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BLANDBURG

By SHIRLEY JEAN NASH
Primary Picnic Held At Davis Home Here

The Primary Picnic was held at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Davis on Aug. 4. Each one attending brought his own lunch. Games were the featured entertainment. The following attended: Donald Fishel, Joyce Garman, Barbara Heverly, Ronald Heverly, Judy Nash, Connie Edmiston, Charles Mulhollem, Gloria and Charles Powell, Virginia Powell, Jerry Reese, Jim Stanton, Gary Scott, Lynn Thomas, Tom Lovell, Fatty and Janice Hezox, Sandi Heverly, Judy Scott, Dale Smittle, Sandra Wilkinson, Catherine Willey, Patty Wilkinson, Nancy Willey, Cheryl Wilkinson, Nancy Yingling, Judy Willey, Barry Davis, Gary Orlene, Bobby Yingling, Emma Willey, Mark Wilkinson, Billy Yingling, Jack Westover, Patty Simco, Chester Westover, Shelley Lightner.

Teachers attending were Eleanor Fishel, Gloria Salyer, Berniece Orleine and Mrs. Jean Wilkinson. Shirley Nash, pianist and Mrs. Gertrude Davis.

Others attending were: Nancy Evanskey, George Mulhollem, Joyce Wilkinson, Janet Marie Holen, Mrs. Iva Lovell, Mrs. Effie Davis, Mrs. Betty Scott, Mrs. Sheehan and son, Mrs. Oro Thomas, Mrs. Heverly, Virginia Thomas and Verden Thomas.

LAST OIL FIRE BEFORE ELECTRICITY



WIFE OF A FARMER near Humboldt, Tenn., Mrs. Chester Williams lights the wick of her kerosene stove for the last time. The Williams were to become the millionth customer of TVA power and are replacing the old stove with an electric range. Systems using TVA power have been connecting up 10,000 new customers a month. (International Soundphoto)

Glasgow Notes

By JANET C. KUHN

Miss Lois Reeger Bride Of James McCartney

Miss Lois Reeger of Coalport and James McCartney were united in marriage at the Alliance parsonage in Coalport on Friday evening. Rev. Kelly performed the ceremony. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kuhn.

Following the ceremony the newlyweds were given a surprise serenade at the home of the bridegroom by friends and neighbors. They will reside at the McCartney home. Mr. McCartney is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCartney.

Many friends offered congratulations to the couple. Mr. and Mrs. John Kries of Patton R. D. also attended the ceremony.

Mrs. Annie Kuhn Marks 77th Birthday Anniversary

Mrs. Annie Kuhn of Roseland celebrated her 77th birthday anniversary at her home on Sunday, Aug. 7. Those attending the celebration included: Sam Kuhn of Altoona, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lender and son of Mechanicsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kuhn and daughters, Janet and Joan, and Charles Kuhn spent a few days at the home of Mrs. Kuhn.

Mrs. Luther Boring and family of Hastings, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simmers and son, Mitchell, of Utahville.

Funeral services for Frank Matthews, formerly of this vicinity, were held Monday afternoon. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stine Jr. of Altoona spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Stine Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cotton of Ginter were recent visitors at the home of Miss Dolly Conrad.

Mrs. John Troxell and daughter, Rea, and Harvey Westover were visitors at the Chester Kuhn home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Taterus and sons, Leon and Ronald, of Shamokin spent a few days at the home of Mrs. Kuhn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lender and son, Mitchell, of Mechanicsburg spent the week end with Mrs. Kuhn.

Janet and Joan Kuhn were recent visitors at the John Troxell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bland of Pittsburgh were visitors at the Harold Troxell home on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Mary Lou and Joanne Troxell have returned home after a week's vacation in Huntington, W. Va., at the Michael Healy home.

L. D. Bloom and George Dietrick of this place and Charles Basil and Joe Lidwell of Ashville attended a baseball game in Pittsburgh last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Sped and daughter of Syracuse, N. Y., visited here on Monday at the home of Mrs. Rose Naylor.

Mrs. Rose Naylor, Mrs. H. L.

Sam Smiley and Robert Bowman, members of the U. S. Army Reserve Corps, are undergoing two-week training period in the state of North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bricker and sons of Smith Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kuhn and sons visited recently at the Charles Bricker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Patter and family visited at the Thomas Noel home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McClellan and family visited at the Frank Harpster home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cree of Beaver Falls spent the week end with Mrs. Mary Cree.

Miss Ida Dixon of Coalport is spending a few days at her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Troxell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Glass and daughter spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Troxell.

Everett McCartney of McKees Rocks was a Sunday caller at the Harpster home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Beck and daughter of Blandburg spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clair Reynolds.

Miss Mona Frye visited relatives and friends in Corapolis this past week.

A large crowd attended the

4 Area Students Awarded Degrees

Four area students received degrees last Saturday afternoon at summer commencement exercises at the Pennsylvania State College.

James Milholland, acting president of the college, presented degrees to 403 students. One hundred and eighty-three of them received advance degrees.

They are: John Muir of Spangler, master's degree in education; Miles Martin Davis, B. S. in mechanical engineering; Bruce Thornton Kantner, B. S. in industrial arts and James Francis O'Malley, Cresson.

E. A. in education The latter three are residents of Cresson.

—Life is a challenge, and its every achievement is a goal which any of us may excel.

TEACHERS REAPPOINTED

East Carroll Township School Board reappointed all teachers to the same schools as last term during a meeting of the board last Thursday. Other business was routine.

Naylor and children, Shirley Shepler and Wayne and Dickie Naylor spent several days recently camping at Whipples Park near State College.

Sgt. Lewis Naylor and friend of Edgewood Arsenal, Baltimore, Md., spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mocere of Baltimore, Md., are visiting at the James Munson home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hale and Mrs. Mary Cuomo spent Sunday afternoon visiting in Johnstown with Judy Hale, who is undergoing treatment for Polio.

James Cavalet has returned to his home here after an extended visit with his grandparents in Coalport.

Walter Vashinsky of Coalport was a visitor here Sunday at the Wm. Naylor home.

The Clover Farm Store picnic held at Lakemont Park near Altoona last Thursday was well attended by local folks.

Mrs. H. L. Naylor, Mrs. Wm.

It Didn't Just Happen

The month of August, 1949, should stand out as a date of distinction in the Patton community. As the years roll along it is not likely that this month will have any significance to many folks; but nevertheless it will always remain the time in which an outstanding improvement was obtained for the community.

With the disastrous flood of 1889 in Johnstown and again with another costly flood in that city in 1936, it would have been a natural inclination for outside interests, people and industries to keep aloof of that city had it not been for the fact that Johnstown people became conscious of this detriment and after going through monumental detail work shared in federal funds to the extent that by channeling the waterways Johnstown now advertises itself as the "Flood Free" City.

Patton has had some exasperating experiences, too, in floods of its creeks, and in flash floods, the latest of which was so extremely costly that the Boro Council, citizens and other influences immediately began a program to obtain relief. That was seven years ago. Now the Dept. of Forests and Waters, with help from other sources including the county and Patton Boro, will shortly award a contract to a Grove City contractor for the sum of nearly \$200,000, and when the contractor completes his work our community will have good reason, also, to advertise a "Flood Free" Patton.

We wouldn't have any idea how many times the present burgess, former burgess, our state senator, the president of council and other boro officials have made trips to Harrisburg and elsewhere in the interests of what now is proving a success. We do know, however, that many a time they returned home disappointed in their efforts, and if their's would have been a disposition of less perseverance and energy, Patton today would not have reason to hope that there will be no repetitions of what the flood waters have done to us in the past.

There are a number of men in this town who now can have extreme satisfaction in what they have accomplished, and there are a few who can feel within their hearts that they never had any idea of giving up hope. The amount of the contract price, \$186,007, isn't hay. It will do the things that our community not too far back never dreamed could have happened TO US. It shows that the spirit of public officials can be very different. Officials, serving without pay, who have shown such interest in their duties, such as have these men, are worthy of commendation.

Again A Success

Patton has added another notch in its long history of entertainment achievements, and as usual, it has again been the Patton Fire Co. that was the motivating influence. The annual convention of the Volunteer Firemen's Assn. of Cambria County & Vicinity and its auxiliary group was an outstanding success in every way. Patton has always been a good, hospitable entertainer. That again was proven last week.

Naturally, the fireman reflects the spirit of the community. This has always been an advertisement for our town that spreads far and wide. It bespeaks the cooperation of our community—a community that has never despaired of the future, and when times were tough always planned to make them better—to continue to make things better.

Fifteen "New Voters"

For many weeks, even months, before the last day for registration of voters arrived, Republican highway and other employees were busy in their endeavors to round up 15 new voters each in order, so the story is related, that they might hang onto their present job or perchance get a job. This great endeavor on the part of some of the men was a bit pathetic as the deadline came, and the flurry of the Republicans certainly was responsible for the Democrats getting into real action at the last minute on registrations in this county.

Rep. Hiram G. Andrews, State House minority leader, hints that he may call for a special congressional investigation if state highway activities are plunged deeper into politics. "The projects financed wholly by the state are in politics clean deep," Andrews said in a statement. "Projects financed in part by the federal government have also been converted into partisan assets, or will be, according to current instruction, when they get going."

Andrews said that although it may be impossible completely to divorce the construction of highways from politics, Washington will be justified in insisting that in the days to come federal highway money be used solely for highway purposes. If present tendencies in Pennsylvania become increasingly prevalent, he added, "they might even warrant a special congressional investigation."

Pennsylvania spent \$18,000,000 on highway construction and \$2,900,000 in maintenance in the last two years. A similar program is contemplated for the current two-year fiscal period.

Andrews charged specifically that: Republican leaders have been demanding documentary proof that men working on highway maintenance or construction projects have been instrumental in registering 15 persons as Republicans if they want to hold their jobs. A hurried survey showed that wherever there is a particularly interesting and tight local political situation, members of survey crews have been materially augmented.

Andrews said he had in mind the 26th Congressional District (Cambria, Armstrong Counties), where a hot fight is developing in the election Sept. 19 of a successor to Congressman Robert L. Coffey Jr., and other places throughout the state. "The highways these days," he said, "are strewn with men working notices. A drive through the state reveals the fact that if the men who are working had rubber handed shovels, many of them would certainly fall and bruise their noses."

On registration, Andrews said "the 15 quota may not be a statewide requirement—the minimum may be higher in some counties. However," he added, "15 G.O.P. registrations to be produced by highway construction or maintenance personnel employed locally is very definitely the minimum figure set in the various counties in Western Pennsylvania. Andrews added that the money for highways comes from all the people and that federal funds are, in a very real sense, trust funds.

"It can be argued x x x that quite likely the 'wicked Democrats' would be doing the same sort of thing if they were in power," he went on. However, when the present G.O.P. leaders were out of power, they were extremely vocal in their denunciations whenever they entertained a suspicion that the Highway Department was being used as a political arm."

TOM OWENS SR.



Letter to Editor . . .

Note Improvements In Visit to Patton

Tacoma, Washington August 1, 1949

Dear Editor: I am sending this message to tell you how much my family and I enjoy reading the Courier. It is our way of keeping in contact with the news of Patton and surrounding towns. We spent three weeks in Patton this summer and noticed what a great improvement the town has made in the past 10 years.

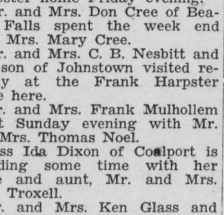
Our niece, Shirley Swab, accompanied us on our return to Tacoma and she was especially interested in the town's happenings during her absence. She spent three weeks out here in the Pacific Northwest and left today via Northwest Airlines from Tacoma-Seattle Airport.

Our three children, Sue, Sandra and Buddy, are very much interested in the progress and success of the Patton High School Band and here's hoping they keep up the good work.

We wish to thank all our relatives and friends for making our visit in Patton such an enjoyable one.

Very truly yours,
 The A. G. Schwab Family

Junior Jap Junkie



ONE of the host of boys who dally scour Tokyo's city dumps looking for articles of value, Kei Yoshida smiles over a good day's haul. Kei is luckier than the thousands of other parentless juvenile scavengers for he is regularly employed by a junk yard. He earns from two cents to one dollar and eighty-five cents a day, in yen, depending on what he has been able to collect. (International)



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