

\$62,379 Budget Approved Friday By Local Council

Work On New Dam Getting Underway

A 1951 budget calling for general fund expenditures of \$62,379 and water works expenses of \$39,312.50 was adopted by Patton Borough Council at a meeting Friday evening.

Reasons for thorough program are expected to be \$68,000.77 and water department revenue is anticipated at \$27,425.00.

It is pointed out that the fact that the village and other tax rates will remain the same.

Among the major items under the expenditure side of the new budget are \$20,000 for the cost of the new water works dam here. A total of \$11,142.97 was expended during the latter part of last year for materials for the dam.

Expenditures are being moved in at present and some work already has been started.

The budget also allocates \$2,000 for completion of sewer line work already started. Street lighting expenditures are figured to run about \$3,000. It was explained that the new type lights in the down town and other sections of the borough have increased the light bills.

A total of \$3,000 is needed to retire bonds.

A new item, that of snow removal costs, was added. This cost is anticipated at \$600. During the current winter the snow removal program has cost about \$1,000 due to unusually severe weather.

Another big item calls for an allowance of \$7,500 for patching and improving of streets.

Disposed under this program is the resurfacing of Beach Ave. past the Phillips-Jones plant to the Patton Park. Also disposed is the resurfacing of the hill past St. George's Church one way down and toward Beach Ave. to Third Ave. and back to Meigs to provide a one-way exit from the factory area also is under consideration.

The water works expenditure includes a proposed \$3,000 for repair of the filter basin, \$4,000 for electric power, and \$1,000 for maintenance of water lines. Four new fire hydrants also are expected to be added.

Stephen Campbell probably the oldest Carrolltown native, died at his home on Saturday of injuries sustained on a fall from the steps of his home on Saturday. Mr. Campbell was 82 years of age, but had been active and about town up until his accident.

Mr. Campbell was born in Carrolltown, and had spent all of his lifetime there. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Campbell, pioneer residents of the community. He served as postmaster at Carrolltown at one time, and had worked as weighmaster at the Patton Coal Company in Marlinton for 20 years, and held a similar position at the Brumley mine for ten years, prior to his retirement.

Besides his widow, above mentioned, Mr. Campbell is survived by three children: Maud, wife of Frank Short of Patton; Agnes, wife of Thomas Haley of York, Pa.; and Maurice Campbell, of Washington, Pa. Another son, Irvin Campbell, is deceased. There are 10 grandchildren. He was a brother of Frank Campbell of Carrolltown; Mrs. Frances Feighner of York; Mrs. Charlotte Kirkpatrick of Altoona and Mrs. Michael Sullivan and Miss Della Campbell of New York State.

Funeral services were conducted this Thursday morning with a requiem high mass in St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Carrolltown and interment was made in the church cemetery.

Barnes' 12 Closed As Coal Runs Out

Barnes' 12 closed as coal runs out. One of the most leading mines operated in the northeastern part of Cambria County, the 12 mine, has been closed due to depleted coal reserves. The mine has been operating for the past 60 years.

When the company opened the mine in 1891 it had an output of approximately 100,000 tons of coal. The mine was closed in 1949 when the output was 74,000 tons. The mine was closed because the operating cost was too high. The mine was owned by the Patton Coal Company.

NORTH CAMBRIA PERSONALITIES—NO. 85 Mrs. Rose Bearer Marks 83rd Birthday

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R. C. Bloodmobile To Visit Patton Friday, March 16

The bloodmobile unit will visit Patton on Friday, Mar. 16, according to announcement by Dr. J. E. A. Bucke, pastor of the local Methodist Church.

The unit will set up its equipment at the Moore Hall. Blood collected will be processed and distributed to the armed forces fighting in Korea and also to the local hospital.

The Johnstown Blood Center, of which this area is a part, is obligated to contribute 1,500 pints of blood to the armed forces each month. The last visit of the bloodmobile unit in Patton did not meet the expected quota.

Let us strive to exceed the quota this time. It is a moral obligation for each and every able-bodied person to contribute to this cause. Some of the blood to be used to save our own lives.

The Patton Garden Study Club has consented to furnish the required personnel to service this project. The Patton Loyal Order of Moose has donated the use of its hall.

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Top Membership Prize Won By A. L. Patton Post Awarded \$100.00 Savings Bond

Walter McCoy Post #14, American Legion, Patton, has been awarded first prize in its class in the annual statewide Legion membership roundup.

The local post has a total of 2,254 points in the contest as compared to 1,881 points for Post 336 of Millersburg, second place winner.

Membership of the post now stands at 775. This year marks the ninth straight year that the post's membership has been increased. Membership awards are presented in several classifications according to the size of the post.

The prize was a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond.

It was announced at a meeting of the local unit Tuesday evening that it will sponsor the Boy Scout Troop in Patton. Plans will be made at later meetings.

A donation was voted to the American Red Cross. Next meeting date is Tuesday, Mar. 13.

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Eases Financial Fight For 1950-51 Term

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Apple Coal Mining Co. 14,500
Vesot Coal Co. 14,241
Apple Coal Co. 13,971
W. E. Reynolds 12,500

Total 853,097

Patton Army Nurse Gets Captain's Bars

Kills Club Formation To Be Halted Sunday

Capt. Martha C. McLaughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. McLaughlin of 411 Fifth Ave., Patton, recently was simultaneously promoted and integrated into the Reserve Army Nurse Corps in the grade of captain at the Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation, Germany, where she has been on duty for the past year and a half at the 319th Station Hospital.

Captain McLaughlin saw wartime service in the Southwest Pacific at New Guinea and Manila. She returned to the States and was assigned to duty in Sept., 1948.

Capt. McLaughlin is a graduate of the Pittsburgh Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Patton Businessmen Plan To Form Credit Bureau

Plans for the formation of a credit bureau in Patton were approved at a well-attended dinner meeting of the Patton Business Association held at the Commercial Hotel dining room Tuesday evening.

The group named Mrs. Regina Winkler to be in charge of forming the bureau. She in turn selected a committee to assist her.

Other action included planning closing days for the year and the amending of the group's by-laws.

Mrs. Mary Kollar Expires On Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Kollar, 68, of Chest Twp., one of the oldest residents of Patton, Pa., were held in St. George's Catholic Church here with a solemn high mass at 9 o'clock on Saturday, Feb. 24. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Kollar died on Sunday at her home here. She was the wife of the late Mr. George Kollar, who died in Europe on Oct. 23, 1907, a daughter of Michael and Alma (Pavani) Zvonkovic.

Survived by her husband, she is survived by a brother and a sister, George and Elizabeth, both residing in Europe.

Mrs. Sheehan lined up with Mr. Farrell and criticized the reduced tax rate.

She accused Owens and Davis of adopting an election law which would be a mere disguise to attract votes than it is good business. Probably the first person in this county to personally appear before the board and accuse her taxpayer's privilege, Mrs. Sheehan said that she was of the opinion the tax rate should be kept up so that the county's bonded indebtedness could be reduced to a greater extent while the present period of prosperity exists. She pointed out that the present system of refunding bonds instead of paying them off, is a way of delaying the debt until it is when the county may be stricken by depression or recession and the money harder to get.

Both Owens and Davis strenuously denied that their attitude toward an eight-mill tax rate was in any way influenced by the election campaigns that come up later this year. They insisted that they were bound by a promise that they intended to fulfill.

Although the county will have a larger budget for next year, the new budget, if expenses will be considerably more than they were in 1950. Current income from all sources is expected to decrease \$280,000, according to budget figures.

But expenses are expected to increase by \$440,000, according to the county budget. However, this mathematical figure readily is explained by the fact that the county is expected to receive a steady net egg of \$467,629 in its various funds. This more than offsets the loss in current revenues.

In addition, the county will take in \$419,000 from its sale of refunding bonds. This is about \$100,000 more than it collected by the same method of debt financing last year.

Department costs are expected to be up this year, principally as a result of the \$30-per-month pay raise granted to all county employees at the first of the year. This added about \$50,000 to the 1951 payroll.

Institution costs will be increased by about \$100,000 this year with most of the added funds going into the construction of the children's home near Elkridge of Colver; Mrs. Rose Kautuff of Altoona; Mrs. George Ritter and Mrs. Walter Albright of Patton.

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