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### The County's Business Affairs

It takes a lot of money to conduct the affairs of Cambria County but it must be remembered that this county is somewhat larger than some of the states of the union, that its population rests somewhere between 250,000 and 260,000 people, that the cost of living and of services of most every detail that the county meets up with in the matter of costs have continually been on an ascendance. It also should be pretty well evident to the householder that the value of a dollar isn't what it used to be in "the good old days." The county finds the same problems, on a larger scale, but has the same ends to meet.

During the year of 1949 a total of \$1,366,935 was spent in conducting the day-to-day affairs of Cambria County. The figure is shown in the annual report submitted to the court last week by Controller M. C. Cherwenak Jr. Total current expenditures represent an increase of approximately \$153,000 over the costs of the preceding year. Somewhat more than half of the increase resulted from increases in highway and bridge construction work. In the latter category many of the funds spent were obligations contracted for by the former board of commissioners and the amount of road damages paid off this past year represented a handsome sum.

Capital outlay and construction costs represent about \$83,000 of the increase, as follows: Purchase of a new farm in Cambria Township, \$13,000, installation of a sprinkler system at the County Home, \$25,000, and highway damages and bridge construction, \$45,000. The remainder of the increased costs is attributed to a general rise in the costs of operation. Expenses in running the courthouse administrative offices jumped \$20,000, operation of criminal and civil courts increased \$12,000, costs in miscellaneous departments went up some \$15,000, and cost of operation of the institution district (county home and farm) advanced by \$42,000.

The increased costs in the above two groups total \$172,000. However, the over-all increase is reduced to \$153,000 by the fact that savings were effected in three categories—correctional institutions, interest rates and charities. These savings amount to about \$19,000 from the previous year's totals. During the year the county tax collections totaled \$1,254,094—an increase of approximately \$33,000 over the preceding year's tax revenue. The increase was generally attributed to increases in the assessed valuations of properties.

There was a decrease in revenue from other sources. There was a drop of about \$5,000 in departmental earnings and a decrease of more than \$12,000 in fines and forfeits collected. The net gain in income for the year was \$18,448. Some of the mounting costs of the year also can be attributed to much major repair work entailed at the county buildings, and the cost of materials entering into these repairs. A much-needed sprinkler system at the county home was installed, and the fire hazard there greatly reduced.

The county enters 1950 with many additional problems ahead. The major problem is alleviation of the undesirable, over-extended, antiquated and fire-hazardous conditions at the Cambria County Children's Home located along the road to Mundy's Corner, a mile from Ebensburg. There is only one satisfactory answer to the condition—the building of a new and modern home. This is the highest and best planning to do. While the county millage for the past two years has been eight mills, for this one year only it will be 10 mills. The extra two mills will cover the cost of construction of a modern building, and will likewise, it is hoped, provide sufficient funds to gain additional bed space at the Cambria County Home and Hospital.

Cambria County enters upon this new year with many problems, but the officials feel that they will be solved to the satisfaction of the taxpayers and for the best interests of the county. Repair work of large proportions will be required on county buildings, just as the most important work requiring immediate attention has been executed in the past. The county owns 27 bridges, the largest being the one which spans the river and railroad tracks at South Fork. Repair of these bridges is costly to the taxpayers. There are no county highways however.

### Important Dates

Two dates—May 16 and November 2—already are taking on some importance all because they are days when voters will be called up to cast their ballots. May 16 is the Pennsylvania primary date and November 2 is the general election date. The primaries aren't too far away and the political pot is boiling at the present. This coming primary promises to be a lively event. The skirmishing already has started and the necessary harmony in both parties is being sought—but with what results remains to be seen.

Because of the fact that presently the picture is confused, we are not making any predictions of what's going to happen. In the state the Republicans are having their troubles, much to the pleasure of the Democrats, who may themselves later also have troubles of their own. In Cambria County and in the 20th Congressional District, there's a lot of footwork being done by a few men in the Democratic party who want to be congressmen. Surely the Republican incumbent will have no opposition in his party for the nomination.

In the Second Legislative District of Cambria County, where the Democratic nomination is tantamount to election, there are indications that perhaps a score of aspirants would like to match one of the three assembly seats now occupied by Lewis Evans, Dennis L. Westrick and Louis Rovanskak. In the event that Lewis Evans stands as a congressional candidate, the field may be a large one. There won't be any lack of men who would like to fill the vacancy.

The two major parties also at the May 16 primary will elect their local committeemen and committeewomen. These, in turn, later on will select the county chairmen of the respective parties. Aside from that, of course, there will be a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and a United States Senator and other state-wide offices to be elected. Down in Johnstown, two assembly candidates will be chosen. This is not a municipal election year and no local offices will be filled.

### Don't Squander Your Money

The veterans of World War II who resided in Pennsylvania at the time they entered the service in a few months will be recipients of the Pennsylvania bonus payments. Beginning a few weeks ago, National Service Life Insurance dividends also began trickling into the state. For some of the ex-service people the aggregate of the two payments will be considerable, and newspapers already are warning of "slick salesmen" who are moving into the state to relieve some of the more gullible recipients of their cash. Beware of the street salesman, the chap who offers you a glowing picture of how you can double your money in a short while. Likely, if you follow his suggestions, you'll be minus your funds—in a short while.

By the same token, there will be a few veterans who will "blow in" the whole amount, much to their regret later on. It would be the part of wisdom for veterans to put aside part of this money in some place of safety for use at a later date. Be prudent for this, the United States Treasury Department once again is reminding you. The United States Treasury is launching a campaign to reach former servicemen and women.

The plan has gained the wholehearted support of all veterans' organizations and will doubtless be embraced by far-seeing vets in all walks of life. It is true that many of them are paying for homes and will want to put some of these insurance dividends and state bonus funds into this channel. Others will find use for the money in paying off current debts. But there are a great many servicemen who have married and started rearing families in the post-war period. They realize that there will be a time when this money will be sorely needed to meet emergencies in old age and for the education of their children.

Government Savings Bonds provide an excellent medium for these plans for the future. They're safe. They draw good interest in the lowest tax category. They are, if emergencies do arise, easily converted into cash. Veterans' groups in Pennsylvania have given unqualified support to this savings bond campaign. These organizations realize that the best interests of the veterans as well as the country will best be served in a bond program.

### Set Game Seasons

As an accommodation to the army of sportsmen in the state who annually vacation in Penn's Woods for hunting, the members of the State Game Commission at Harrisburg have fixed the various seasons for 1949. The small game season opens November 1, the bear season on November 15, and the deer season on November 27. Hunters can govern themselves accordingly and arrange it once with the boss (?) to take the whole month of November of this year.

### 812 Criminal Cases Pass Through Court During Past Year

#### 2 Murder Cases Head List of Major Crimes

The Cambria County Court had a busy time last year dealing out justice on a wide assortment of thefts, assaults, sex offenses and family problems.

In all, some 812 criminal cases passed through the court and the district attorney's office, a figure which is just five fewer than the high total of the preceding year. While the number of law violators remained fairly high, major or vicious crimes were comparatively few.

Both Judge John H. McCann and District Attorney Samuel R. D'Francisco agree that Cambria County was free of violent, deliberate or organized crime. However, all of the 812 cases involved violations or alleged violations of the law.

There were two murder cases as compared with four the preceding year, there were some serious sex cases marked by violence; there were a few major burglaries and a variety of offenses that could have turned out considerably more serious than they did.

The statistical breakdown of the 1949 criminal court cases has been released by Clerk of Courts Joseph C. Was. It shows that there were only 68 trials as compared with 108 the preceding year. Jail sentences were imposed on 131 persons who were committed to the county jail, a state prison or an institution for delinquents.

**179 Theft Cases**

Possibly the most serious problem confronting police and prosecutors were the 179 theft cases of which most were burglaries. Many of these were petty in nature, but they occurred frequently and required a much time and effort on the part of enforcement agencies as the so-called major offenses.

Another large group was the sex cases which increased considerably during the 12-month period. There were 122 of these and the most serious were 10 rape cases and a number involving young children.

Assault of various types involved another large group of defendants. Frequently the charges in these cases arose from family squabbles or barroom arguments. There were 85 of these—the most serious being 9 in which a deadly weapon was used or displayed.

The largest single group of offenses in 1949 was the 468 cases for failure to support their families. There were 198 non-support cases and in most instances the court issued a support order against the defendant.

Violations of the gambling laws resulted in 84 prosecutions. This is a decrease of 28 percent from the 1948 figure.

Approximately 65 percent of the defendants pleaded guilty to the offenses as charged. Of the 68 who went to trial—either before a jury or a judge—33 were convicted and 35 were found not guilty. There were 200 cases dismissed.

Most of the defendants escaped jail sentences. A total of 171 were placed on probation, 118 were let off with fines and costs, and 185 paid only costs or made restitution or both. Of those given jail terms, 98 went to the county jail and 22 to state prisons.

The breakdown of cases, as prepared by Mr. Was, follows:

Murder 2, manslaughter 4, aggravated assault and battery 53, simple assault and battery 23, robbery 8, burglary 73, larceny 49, larceny of automobile 1, embezzlement and fraud 33, receiving stolen goods 15, liquor law violations 3, gambling 12, drunken driving 12, other motor code violations 28, rape 10, other sex offenses 112, pointing or carrying deadly weapons 9, disorderly conduct and vagrancy 6, arson 1, jail break 2, non-support 88, and miscellaneous 86.

**Blandburg Mine Allowed to Reopen**

Present Lease Said Good Until Next Year

The Blair Gap Water Supply Company was halted last Friday in its attempt to force discontinuance of mining operations on its property near Blandburg.

The suit against the water company was brought in equity court by W. H. Hughes of Altoona, holder of the lease under which the coal is being mined.

The lease, under which Hughes was granted permission to mine coal on the water company tract of 243 acres, was made in 1921 and twice renewed for 10-year periods up to 1961.

Hughes recently was notified by the company to discontinue the mining operations and withdraw from the property. Hughes filed his complaint in equity court on the grounds that no reason was given for the action.

### St. Francis College Operates 'Big Business' In Educating

#### New Bookkeeping Plan Said to Be Successful

Education at St. Francis College, Loretto, just as at any other college, is a big business, which necessitates a skilled and competent staff of personnel. The thousands of bills which pass through the business office each month must be taken care of quickly and efficiently.

James B. Kennedy, a native of Corning, N. Y., and a graduate at St. Bonaventure's is the head of this important phase of College administration. It was through his instigation that St. Francis, because of the enormous enrollment induced by the returning veterans, adopted a completely new system of bookkeeping and accounting. This system has been in operation since August 1948, at the North Cambria College.

The success of any enterprise depends for the greater part on the efficiency of the individuals who comprise the staff. All natives of the surrounding area, the office staff are all trained personnel.

Miss Priscilla Valle, secretary to Mr. Kennedy is a graduate of Cresson High School, class of 1945. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Valle of Cresson.

Miss Josephine Maloy, cashier, is a graduate of Mount Aloysius Academy in Cresson and resides in Chest Springs with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Maloy.

The stenographer, Rita Eberhart, another graduate of Cresson High School in 1948, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Eberhart of Cresson.

Mrs. Gertrude Sherry, bookkeeper, graduated from Carrollton High School in 1946. Mrs. Sherry is a resident of Carrollton and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Randall of Bradley Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gummis and family of Tyrone and Mrs. Walter Reeder of Bellwood visited in town recently at the home of Mrs. Tom Naab.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited in Hastings recently at the home of Mrs. Patricia Angelo.

James Angelo, a student at the California State Teachers College, visited here recently at the Tom Ross home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Michaels of Bellwood visited in town recently.

Harold Montgomery, Elwood Jackson, and James Brown of Bellwood visited in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Edemiston and daughters, Connie and Barbara, were last Saturday visitors in Bellwood.

Ruby Salyer, who is employed in Altoona, visited in town over the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were recent visitors in Altoona at the Anthony Fusco home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Whittaker were recent visitors here at the Frank Lovell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stas and daughter, Shirley, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Naab and daughter, Judy, visited in Altoona last Saturday.

Mrs. Jessie Davis of Washington, D. C., spent several days in town recently with relatives.

The Firemen Auxiliary will hold their regular meetings the third Tuesday of each month in the local American Legion Home. All members are requested to attend.

The local Firemen Auxiliary will hold a sauerkraut supper on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 5 p. m. to 7 p. m. in the Legion Home. Admission is set at 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Berger and son were recent visitors in Altoona.

Mr. Robert Dodson and children of Hollidaysburg were recent visitors here at the Leonard Kidwell home.

The American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a card party on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the local Legion Home. Admission 50 cents with prizes to be awarded and refreshments served. The public is very cordially invited to attend.

The Blandburg Township Volunteer Fire Company will hold their regular meeting the second and fourth Tuesday's of each month in the Blandburg American Legion Home.

James Caldwell, who has been a patient in the Altoona Mercy Hospital for the past several weeks, was discharged from that institution last week.

Arthur Lovell was recently discharged from the Altoona Hospital, following an operation.

**Buckhorn Home Guttled By Flames On Saturday**

Fire, on Saturday afternoon gutted the Jack Conway home on Buckhorn Mountain, near Gallitzin.

The blaze is believed to have started from an overheated furnace. The interior of the one-story bungalow type home was damaged to the extent of \$1,000.

No one was at home when the fire started. Mrs. Conway told firemen she had left the home only a minutes before the fire was discovered. Neighbors succeeded in saving furniture.

**Barnesboro Cyclist Struck By Father**

A Barnesboro youth is being treated in the Miners' Hospital in Spangler, for a fractured leg, following an accident last Friday afternoon involving the boy and his father.

Bernard Zieminaki, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zieminaki of Barnesboro, was hit by an auto driven by his father.

At the time of the mishap, the father was driving to St. Stanislaus Parochial School to get his daughter, who suffer a broken leg some weeks ago in an auto accident.

As the father rounded a sharp curve on Route 218, he ran into his son, riding a bicycle on the wrong side of the road.

**BACHA'S FUNERAL HOME**  
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### GLASGOW

Joanne Troxell of Pittsburgh spent the week end here at the Herbert Troxell home.

Mrs. Wade Reynolds and Mrs. Joe Bolinda were Monday evening visitors in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Troxell and daughter, Patty, were Monday visitors in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hammond and sons of Baltimore, Md., spent the week end here at the Clair Reynolds home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander and son, Gifford, of Terra Haute, Ind., visited here recently at the homes of Sam Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. John McCartney.

Clair Reynolds and son, Gene, were last Friday visitors in Pittsburgh.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kuhn and sons of Ramey visited here on Sunday at the Charles Bricker residence.

Mrs. Herbert Troxell was a recent visitor in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baker visited recently in Corapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stine and son, Tim, and Mrs. Chester Kuhn and daughters, Janet and Joan, were Monday visitors in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hammer are spending several weeks vacationing at the Bermuda Islands.

Mrs. Mary Gubaah has gone to Chicago, Ill., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Boyd Thompson, who recently underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stine were recent visitors in Coalport.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Troxell spent Thursday in Chambersburg visiting with their daughter, Mary Lou, who attends college there.

Catherine Dixon of Coalport spent Friday night here at the D. A. Dixon home.

James Barnett of Blairsville visited in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cree of Westover visited here Sunday at the George Cree home.

Melvin Gwin of Altoona was a last Saturday visitor in town.

Relatives from Altoona visited here on Sunday at the Foster Troxell home.

Mrs. Clair Reynolds and Eugene Reynolds were recent visitors in Altoona.

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

**Fate Plays Grim Hand In Maryland Fatality**

The lights of that other car blinded me," Walter S. Nycom, 39, told police at Cumberland, Md., last week after his car had struck and killed Abraham Teter, 64, who was walking along the side of a road about a mile from his home.

The driver of the other car was identified by police as Byron Teter, the victim's 22-year-old son.

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The little boy who wields the arrow suggests that you select her present from our very gay and gala collection. Come, choose today!

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The newest styles for spring in leather and fabrics. New colors. \$2.98 up
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Dainty slips, gowns and half slips trimly tailored . . . touched with delicate lace and ribbons.
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