

Dennis J. Keenan Gets National Post Elected Vice President By Mining Institute

Dennis J. Keenan of Barronboro, State mine inspector for the 15th Bituminous District, Thursday of last week was named as the first vice president of the Coal Mining Institute of America...



D. J. Keenan at the 64th annual session of the institute, which opened at Pittsburgh last Thursday.

Another well known area man also was named to a top office in the organization...

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Mrs. Maher's Trial (Continued from Page 1)

advanced toward her nor struck her prior to time she shot him. Both Donahue and Ott said Mrs. Maher made some reference to Peppetti temper and husband...

Mrs. Kopera's description of the quarrel between Mrs. Peppetti and Mrs. Maher two weeks before the shooting completed the testimony for Tuesday. In regard to the alleged threat made by Mrs. Maher at the time, Mrs. Kopera said she could not see the woman but identified her voice.

Sam Macalus testified that he had seen Mrs. Maher shooting twice with a rifle about a month before the slaying occurred.

The second day of the trial (Wednesday) came to a close with the commonwealth pleading surprise at the testimony of its own witnesses. District Attorney DiFrancisco claimed that two of the witnesses had altered their description of the shooting.

Two witnesses, both children of Mrs. Maher, testified that Mrs. Maher ordered Peppetti to leave her home before she fired the shot. The testimony, said the D. A., is a direct reversal of statements made earlier by the same witnesses. These statements, he pointed out, also are a part of the trial record. Judge George W. Griffith permitted DiFrancisco's plea of surprise and permitted him to cross-examine his own witness, Mrs. Alberta Edmiston, 20, daughter of Mrs. Maher.

Earlier DiFrancisco played wire recordings made by four people. They are Mrs. Theresa Hofer, 78, mother of the defendant, Billy Maher, 14, John Maher, 11, and Mrs. Edmiston. The latter three are children of Mrs. Maher and all four of them were present when the fatal shot was fired.

DiFrancisco pointed out that in their recorded statements made the day following the shooting, and now a part of the trial records, each said they had heard no conversation between Peppetti and Mrs. Maher before Peppetti was shot.

After the recordings, witnesses were cross-examined by Defense Attorney Charles G. Hason. In reply to his questions, two of them—Billy Maher and Mrs. Edmiston—said their mother had ordered Peppetti out of the house before she fired the rifle. Mrs. Edmiston said it had "slipped my mind" when she was asked why she hadn't made this information known when she was first questioned.

Judge Griffith called a recess until this Thursday morning after the change in testimony was pointed out. He said he would have comment to make on it at the time he charged the jury.

Mrs. Lillian Peppetti, widow of the slain man, testified at length regarding strained relations between the Maher and Peppetti families prior to the shooting. She said the condition dated from late last year when Mrs. Maher expressed interest in her (Mrs. Peppetti's) husband. She detailed a previous quarrel during which Mrs. Maher allegedly threatened to shoot both her and her husband.

There was a dispute between the Maher and Peppetti children on the day of the shooting, Mrs. Peppetti said. She said she told her husband about it. He went to the Maher home and she followed. She said she hadn't reached the Maher home when she heard her husband say, "What are you doing to my children? I told you before..." Then she heard the shot and Peppetti staggered from the Maher home and said, "My God, Lil, she shot me."

Mrs. Hofer, who owned the Peppetti house, and the Maher children, told of the shooting. They said Peppetti entered the house and asked who was hitting his children. He was told, according to the witnesses, that no one had struck his children. Thereupon, according to testimony, Mr. Peppetti grabbed Billy Maher, pulled him from a chair and began shaking him by the arm. While this was happening the shot was fired.

The commonwealth sought to show through testimony that while this was happening Peppetti did not strike anyone or threaten anyone.

Atty. Hason, in cross-examination, presented evidence to show that Peppetti had burst into the Maher home without being invited, without knocking at the door or without ringing the bell.

Drs. Edward E. McGovern and John A. Murray testified regarding the course of the death bullet and the cause of death.

Miss Yvonne Gray, sister of Mrs. Peppetti, testified regarding a previous quarrel between the two families about two weeks before the shooting.

While Mrs. Peppetti was on the stand she said the trouble started last November or December because of Mrs. Maher's "familiarity" with her husband. Mrs. Maher's husband was seldom at home, the witness said. She quoted Mrs. Maher as saying to her to the effect that "If she couldn't have him I wouldn't have him either." After that incident, she said her husband never talked to Mrs. Maher to her knowledge but that the two families were not on good terms.

She said that shortly thereafter her family received an eviction notice from Mrs. A. Hofer.

On Aug. 28, Mrs. Peppetti said she was attacked by Mrs. Maher and a fight ensued. As an outcome, the witness said, Mrs. Maher threatened to shoot both her and her husband. She also quoted Mrs. Maher as saying to her husband: "It'll blow your brains out."

Justice of the Peace Mrs. Regina Winslow testified that she was visited by Mrs. Peppetti regarding the quarrel on Aug. 29, the same dispute referred to above. Mrs. Winslow said at the time she advised Mrs. Peppetti that she had grounds for bringing charges against Mrs. Maher for disorderly conduct, assault and battery and surety of the peace.

The jurors spend the night at an Ebensburg hotel, under custody of the sheriff. They will continue to be under his custody until the trial is over.

Two St. Francis Faculty Members To Attend Closing Of Holy Year

Two members of the St. Francis College faculty have arrived in Rome, Italy for the international Congress of the Third Order Secular. The Congress was held in the Holy City from Dec. 17 to 20. The two priests departed last Friday, Dec. 15 from New York City.

Both Loretto priests are active in the religious program of the lay organization affiliated with the religious activities of the Third Order Secular. Father King is a director in the National Third Order Secular. Over 250 local residents are active members of the TOS. Father McGurk is a past director of the National TOS, Board of Directors.

While in Rome, the Loretto priests will attend the closing ceremonies of the Holy Year. The ceremonies will take place in St. Peter's Cathedral, Rome. They have planned to visit Padua and Assisi, the latter being the birth place of St. Francis of Assisi.

The travelers will leave Italy during the final week of December. They plan to visit Paris and the famous shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Lourdes, France. For Father Francis King, the trip has added significance. Father King, a native of Ireland, will visit his mother and relatives in the Emerald Isle. The Loretto priests will leave Shannon Airport, Ireland on Jan. 4 and will be back in America in time to resume their teaching at the college.

Mrs. Beth Martin Heads Nurse Unit

Miss Beth Ann Martin was elected president of the Miners' Hospital Nurses Alumni Association to succeed Mrs. Emma Warner. The session, in the form of a Christmas Party, was held in the Nurses Home in Spangler.

Other officers are Mrs. Gloria DeYarmin, vice president, Mrs. Freda Fegan, secretary-treasurer, Miss Rose Valenti, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Marjorie Linden, public relations chairman; Mrs. Warner, legislative chairman; Mrs. Bertha Kiaswick, membership chairman, and Miss Geraldine Radcliffe, gift chairman.

Gilbert D. Gineburg, assistant manager of the Federal Security Agency in Johnstown, gave an explanation of the new Social Security law as it applies to the nurses.

The annual Christmas party followed the business meeting. Retiring officers will be honored at the annual banquet on Tuesday, Jan. 9 in the Spangler VFW Home.

Gallitzin Cagers Edge Forbes, 38-34

Gallitzin High School cagers Tuesday night used a 12-8 third period margin to defeat Forbes, 38-34, in a win that evened the Greenins record at 2-2.

Gallitzin opened up with a 9-5 first quarter lead but Forbes tied the score with an 11-7 edge in the second stanza. The Greenins then carried the third period, 12-8 and battled to a 10-10 draw in the closing round. Forbes pulled to within two points of the lead in the last quarter, but didn't close the gap.

The Gallitzin JV's downed the Forbes Juniors, 36-32, in the preliminary.

The summary: Forbes G P T Gallitzin G P T. Forbes 1 5 22 12 12 38. Gallitzin 1 1 3 8 11 34. Total 12 10 34. Total 9 7 12 38.

Courthouse, Colver School Given United Nations Flags

The Cambria County Courthouse at Ebensburg now has two flags to fly from the pole on top of the building.

Last week members of the Colver 4-H Club presented county commissioners with a United Nations flag which will fly below the U. S. flag at the county seat building. A similar flag also has been presented to the Colver Public School.

The two flags were made by the members of the club, who must have put a lot of time and effort into the job judging from the looks of the flags.

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Gallitzin School Stages Program

The annual Christmas assembly at the Gallitzin School was staged Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The following program was presented: Christmas in Kilarney. At Christmas Time and Happy Holiday, seventh and eighth and the ninth grade chorus; dance, The Dance of the Christmas Candles; Maxine Fabrik, Carol Nicholson, Alice Jean Ferguson, Betty Capotosto, Carol Dongall, Irene Fuley, Nancy Holmberg, Nancy Nelson, Charlene Peters, Peggy Lou Sul-

van, Judy Witt, Peggy Benedict and Jimmy Schlosser. Frosty The Snowman, Carol of the Shepherds and Lo, How A Rose Et Blooming; the fifth and sixth grade chorus; dance, The Christmas Dolls, Linda Gibson, Judy DeSantos, Connie Jerry, Louise Seahr, Janet DeSantos, Virginia Ritchey, Joan Ferguson, Jane Ratchford and Wally Peters.

Play, The Shoemaker's Guest, Connie Cox, reader; Jack Villareal, shoemaker; Yvonne Sproules, and Roger Duron, children; Annette Minnie, toy seller; Cynthia Sanders, mother; Daniel Skowiski, street cleaner, and Raymond Owens, Juan.

The Christmas program was closed by several selections by the School Glee Club.

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