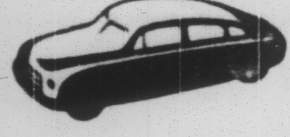


Beaver Valley
Mrs. Virginia Houck, 48,
Expires Last Wednesday
 Mrs. Virginia Houck, aged 48, wife of Carl McKinley Houck of Greenwood, died at noon on Feb. 15 in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where she had gone late in December with her husband for a vacation. She had been ill for the past year. She was born in Clearfield County, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnett.
 She is survived by her husband, father and step-mother, all mentioned above, of Beaver Valley, two step-sons, Carl of Holliday-

burg and Norris of Altoona, and the following half-brothers and sisters: Mrs. Wm. Frederick of Shippensburg, Pa.; Benjamin of Austin; Mrs. Bertram Mowery and Mrs. John Baylin of Port Alleghe; Mrs. Francis Smith and Mrs. Robert Ely of Emporium; Mrs. John Craig, Mrs. John Williams and Betty Barnett, all of Altoona; Mrs. Rollin Rudolph of Coudersport and Wade Barnett of Beaver Valley.
 Mrs. Houck was a member of the Greenwood Evangelical United Brethren Church. Funeral services were held by the N. A. Stevens Funeral Home and interment was made in Alexander, Pa., cemetery.

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Arson Charge In Nicktown Blaze
Nets Indiana Co. Trio Jail Terms
Charge Barn Fire Set To Collect Insurance
 Three Indiana County residents received jail sentences Monday from Judges John H. McCann and Ivan J. McKenna of Cambria County after pleading guilty to charges of arson. The fire destroyed a Nicktown R. D. barn on Feb. 15.
 Symon Patterson, 38, of Clymer, R. D., was sentenced to serve from two to four years. He was said by state police to have been the instigator of the plot. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Elvie Patterson, Blainville, R. D., received a one-to-two-year sentence, and James Myers of Homer City R. D. received a like term. Myers admitted he was the one who set the fire.
 The farm on which the barn was located is owned by Mrs. Patterson, but at the time of the blaze it was being operated by George Fry, who lived in the farm home. Mrs. Patterson became owner of the farm when her husband, James, was killed in a mine accident about a year ago.
 The formal charge of "arson to defraud an insurer" was made last Thursday and climaxed a week-long investigation. The trio waived preliminary hearing before the Justice of the Peace Elizabeth Rowland of Ebensburg and ordered to the Cambria County Jail.
 Mrs. Patterson admitted she had taken out a \$1500 insurance policy on the barn last July. Her father-in-law accompanied her to the insurance agency, she said. She also admitted she had notified the insurance agency of the fire and had obtained the forms with which to make her claim for damages. She told investigators she intended to use

the money to pay off a debt outstanding against the farm.
 James Myers, a friend, is booked, as the person, who actually set fire to the barn Mr. Fry was in company of Mr. Patterson and his daughter-in-law at the time. The formal charges were obtained in the investigation by the Cambria County District Attorney's office and state police the Pattersons and young Myers had had the arson plan under consideration for some weeks. They arranged to have Fry away from the farm when the fire was set.
 On the night of the fire, Police said, they drove toward the farm from Indiana County in Mr. Patterson's car. Before they arrived there Myers was dropped off along the roadside.
 Mr. Patterson and his daughter-in-law then picked up Mr. Fry and took him to the office of Justice of the Peace R. G. Lieb of Nicktown where a lease was executed under which Mr. Fry was to continue operating the farm.
 Meanwhile, it is alleged, James Myers proceeded to the farm on Feb. 15, and after Fry had gone, and set fire to the barn by lighting the hay. He then was said to have left the scene on foot to meet the Pattersons at a designated meeting place.
 The Pattersons and Fry could see the flames as they returned from Nicktown, police were told. Fry was let out of the car and the Pattersons picked up Myers at the designated spot.
 Two other barns in Barr Township were destroyed within the past six months, those of Leo Kirsh and Robert Miller, both of Nicktown R. D. The Pattersons and Myers denied having any connection with either the Kirsh or Miller fires.

Crime Prevention
Kiwanis Subject
Thursday Evening
Smorto Urges More Time With Children
 To arrive at any program of crime prevention, officials must first try to discover the causes of crime.
 The above words were given in an address by Assistant District Attorney Arnold Smorto of Barnesboro, to the members of the Northern Cambria Kiwanis. The meeting was held in Central Hotel in Carrolltown last Thursday evening.
 Mr. Smorto, speaking on the subject, "Crime Prevention," said in part:
 "In malaria or any other disease there must be a diagnosis. So with crime. Let us first think of our own consciences. Do we unwittingly, perhaps, contribute to opportunities for crime? In the circumstances, under which we are living in this day there is more leisure, better facilities for living, more money to spend. The mother in the home has been released from a quantity of similar duties by reason of modern equipment. Men of the family spend more time at the country club or in political meetings. The children are left more to themselves and there are greater opportunities to go wrong. We must examine our consciences as individuals, as a community, as a state, as a nation. The greatest crime preventative will be the spiritual chain, setting our own house in order. We must mobilize the conscience of America before we can hope to mobilize the conscience of the world. In Cambria County we are experimenting with pre-trial conferences. Good results are apparent. We have published a manual which makes the office of the Justice of the Peace more effective."
 Kiwanis will meet this Thursday evening, Mar. 2, in the Commercial Hotel, Patton. Samuel Ricketts, chairman of the agricultural and conservation, will have charge of the program.

North County Men
Furnish Bail On
Nail Planting Count
 Four Cambria County men, one from Dyaart, and three from Dean, have waived hearing before Justice of the Peace Floyd W. Colyer of Greenwood near Altoona, and furnished bail in \$1000 each on new indictments that add conspiracy to the previous charge of malicious mischief.
 The men were arrested on Oct. 27 of last year for allegedly strewing nails over the highway near Wopsononock.
 The men, re-arrested last week by Cpl. Donald Harris and Pfc. A. A. Verbitski of the Blair Co. State Police station, are: Henry G. Swires, 21; Bruno J. Florentin, 20; and Orville E. Bernazzoli, 27, all of Dean, and Irvin G. Cavallet, 27, of Dyaart. They are represented by Attorney James W. Nelson.
 Blair County District Attorney J. Calvin Lang said Monday that a new information charging conspiracy was filed against the quartet after the names of owners of four trucks that had been damaged by the nails which penetrated the tires and put the vehicles out of use temporarily had been ascertained.
 The truck owners, all of Altoona, are: D. P. and Harry Zimmelman, Harvey Price and Bob Smith.
 District Attorney Lang intimated that the original information will be withdrawn in favor of the new indictments that include the charge of conspiring to damage.
 The men allegedly were members of a group picketing the mines during the late October work stoppage. The officers found roofing nails strewn over the highway at intervals of approximately 200 feet and reported finding a quantity of similar nails in the Cavallet auto when it was halted on route 36, at the intersection with the road leading to Coupon. Passing motorists assisted the police officers in removing the nails strewn over the Wopsononock road.

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Cresson, Lilly Tie for First
In North Cambria Cage Loop
Will Enter B, C Class
Playoffs This Month
 Cresson High Indians slipped down the Nanty-Glo road on Tuesday night, 46-26, to gain a first-place tie with the Lilly High Red Raiders, in the Northern Cambria League. Both Cresson and Lilly have loop standings of one win and one loss. Both of these teams lost one game each to each other in league play.
 The victory earned Cresson a tie with Lilly. As the league ruling is set up, neither team took first place in the league, but they will remain tied for first place. Cresson has entered Class B competition and Lilly, Class C. The Indians will take their position as District 6 PIAA Class B contenders and Lilly has the berth in the District 6 PIAA Class C playoffs.
 The Indiana will play Beccaria Coalport-Irvona, winner of the Mashanow Valley League, on Mar. 10, at Doyle Hall, on-the-campus, of St. Francis College. Lilly will receive a first round bye in the District 6 eliminations of Class C, but will play the winner of the Southern Cambria-Indiana County League, on Mar. 7 at the Johnstown High floor.
 Following up in third place was Gallitzin High School Gremlins. They broke out even in the loop standings with a 2-2 record. The Gremlins downed Patton, 50-34, Tuesday night, finishing the season for both teams.
 Barnesboro High Red Dragons paced fourth in the league with a four win and six loss record for a percentage of 400. The Patton High Panthers, as mentioned above, ended with a 2-8 record. The Panthers took the league last year with a 9-1 record. In last year's competition the Panthers lost their only game to Cresson. The Nanty-Glo Rams finished in last place with a 1-9 record. The Rams took their only league win from Barnesboro by a 52-41 score on Feb. 14.

GLASGOW
 By JANET C. KUMM
 Mr. and Mrs. Ardell McCollan were last Saturday visitors in Altoona.
 The Caroline Troxell Rebekah Lodge held its regular meeting on Friday evening. Following the business session, a lunch was served.
 Mrs. Raymond Jackson and son, Lester, visited in Altoona last Saturday morning.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Krus and daughters of Juniata and Mr. and Mrs. James McCartney and Mrs. Leo Fortson and son, Ronnie, spent last Saturday evening visiting at the Chester Kuhn home.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clair Reynolds were recent visitors in Altoona.
 The IOOF members held their regular meeting last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Chester Kuhn and daughter, Janet, were last Saturday visitors in Altoona.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Hommer returned home after spending a vacation in Altoona, Pennsylvania and other surrounding territories.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stine and son, Tim, and Percy Stine, visited with friends and relatives in Altoona last Saturday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wade Reynolds returned home after spending some time in Chicago, Ill.
 Peggy Troxell of Altoona spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Troxell.
 Mrs. Catherine Gordon and daughter, Pauline, of Coalport, visited here recently at the George Cree home.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Krus Jr. visited with Mrs. Alma Glass, who is a patient in the Phillipsburg State Hospital.
 Mrs. Charles Barnett and son, Ronnie, of Coalport, visited here recently at the Charles Craig residence.
 The Senior Class of Reade Twp. High School have selected a cast of characters for a play to be held some time this month.
 Louise Lender was a Monday evening business caller in Coalport.
 Rev. Wilson and son, Robert, were recent business callers in Pittsburgh.
 The Glasgow PTA held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening. A program was given by the parents and teachers. Richard Berger of Blairburg rendered a few musical selections on the accordion. Following the program a lunch was served.
 Harry McCollan was admitted to the Phillipsburg Hospital recently.
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hammond and sons of Baltimore, Md., spent the week end here at the Clair Reynolds home.
 Mary Lou Troxell of Chambersburg spent the week end here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Troxell.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Camborg of Juniata spent Sunday at the Foster Troxell home here.
 The Junior Class of Reade Twp. High School sponsored the Ritchey Brothers of Altoona last Friday evening.
 Mrs. Kenneth Glass has returned home after being a patient in Phillipsburg Hospital.
 Mrs. James McCartney spent last Friday with relatives in Coalport.
 Mr. and Mrs. Foster Troxell and daughters, were last Saturday visitors in Altoona.

PATTON PANTHERS
Drop to Gallitzin
 The Patton Panthers lost their final game of the season to the Gallitzin High Gremlins, 50-34, in a game at Gallitzin on Tuesday. The Panthers ended their season with six wins and ten losses.
 Both teams broke even in the opening period, 13-13, but the Gremlins moved away from the Patton outfit in the second frame, 23-0. Gallitzin took the third period, 13-9, before the Panthers held the final round at 13-12.
 Bill Burns was high for Gallitzin with 18 points. Karlheim was top man for Patton with 14.
 The Gallitzin JV's took the preliminary game from the Patton Cub, 45-17. The varsity summary:

Gallitzin	O P T	Patton	O P T
Cresson	1 1 3	Karlheim	2 0 4
Marica	0 1 1	J. Goodwin	2 0 4
Leora	0 1 1	M. K. Smith	2 0 4
McMahan	0 1 1	M. K. Smith	2 0 4
Burns	2 3 8	J. K. Smith	1 1 2
Conway	1 1 2	W. K. Smith	1 1 2
Messinger	1 1 2	L. K. Smith	1 1 2
McTear	1 1 2	L. K. Smith	1 1 2
Lachist	1 1 2	L. K. Smith	1 1 2
Anderson	1 1 2	L. K. Smith	1 1 2
Totals	17 16 50	Totals	9 16 34
Gallitzin	13 12 13	Patton	13 12 13

St. Francis Loses
To Westminster
 St. Francis College of Loretto lost its second last game of the season Tuesday night, when they fell under the heavy strokes of a Westminster College cage team, 88-69, in a game on the winner's floor.
 The win averaged the 70-68 loss the Titans took from the Red Flash earlier in the season.
 The Frankies stepped out in front to take the first stanza, 19-15, but dropped the remaining three periods, 17-15, 26-15 and 30-15.
 Bill Wanah was high scorer in

John Gavaler Tops
Frankie Students
 John Gavaler of Carrolltown, son of Mrs. Susan Gavaler, obtained a perfect 3 rating to lead the entire student body on the dean's list of honor students at St. Francis College, Loretto, as announced during the past week.
 James Nelson of Ebensburg earned a 2.8 average. He is a son of Judge A. A. Nelson.
 And for the first time in history, a woman was named to the honor list. She is Miss Frances Candler of Conemaugh R. D., a student at the college under the new co-educational program.
 Sixteen other Cambria County students are on the first-semester dean's list, including Henry Hill, Patton; Charles Hobbs, Ebensburg; Paul Lantry, Spangler; Harry Norton, Ebensburg; Vernon Krug, Spangler; and Thomas Lantry, Nicktown.

Yeager Will Head
Elder Twp. Club
 At a recent meeting of the Elder Township Rod and Gun Club William Yeager was named president for 1939.
 Other officers include Robert Huber, vice president; Robert Ott, secretary; Nick Worchesky, treasurer; Robert Huber was named delegate to the Cambria County Federation of Sportsmen Clubs Inc. William Yeager is alternate.
 The club has stocked Elder Township and vicinity with rabbits and ringneck pheasants and has also been feeding the game in the township. Members of the club express the desire of having a monthly meeting to discuss the organization so the club may secure more game from the Game Commission.
 Shoulder patches will be given out at next meeting, which will be held this Friday, Mar. 3, at 8 p. m. All members are requested to attend.

AMSBRV
 By KATHLEEN BUCHANAN
 Mrs. John Glass entertained a number of guests at a surprise party at her home last Saturday evening in honor of her sister, Mrs. E. E. Glass, of Altoona, Md., who is visiting here among local relatives and friends. The occasion marked the honored guest's birthday anniversary.
 Mr. and Mrs. Dean Lewis and daughter, Elizabeth, visited in town last Saturday.
 Mrs. Sam Booterbaugh and daughter, Rita, and Mrs. Mike Herbel, were last Saturday visitors in Altoona.
 Evelyn Hartman attended the funeral of Ella Kinney in Gallitzin last Friday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lewis and children and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Francis visited in Colver last Friday.
 Chad McCoy of Maryland visited in town over the week end.
 Mary Koleck of Lock Haven spent the week end at her home here.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Culley and family of Cresson visited here at the Bernard McConnell residence last Sunday.

ST. BENEDICT
 By MISS MARY REAM
 Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. F. B. Saylor were Rev. Emerson Washburn, Mrs. O. E. Washburn of Barnesboro and Mrs. Young of Pittsburgh.
 Lillian Symons of Pittsburgh was a week end visitor here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Symons.
 Dorothy Skotts and Oscar Anderson spent Sunday in Altoona at the home of Mrs. John Leslie.
 Pat Daugherty of Waynesboro, Va., is spending a few weeks here at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Caldwell.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horn announce the birth of a son, born this past week.
 Lena Stevens of Pittsburgh accompanied Vivian Symons to the J. W. Symons home here over the past week end.
 Patients from town in the Memorial Hospital include Mrs. John Emerick Sr., Frank Griak and Delmont Baker.
 The St. Benedict Ladies' Club held their semi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Benny Johnson this past week. A lunch was served. Those attending included Mrs. Leo Berringer, Mrs. William White, Mrs. Bernard Swanson, Mrs. Jack Egan, Mrs. Clyde Bradford and Mrs. John Emerick Jr. All reported a good time.

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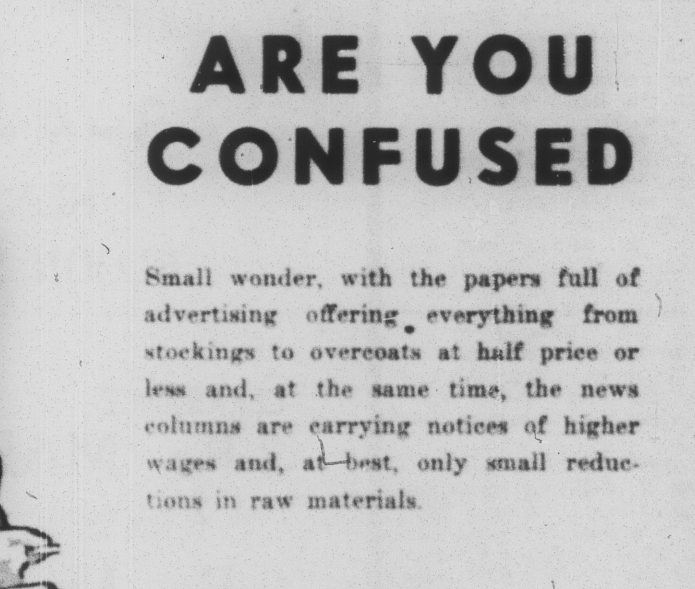


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