. attended the meeting. Members of the executive committee will attend a dinner-meeting of the county branch this Friday, Mar. 25, in Ebensburg.

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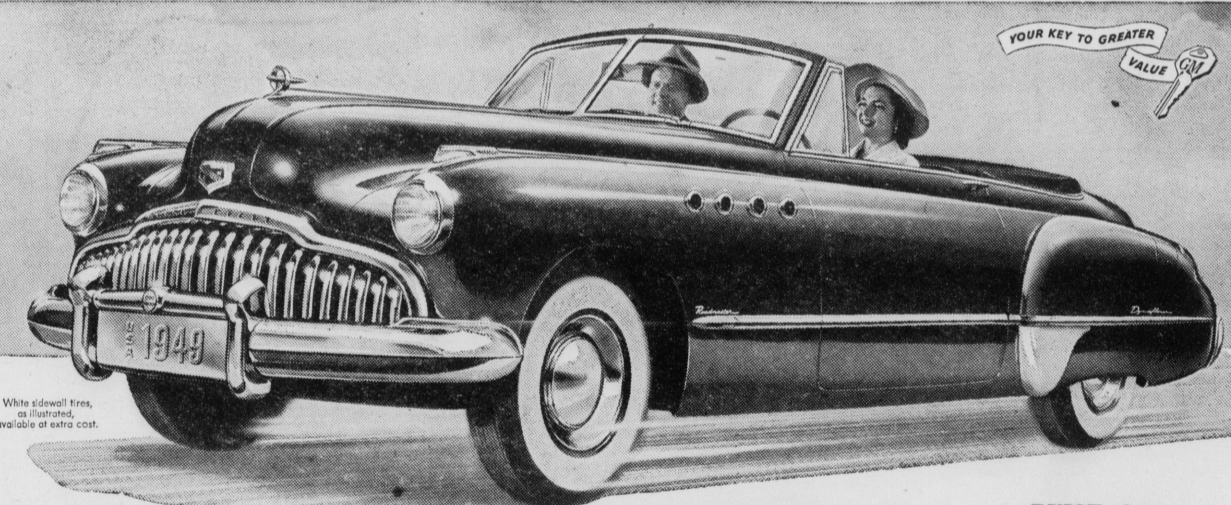
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