

St. Benedict, Spangler Mines Cease Operations for Good

Loss of Markets Said Reason for Shutdowns

Three large mines in Cambria County during the past week shut down for good. They are the No. 10 of Peale, Peacock & Kerr Inc.; St. Benedict, Springfield No. 2 Mine of the Springfield Coal Corp.; Nanty Glo, and the Delta 2 Mine of the Duncan-Spangler Coal Co., Barnesboro.

Another recent victim was the McCombie Mine of the McCombie Coal Co., Barnesboro. The Sagamore Mine of the Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Co. and the Consolidation 120 and 121 Mines of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. also have shut down permanently.

The Springfield mine, employing 72 men, and the St. Benedict pit with a force of 71 employees, are out of business for good, as are the Sagamore, Delta 2 and Consolidation mines.

The St. Benedict mine, which recently has had an output of about 300 tons per day, is about 40 years old. In its heyday it employed as many as 350 men. It was officially termed by the company as the No. 9 mine, but was popularly known in the area as No. 10, with its opening at St. Benedict.

The Springfield mine has been owned by the Springfield Coal Corp. since 1941 and likewise produced about 300 tons a day.

The Delta 2 Mine of the Duncan-Spangler firm had employed 72 men. All of the firms, except McCombie, closed their operations named last Friday.

Delta 2 had a yearly yield of about 75,000 tons of coal and its operation was started in 1915.

Loss of markets to oil and non-union soft coal producers is given as one reason for the cutbacks. One coal official said the outlet for district coal has declined 5 million tons in the past year. He said many area colliers sell their product to utilities, many of which have converted to oil.

A statement made by officials of the Sagamore concern to its employees was as follows:

"We are sorry such action must be taken but under the competitive situation existing today there is no other alternative."

"Two types of competition are primarily responsible for our inability to continue to market Sagamore coal. The first is non-union coal. Very large tonnages of such coal are being produced and sold at prices substantially less than your employer's labor cost alone, which does not include such expenses as your welfare and retirement payments, overhead, etc.

"The other type of competition referred to is foreign oil. During January of this year, foreign oil imports were at a rate 300 percent higher than during any year prior to 1947.

"Approximately 50 percent of such imported oil is being dumped on the market at any price necessary to take business away from coal, while at the same time gasoline, which is made from oil, continues to be priced very high. "Over 40,000 mine workers either have lost or will lose their jobs as a direct result of such foreign oil imports taking business formerly enjoyed by the coal industry."

"Your company regrets very much that it is necessary to take this action. It is our hope that our government will soon act to restrict the importation of foreign oil so that the coal industry can once again give employment."

Carrolltown Councilmen Propose Per Capita Tax

A decision for strict enforcement of all borough parking regulations and discussion of the proposed per capita tax for the coming year featured a meeting of Carrolltown Council on Tuesday evening of this week.

Chief of Police Paul Bauman was instructed to issue tickets in all cases of violations. Details of the proposed tax ordinance will be found in a notice on Page 7. The money will be used for improving the water lines and maintenance of streets.

NEW HENNINGSBURG ROAD
Although it doesn't seem that long, it's been 10 years since the new relocated highway between Carrolltown and Ebensburg was constructed. Bids on the 3.58-mile section of Route 219 were opened in March of 1940.

James Snaps Flying Saucer At Killbuck

The above picture of a "flying saucer" shot of his kind to be taken in this section, was snapped Saturday afternoon by "Arnie" James at Killbuck. The owner, said James, hovered in the air for some several seconds, and then disappeared. The photo shows a silhouette against the background "made in China."

New Water Works Dam Plans To Be Ready Soon

Several sets for plans for the construction of a water works dam to replace the one washed out several months ago will be presented to Patton Borough Council in the near future.

Council then will choose the plan believed to be most suited to local needs, and will present it to the State Dept. of Forests & Waters. Upon approval by that body, bids will be advertised for the construction of the new breastwork across Chest Creek.

School Directors Draw New Budget

Setting of a tentative budget similar to that of the past year was the chief item of business at a meeting of the Patton School Board Monday evening.

Under the proposed budget, the tax rates will be the same as for the past year.

The board also voted to cooperate wherever possible with the efforts of the newly-formed Quarterback Club in its endeavor to improve athletic and athletic facilities in the community.

It was voted to contact the various organizations in the town in the very near future relative to setting a band program to coincide with summer activities in the community.

John White Post Installs Officers

Will Aid Fire Company During Old Home Week

Joseph Paddock, retiring commander of John White Post 779, FFW, Patton, was presented a past commander's pin as a highlight of the installation of officers of the post Tuesday night. Past Commander Edward Rounsley presented the pin and conducted the installation.

The post also voted to cooperate fully with the Patton Fire Co. in its proposed Old Home Week tentatively scheduled for June. A committee also will be named to meet with the local American Legion Post relative to conducting a joint observance of Memorial Day.

Commander Michael Boback appointed the following officers and committees at the meeting: Joseph Masnick, adjutant; Leo O'Brien, officer of the day; Albert Berdelang, historian; Ed Rounsley, legislative officer; Joseph Paddock, sergeant major; Albert Buzler, public and color bearer; Albert Haluska, Albert Masnick and Maurice Huber, investigating committee, and Victor Hauret, patriotic instructor.

Loretto Borough Adopts 'Fast' Time

New Residential Area To Be Part of Town

Daylight Saving Time was adopted for the summer, a budget was approved and the property and per capita tax rates were set by the Loretto Borough Council Monday evening.

The president of the Loretto Borough Council, Rev. Father Giles Wade, announced the two tax rates will be the same as in 1949. The property tax was retained at 12 mills and the per capita levy at \$5. The tentative budget was adopted.

A donation of \$125 was approved for Cresson Volunteer Fire Co. and a delegation also was named to represent Loretto at the Apr. 18 meeting of the Cambria Co. Borough Association in Barnesboro.

In other action at the session, a new residential area at St. Francis College was incorporated into the borough. Three streets in the new settlement have been named after religious men who figured in the early history of the famed borough.

N. F. Richards and George Fair, both of New Paris, presented greetings from the Bedford County Pomona Grange.

Taking part in a round-table discussion on "Better Rural Life" were C. J. Bearer of Hastings; Harry Hazlett of Portage; and C. McWilliams of Ebensburg; and Mr. Wise and Mr. Jones.

St. Augustine Couple At Columbus Convention

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Horne of St. Augustine are visiting in Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Horne is attending the convention of the Farm Bureau Insurance Co., which is being held Wednesday and Thursday of this week. They will also visit their son, Charles, who is a student in Pontifical College, in that city.

RECEIVE GRANGE DEGREE

H. M. Mohler, Carrolltown, the master of Cambria County Pomona Grange and of Banner Grange, was in charge of initiatory ceremonies Tuesday night at Munster Grange Hall, during which some 60 persons received the organization's fourth degree.

EASTER



Attend the Church of your choice on April 9th, Easter Sunday

GLORIOUS hymns of Easter... and inspiring words of prayer await you and your family at the Church of your choice. The clear beauty of the song, the sermon, the service itself promise a sincere reaffirmation of all things good.

County Grangers To Ask Referendum On Daylight Time

The Patton Clay Mfg. Co. Monday of this week ceased operation as a result of the failure of operators of 28 sewer pipe plants in the Ohio-Pennsylvania-Indiana area to sign a new contract with local unions of District 9 of the United Brick and Clay Workers.

Patton Clay Plant Idle Since Monday

The old contract expired on Apr. 1, last Saturday. Negotiations were conducted last week in Akron, Ohio, but no agreement was reached. All 28 plants in District 9 are reported closed.

All-Day Meeting Held Saturday, Chest Springs

At a meeting last Saturday of the Cambria County Pomona Grange at the Pleasant Hill Grange Hall, Chest Springs, plans were mapped to have the annual Daylight Saving Time question put to a popular vote in this county.

In a resolution adopted at the all-day session, grangers voted to ask the county commissioners for information and requirements necessary for the referendum on the "fast time" question. The county unit said it was taking this step because of the "confusion which still exists with regards to changing of time each year."

A spokesman for the County Commissioners states that upon advice of the county solicitor the county is without authority to conduct a referendum on any settlement on the "time" question.

The county farm group in another resolution, went on record that the Pennsylvania Game Commission assume "the liability for all property damage or personal injury incurred on the public highway caused by deer or other game."

The resolution said the plentiful number of deer in the state is a "constant menace on the highways and often causes wrecks involving property damage and personal injury."

Pomona Master, H. M. Mohler of Carrolltown named the following three county residents to represent the grange at the Pennsylvania State College in June when college trustees will be elected: W. A. Farabaugh of Carrolltown; Edward Jones of Wilmore and Edwin Weise of Chest Springs.

Arrangements were also made at last Saturday's meeting to hold a series of summer social meetings, the first to be held on Apr. 19 in the Banner Grange Hall. Officers of Mt. Hermon Grange will preside. The literary program will be given by the Buckhorn Grange.

The chairman of the home economics committee, Mrs. Maude Thomas of Ebensburg, announced the county grange will sponsor displays of cotton, evening dresses and housecoats. One article from each display will be selected for competition in the state grange contest.

The speakers for the day-long event included Dr. Joseph Anderson of Patton, who told of the harmful effects which could result from a federal compulsory health program, and Mrs. Earl Karlheim of Patton, who explained the latest methods for preparing and packing food in home deep freeze units.

N. F. Richards and George Fair, both of New Paris, presented greetings from the Bedford County Pomona Grange.

St. Benedict Man Given Gold Watch

Vincent H. Ream of St. Benedict recently was presented a gold watch in recognition as the outstanding student in mining engineering at West Virginia University in Morgantown, W. Va.

Mr. Ream was presented the watch by the Oldtimers Club of Morgantown as the top mine student. He graduated in January and at present is employed as production engineer for Ogla Coal Co. at Coalwood, W. Va.

Patton Ministerium Lists Schedule For Three-Hour Service

Presbyterian Church To Be Used Good Friday

One of the outstanding events of Holy Week services as arranged by the Patton Ministerium for Union Protestant observance will be the traditional Three-Hour Service which will be held in the Presbyterian Church from 12 noon until 3 p. m. this Good Friday, Apr. 7. Ministers taking part are as follows:

The First Word—Rev. Lester H. Norton, pastor of the Baptist Church, Glen Campbell.

The Second Word—Rev. Walter J. Glenn, pastor of St. John's Methodist Church, Barnesboro.

The Third Word—Rev. O. Emerson Washburn, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Barnesboro.

The Fourth Word—Rev. Warren H. Norton, pastor of the Methodist Church, Bakerton.

The Fifth Word—Rev. C. R. Doverspike, pastor of the E.U.B. Church, Westover.

The Sixth Word—Rev. Paul Taylor, pastor of the Methodist Church, Cherry Tree.

The Seventh Word—Rev. Harold E. Huffman, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Cherry Tree.

The Patton Ministerium, composed of Dr. J. E. A. Bucke, and Reverends Plummer Harvey, Gilbert Watt and Ralph E. Whitmer, will preside.

To Collect Blood At Carrolltown Tuesday, April 18

An appeal has been set up for blood donors from the Carrolltown area. The collection depot will be at the Fox-Peale Post, American Legion Home.

County Gets Better Rate of Interest On New Bond Issue

Blair, Rollins & Company, a syndicate in New York City, on Tuesday was awarded Cambria County's \$311,000 refunding bond issue on its 1 1/2 percent interest rate as compared to the county of \$432.29.

The county commissioners opened bids of six other firms. In cost to the county, there was a difference of \$1,134 between the highest and lowest bid. All of the bids called for the county to pay lower interest rates than the county officials had anticipated. Last year and in '48 bonds issued by the county bore 2 percent interest. Rates quoted in Tuesday's bids ranged from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 percent.

The improved interest rates are attributed, at least in part, to the county's improved financial standing according to the findings of the Moody's Investor's Service of New York City. Following a survey made last year by Kenneth Cooper, first deputy controller of Cambria County, the Moody firm announced that the county general obligation bond issues would have an "A" rating.

The commissioners also awarded contract to the American Laundry Machinery Co. of New York City for laundry equipment to be used at the county jail. The firm submitted the following bids: Washer, \$964; clothes wringer and drying tumbler, \$513. No other bids were submitted.

Arnold, Bender In College 'Who's Who'

Among 389 Penn State Students Mentioned

Two North Cambria students received recognition for their participation in extra-curricular activities at Penn State College. They are among 389 students at the college who have been chosen for mention in "Who's in the News at Penn State." They are:

Mark Richard Arnold of Patton a senior in journalism, who is a veteran of World War II and who has part-time employment in the U. S. Postoffice in Patton. He is a publicity director and a member of the Alpha Delta Sigma Fraternity. He serves as assistant advertising manager of the Daily Collegian, and the business manager of The Independent.

Patricia Ann Bender of Carrolltown, a junior in the school and a student of arts and letters. She is the president of the Spanish Club, a member of the French Club and a member of the Tribe Singers. Miss Bender has a 3.0 grade average in her scholastic work.

Mr. Arnold is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Arnold Sr. of Patton and Miss Bender is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bede A. Bender of Carrolltown.

CHS Choral Concert Set At Music Room, Apr. 16

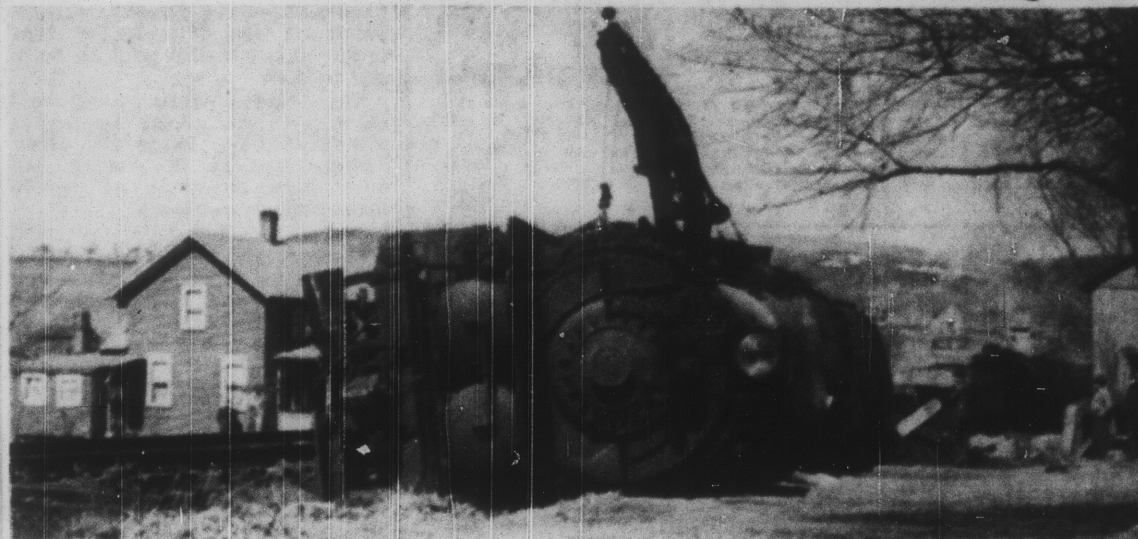
Plans are being made for the annual Choral Concert of the Carrolltown High School music department, to be held on Sunday, April 16, in the Music Room of the high school.

Margaret Kranyak Wins 38-Piece Silverware Set

Margaret Kranyak of Glen Campbell was the winner of the 38-piece Community silverware set awarded by Blackford Furniture Co., Barnesboro, as announced by Charles Neri, manager of the store.

The silverware was given as a prize in conjunction with the 38th anniversary celebration of the firm. The winning number was drawn at 9 p. m. Saturday by Joseph Gural of Spangler.

Finet Yard At Hastings Becomes Locomotive Parking Lot



No one was injured last Thursday when the engine, tender and caboose of a train tumbled into the yard of the George Finet home near Lanark Road in Hastings. The engine was derailed about 5 a. m. by hitting a derailment switch. When uncoupled it fell over on its side. The tracks were cleared by evening by wreck crews from Conemaugh and Cresson. The engine was shifting cars at the Lanark Mine.

Locomotive Upsets On Hastings Spur Early Last Thursday

Hits Derailment Switch Near Lanark Co. Mine

No one was injured when an locomotive, tender and caboose of a coal train of the Pennsylvania Railroad left the tracks early last Thursday morning in Hastings.

An open derailment switch is blamed for the mishap. The three cars of the slow moving train left the tracks and leaned over at sharp angles. Eight loaded coal cars remained on the tracks. The engine, tender and cabin car turned over when they were cut apart by train crews who were clearing the tracks.

The accident occurred about 3 a. m. on the Hastings Branch of the PRR, near Lanark Coal Mine. When it occurred, the engine leaned over at a 45-degree angle and the tender at a 60-degree angle. They fell to the ground as wreck crew members uncoupled them to begin clearing the wreckage.

The train was backing from the Lanark Coal Co. siding when the derailment happened. Wreck crews from Cresson and Conemaugh righted the cars and had the tracks cleared by 5 p. m. the same day. The engine and caboose were slightly damaged.

Sgt. Richard English of Cresson, railroad policeman, said first indications led to the belief that a deliberate attempt had been made to wreck the train. However, this was discounted last Thursday afternoon following an investigation by railroad police, county detectives and state police.

Sgt. English said it is not as yet known how the switch came to be open. He said the train may have caused the switch to fly open or a crewman may have opened it accidentally. The switch was also inspected for mechanical defects.

The derailment switch was placed on the track for safety in case loaded coal cars ever broken loose from the coal mine siding located above the switch. If the cars did run away they would be derailed at this point to prevent them from going into Hastings. The Lanark mine is located east of Hastings, on what is known as Lanark Road.

Soisson, Yahner Purchase Interest In Soft Drink Firm

Inco Beverage Co. Sold By Michael Milkovich

Fred L. Soisson and Paul F. Yahner, both of Hastings, and Joseph Incardona of Johnstown last week purchased the New Star Bottling Works on downtown Washington St. in Johnstown.

The sale price was not revealed, but it is reported to have been in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Mr. Soisson is operator of the Hastings Bottling Works, and Mr. Yahner also is associated with that firm. Mr. Incardona is the owner of the Inco Beverage Co. Johnstown. The new firm will be known as the Squirt Bottling Co. Inc. Officers are Mr. Incardona, president and treasurer; Mr. Soisson, vice president, and Mr. Yahner, secretary. Mr. Yahner will be in charge of the plant.

The firm was purchased from Michael Milkovich, who declared he was selling out because of publicity received as a result of having been named as a communist by Matthew Cretic, former FBI undercover agent. Mr. Milkovich has denied the charge.

To Vote On School At St. Lawrence

If the voters of Chest Township approve, a new \$15,000 grade school will be constructed in St. Lawrence, to replace the building that burned down in 1941.

At a meeting of the township school board Monday evening, the board voted to place a bond issue before the voters in the May primary elections. If approved the new building will be constructed of brick and will consist of two rooms. It will house approximately 55 pupils in eight grades. The classes for students have been conducted in St. Lawrence Grange Hall. The school directors said the plans for the structure already have been drawn up.

Flannigan Run Cut-Off Not Intended As Dam

The Flannigan Run cut-off of the Patton Flood Control project did the job assigned to it during the first test—the recent high-water period, with observers estimating that the project saved a considerable sum in damages which otherwise would have occurred.

The stream is blocked off at a point above the Clay Works and is diverted over the hill into Chest Creek during times of high water.

The breastwork across the run is not designed to serve as a dam, but only as a temporary stop for large quantities of water, with the diversion spillway being much lower than the top of the breastwork. Ordinarily, only a small amount of water will be present in the "reserve" dam.

PHS Spring Concert To Be Held Apr. 25

98-Piece Band to Play From Theatre Stage

The members of the Senior Band of the Patton High School will hold their fifth annual Spring Concert on Apr. 25 at 8:15 p. m. in the Grand Theatre, Patton.

This year the high school will have 98 members on the stage, the largest concert band that the school has ever had. John Seimonich has secured the services of Beatrum W. Francis as Guest Conductor. Mr. Francis received his degree in music from Mansfield State Teachers' College and for five years was director of the national championship high school band at Hobart, Indiana. He was also the Guest Conductor at the Central Western District Band at Painesville this year.

Tickets for the concert are 60 cents and may be had from all band students or at Milton Jewelry Store, Patton.

Frank Callahan Injured Tuesday At Sterling No. 1

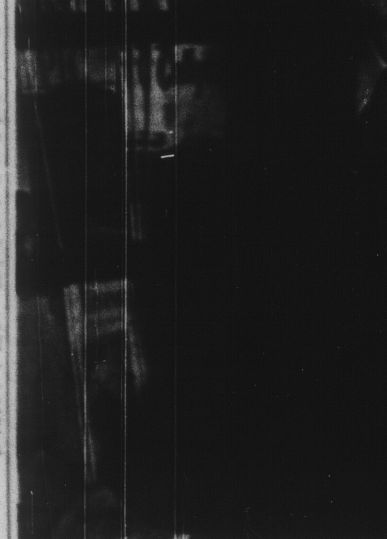
Frank W. Callahan was injured while at work in the Sterling No. 1 Mine at Bakerton on Tuesday morning when he was caught between a coal car and a cross bar. He received back and pelvic injuries. He was removed to the Miners' Hospital, Spangler, where X-rays are being taken to determine the extent of his injuries.

CORRECTION NOTED

The 5-piece bedroom outfit advertised by Charlson's Furniture Store, Barnesboro, last week for \$199 should have included choice of vanity or dresser.

NORTH CAMBRIA PERSONALITIES—NO. 84

Harry E. Blair News Dealer Since 1914



Just as we, a few weeks ago, recorded the news-dealing activities of Mrs. Kinkead of Patton, this week we take up a brief sketch on another news-dealer, Mr. Harry E. Blair of Barnesboro, who has been the sole agent for the daily newspapers and magazines in that town since back in 1914.

Mr. Blair is a native of Ebensburg, and was one of a family of 11 children of former Sheriff of Cambria County John A. Blair and Ann (Brown) Blair. His early life was spent at the County Seat, and when a young man was employed as an office clerk for the Old Cambria Iron Works and the Lorain Steel Company in Johnstown. When Sheriff Samuel Lenhart was elected in Cambria County, Mr. Blair came back to Ebensburg and served as warden of the Cambria County Jail during the Blair administration.



(James Studio Photo, Patton)

Hastings Native Named to High Post By Phone Concern

Harry J. Huether Jr. Is Former Coal Miner

Harry J. Huether Jr., of Lafayette, Ind., a native of Hastings and a son of a former Northern Cambria County coal miner, has risen to the highest position obtainable in two southern telephone companies.

He assumed his duties as the president of the Lexington and Ashland Telephone Companies on Saturday. In addition to heading the two concerns, Mr. Huether also will serve as general manager of the companies.

The Hastings High School graduate succeeds L. F. Shepherd who resigned Mar. 1 to assume the presidency of the Pennsylvania Telephone Corp.

L. O. Evenson, who has been vice president and general manager of the Lexington and Ashland companies, resigned last Saturday to become vice president of Southwestern Associated Telephone Co. The concern is the fourth largest company in the General Telephone System.

Mr. Huether, a son of the late Harry J. Huether Sr., and of Mrs. Huether of Hastings, attended Kiski Prep in Indiana County before becoming associated with the telephone business in 1932. He first started to work for Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania as an operating engineer's assistant in Altoona. In 1939 he went to work for the Pennsylvania Utility Commission as a telephone engineer. He remained with the PUC until 1935 when he became affiliated with Pennsylvania Telephone Corp., as a group commercial superintendent with headquarters in Erie, Pa.

Mr. Huether became vice president and general manager of the Ohio Associated Telephone Co. in 1943 and in 1946 was elected president of General Telephone Directory Company.

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