

Catholic Population Reaches New High In Altoona Diocese

Figures Released In 1950 Official Directory

The Catholic population in the Altoona Diocese has reached a new record—135,377—according to the recently issued 1950 edition of the Official Catholic Directory.

The rise in the membership of the diocese amounted to 2,464 over that of the 1949 figures. An increase also was noted in parochial school attendance. Two schools and 510 pupils were added in elementary grades. High school attendance was about the same.

Another large increase was noted in the number of public school children under religious instruction. The directory reports that there are 3,112 more instruction students than last year.

Decreases were noted in both marriages and baptisms while a small increase was achieved in the number of priests and religious order members. Three more priests were reported, four more brothers, and 28 additional sisters.

Among the directory figures for the Altoona Diocese were the following:

Bishop, 1; priests, 231; parishes, 111; parishes with resident pastors, 109; parishes with non-resident pastors, 2; chapels, 73; missions, 21; stations, 7; brothers, 23; sisters, 532; diocesan seminarians, 22; seminarians, 2; religious students, 96; total seminarians, 118.

Colleges, 2; students, 784; high schools, diocesan and parochial, 4; students, 1,473; high schools, private, 1; students, 56; elementary schools, parochial, 65; students, 11,388; orphanages, 3; children, 163; general hospitals, 1; bed capacity, 144; patients treated annually, 10,570; schools for nurses, 1; student nurses, 77; special religious instruction classes, 113; public school pupils attending, 13,714; total youths under Catholic instruction, 25,578.

Full time teachers, 475; priests teaching, 51; sisters teaching, 383; lay teachers, 41; baptisms, 4,607; infants, 4,138; converts, 469; marriages, 1,536; deaths, 1,269; Catholic population, 135,377; total population, 619,237.

Geo. Bender Host To Kiwanis Group At Evergreen Lake

Iron Foundry Once Located Along Shores

An outing and picnic supper as the guests of Kiwanian George Bender at his Evergreen Lake was the regular meeting of the Northern Cambria Kiwanis Club last Thursday. Cletus Lehmer, president, and Hugh Cunningham, secretary, were in charge of the meal.

The meeting was informal with no program or speaker.

It was announced that the planting of trees on the Memorial Park project had been completed. This work was done by the boys of the Agriculture Dept. of Patton High School. The club also voted to underwrite the expenses of one boy, a captain of a school patrol in this area, to camp for a week's training.

On June 15, members from the Indiana Club will come to Carrolltown. On Monday, June 19, the Northern Cambria Club will go to Ebensburg.

Evergreen Lake, where last week's meeting was held, has an interesting history, as well as the entire Carrolltown area. A great-grandfather of George Bender's, as well as a large number of folks, in and around Carrolltown, established an iron foundry on the shores of the lake. Ore was taken from the hillsides immediately adjoining. Parts of the original mill are now on display in the State Museum in Harrisburg.

Americus Bender emigrated from Germany with his family. It took them 103 days to cross the ocean. He did not have money to pay passage for himself and family so he was bound-out to a Philadelphia Quaker, for whom he worked for seven years. He found his way to Carrolltown where he acquired considerable holdings of land.

He was the first county commissioner of this county and the only man in Cambria County who had the distinction of attending George Washington's funeral.

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62 North Cambria Scouts Hold 3-Day Camp At Nicktown

Approximately 62 Boy Scouts and scouters from North Cambria Troop 69 participated in a scout district camporee over the weekend at the Kiwanis Club Farm near Nicktown.

The troops represented included Patton Troop 264, Hastings Troop 73, Hastings Troop 76, Carrolltown Troop 71 and Barnesboro Troop 69.

Rocco Previte of Spangler was camp director, assisted by Cletus Lehmer of Bakerton. Other staff members were Ray Searle of Carrolltown, program director, assisted by James Lehmer of Bakerton, Hugh Cunningham of Carrolltown, health and safety, and Maurice Bender of Carrolltown, general planning.

E. C. Reigs Mark Silver Anniversary At Chest Springs

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Reig of Chest Springs marked their 25th wedding anniversary at their home Sunday, June 11. They were honor guests at a surprise party given by their children Sunday afternoon at which approximately 120 guests were present.

E. C. Reig and the former Alvera Kibler were married 25 years ago at St. Monica's Church, Chest Springs, by Rev. Father J. P. Duggan. They are the parents of nine children, all living, as follows: Robert, Mary Louise, Mrs. Francis Bloom, Donald, Lois, Leona, Mae, Paul, John and Leonard.

Among those attending the surprise party today were Mrs. and Mrs. Oscar Reig and family, and Mrs. Gerald Kuntz and family, and Lois Sadler of Pittsburgh; Anthony Kline, Mrs. Stella Buchanan, Mrs. Marie Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. George Hawk and son, Billy, Adolph Kline, and Mrs. Thomas Reig and family, Mrs. Anthony Reig and family, all of Carrolltown; Mrs. Freda James, Portage; Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Kibler and family, Mrs. Margaret Cence, Mr. and Mrs. Walden Drass and family, all of Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jenkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Maykovich and son, Jerry, Mrs. Anita McCloskey and family, all of Patton; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Kibler and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas, Mrs. Clair Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reig, Mrs. Ida Seymour, all of Altoona; Mrs. Thomas Kibler, Tyrone; Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Yeager and son, Myron, and Mrs. Paul Rough and family, Juniata; Mr. and Mrs. Myles Weber and son, David, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wye of Ashville, R. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Baker, Lovett; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kibler and daughter, Genevieve, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kibler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reig, Mrs. Frank Miller, Peggy Ivory, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sutton, Eddie Reig, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bloom, all of Chest Springs.

Civil Court Terms To Follow Sessions Of Grand Jurors

Under new rules of court made during the past week, a change has been made in the scheduling of civil court terms in Cambria County.

Under the new setup, civil court trials will be scheduled to begin on the second Monday of March, June, September and December. In recent years the civil court session had begun on the fourth Monday of those months.

Under the new rules, civil court will take place between the quarterly meetings of the grand jury and subsequent criminal court trial week. Grand jury sessions will begin the first Mondays of the four months mentioned, civil court will begin the second Monday and criminal court will get underway on the third Monday.

Patton FFA Chapter Boar Brings \$59.92

Announcement was made of the sale price of \$59.92 for the Patton Chapter FFA boar which was sold in April at the Show and Stock Exchange at the monthly summer meeting held in the Patton High agricultural rooms Monday evening.

Several other business items were taken care of. The fair exhibit committee decided to meet in the agricultural room every Monday until the exhibit is completed. The Patton chapter plans to purchase a caponing set for use by members only and a bur warmer to be used at the FFA restaurant at the Ebensburg Fair this fall. Ice cream and cookies were served.

103 Enlistments Noted During May

During the month of May 1950 there was a total of 103 young men and women enlisted through the Altoona U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Main Station, located in Room 323 of the Post Office Building in Altoona.

Of this number, two young men and one young woman enlisted in the Army.

Theresa A. Byrne of Ebensburg, R. D. 1 enlisted in the Women's Regular Army, Fred Geormino, 501 South Third Ave., Patton, and Joseph J. Hayes of 463 Magee Ave., Patton, enlisted in the Regular Army.

Springfield Mine Gets Good Report

While endorsing generally good conformance with recognized safety standards at the Springfield Coal Corp. No. 4 mine at Span-Hall Junior College and Preparatory School, Chambersburg.

The award is made annually to the student in the graduating class attaining the highest average in secretarial subjects.

—It isn't a waste of time when you learn something you are not required to know.

Carrolltown Lions Nominate Tuesday

At a meeting Tuesday meeting in the Central Hotel, Carrolltown, the Carrolltown Lions Club named the officers. Those nominated include:

President—Charles R. Sharber and R. J. Wentz; first vice president—Fred J. Stevens; second vice president—Francis E. Eckenrode; third vice president—M. D. Connell; secretary—M. D. Connell and James Callahan; and treasurer—B. J. Dillon and Fred Paraburg.

Lion tamer—Thomas Crooks; tail twister—J. J. Beaser; and Henry Columbus; trustees—W. E. Sharbaugh Sr., W. G. Thomas, B. A. Bender, M. A. Bender and Henry Columbus.

Church Notices

St. Benedict Presbyterian Plummer Harvey, STM, Minister. Sunday, June 18—Morning Worship Service, 9:45 a. m. "Remember My Soul"; Sunday School at 10:45 a. m.; James H. Stratton, supt.

Westminster Fellowship June 28 with election of officers in June. Children's Choir rehearsal each Wednesday at 6 p. m.; Youth Choir rehearsal each Wednesday at 7 p. m.

June 12-19—Senior Conference No. 1 at Pine Springs Camp.

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Glasgow Young Lady Earns Coloviras Medal

Mary Louise Troxell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Troxell of Glasgow, was awarded the Coloviras Memorial Medal at recent graduation exercises at Penn Hall Junior College and Preparatory School, Chambersburg.



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Area Nurses Hosts To District Conflab

The nurses of Miners' Hospital will be hosts to the members of District 5, Pennsylvania League of Nursing Education, at a meeting next Thursday at Spangler VFW Home between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. Directors, faculty, members and staff nurses from a nine-county area will attend.

Mrs. John H. Dumm, president of the district league, will be in charge. Main topic of discussion will be proposed changes in the curriculum of schools of nursing in this state and a report from delegates to the Biennial Nurses' Convention held in San Francisco.

Dr. W. M. Leonard, principal of Barnesboro High School, will be speaker at a luncheon at noon to be served by the VFW auxiliary. Dr. Leonard is a member of the advisory council of the Miners' Hospital School of Nursing.

Ebensburg K of C 50th Anniversary Program Released

3 Degrees Scheduled Before End Of Month

A three-part program has been arranged for the observance of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Ebensburg Council 322, Knights of Columbus.

The first-aid celebration opens this evening with special ceremonies and continues with anniversary events on the two succeeding Sundays. First, second and third-degree initiations will be conducted during the 11 days set aside for the celebration.

A large anniversary class of candidates from Ebensburg and nearby communities will be initiated into the first degree tonight in the K of C Home at Ebensburg. The session will begin at 7:30 and will formally mark the beginning of the jubilee.

Highlight of this Sunday's program will be a Communion breakfast in the K of C Home. Following the breakfast, first degree knights from the Ebensburg Council and other councils will be initiated into the second degree.

The celebration will be climaxed on Sunday evening, June 25, with an anniversary banquet in the basement of St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Carrolltown. The dinner will be served at 7:30 p. m.

Among the notables expected to attend the banquet are Rt. Rev. Richard T. Bishop of the Altoona Diocese, State officers of the order and top-ranking officers of other councils in this section also are expected to be present. A group of second-degree members will be advanced to the third-degree.

21 Area Students Penn State Grads Monday Afternoon

Twenty-one North Cambria students were numbered among 2,212 students who graduated from Penn State College Monday of this week.

North Cambria students who received sheepskins are as follows:

Barnesboro—William Richard Byrnes, B. S. in forestry; Robert Neil Maguire, B. A. in commerce and finance.

Ebensburg—Russell Jacob Beck, B. A. in commerce and finance; Henry Eddie Solwell, B. S. in forestry; and Suzanne Hazel Evans, B. S. in commercial chemistry.

Hastings—Richard Carl Herold, B. S. in zoology and entomology; Paul Henry Parrish, B. S. in agronomy; and Saverino Stefanon, master of arts with major in economics.

Carlisle—Harold Joseph Buck, B. S. in mechanical engineering; Walter Charles Buck, B. S. in mechanical engineering; Richard Joseph Cooper, B. A. in commerce and finance; and Peter Paul Kuzma, B. S. in civil engineering.

Loretto—William Norbert Garrett, B. A. in animal husbandry.

Patton—Mark Richard Arnold, B. A. in journalism; Myron Irving Dietrick, B. S. in education; Charles Wellwood Winslow, B. S. in electrical engineering; and Rodney Colburn Winslow, B. S. in meteorology.

Spangler—John Joseph Maholty, B. S. in education.

Hastings—Plus Lawrence Dillon, B. S. in agronomy; Vernon Hurd Ritter, B. S. in electrical engineering; Alice Gertrude Strittmatter, B. S. in home economics; and Paul Francis Strittmatter, B. S. in civil engineering.

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