

State May Withhold Liquid Fuels Tax Due Cambria Co.

Threat Made in Letter From Dept. of Justice

Without advancing a definite threat, a state official on Monday hinted that Cambria County's annual liquid fuels appropriation might be held up unless the county straightens out its financial affairs with the commonwealth.

The hint was dropped Monday in a letter forwarded to county commissioners by C. F. Kelly of the State Department of Justice.

The withholding action, if taken by the state, would be a result of the state's claim that the county owes it money.

In inviting commissioners to meet with him on this issue, Mr. Kelly wrote that "municipal claims are now being reviewed for the withholding of liquid fuels tax appropriations until settlements are made."

If the county is deprived of its liquid fuels appropriation this year, it would mean a serious dent in the 1951 budget which is based on a tax rate of eight mills, a reduction from last year.

As the budget is drawn up, the county is expected to receive \$187,000 in liquid fuels funds. This is the county's estimated

share of the state gasoline tax and represents about 10 percent of the county's anticipated income for 1951.

Just how much money the county is supposed to owe the state is indefinite. Mr. Kelly did not refer to the amount in his letter and no exact accounting could be provided by county officials.

In any event the amount is likely to be in dispute. County officials assert that some of the money which the state claims is due already has been wiped from the records. The state on the other hand claims it has no record of this being the case.

According to Mr. Kelly's letter, the state's claims are based principally on the maintenance of the Cambria County residents in the state mental and penal institutions.

It is the county's claim that back in 1940 the state agreed to waive its claim of \$27,571 in interest owed to the state on old debts. However, commissioners say, current bills being received from the state include interest dating back beyond 1940 and therefore the bills are inaccurate. The state says it has no record of this waiver. Commissioners cannot locate the letter which

\$240,000 Damage In High School Fire

One of the worst school fires since the Spangler Grade School burned to the ground occurred in the tri-county area last Sunday morning at Elder Ridge, Indiana County, when the joint high school there was damaged to the extent of \$240,000.

Firemen from Saltburg and Indiana battled the blaze for over seven hours. The alarm was sent in at 8:45 a. m., and apparently the school had been burning for some time before it attracted attention.

The origin of the fire was not immediately determined. It presumably started in the vocational shop or the combined gym-auditorium. The furnace room was fireproof.

Only four rooms of the school were spared. Fire destroyed 10 other classrooms, the industrial arts room, the combined gym-auditorium and the shower rooms.

St. Francis Students Cited for High Marks

Two North Cambria students are among the 11 listed on the Dean's List for the first semester of the present college year at St. Francis College. They are Miss Louise H. Pippas, 335 Michael St., Hastings, a senior, and Anthony DeGenaro, 514 Main St., Gallitzin, a junior.

Among the 12 straight "A" honor students at the college is Frank Charavella of Barnesboro. Miss Pippas also was among the four coeds at St. Francis to receive first semester awards for outstanding scholastic work.

132 Pints Of Blood Collected At Loretto College Monday

Native of Korea Among First to Offer Blood

In a visit to St. Francis College on Monday of this week, a total of 132 pints of blood were collected in the most successful operation in Cambria County since the Johnson Regional Blood Center opened in June of 1949.

About 98 percent of the donors were students, faculty members and alumni. The outstanding performance was credited to an all-out effort to repay Red Cross for its assistance at the disastrous fire at the college in 1941.

Rev. Father Adrian J. Veige, TOR, Ph. D., president of the college, was the first to donate

blood. Among the donors was Philip Woo, 24-year-old native of Korea, a business administration student at St. Francis.

Woo, who came to the United States in 1948, crossed the Russian border into South Korea in 1946 to escape Red rule in the northern section of his homeland. He has not heard from his parents, four brothers and two sisters for several months. The young Korean acquired a four-year scholarship to St. Francis through the aid of Father Charavella, a Maryknoll missionary in South Korea.

Several other foreign students volunteered but had to be rejected since insufficient time had elapsed since they received visas when they entered the country.

Jack Grant of the biology department and Mrs. Albert O'Connor, vice chairman of the Allegheny Ridge Branch, were co-chairmen for the operation.

2 New Instructors Added to Staff At Loretto College

According to Rev. Father J. M. Veige, TOR, president of St. Francis College, Loretto, two new instructors have been added to the college's educational staff.

Rev. Father Andrew Judge, TOR, formerly affiliated with St. Francis Preparatory School of Spring Grove, Pa., has been named to the college history department. Father Andrew will teach history, sociology and economics. He is a graduate of the Catholic University of America, having received his B. A. in philosophy in 1933. He was ordained in May of 1941 in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona. During the past six years Father Andrew has been teaching at St. Francis Prep School.

A candidate for a doctor's degree, Michael Penetar returns to the sociology department. Mr. Penetar is a native of Dunmore, Pa. He received his college degree from Scranton University. During World War II he served as a special agent in the OSS, cloak and dagger operations of World War II. His advanced studies were taken at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Penetar has received his masters degree and is awaiting final action on his doctoral work prior to being awarded the doctor of philosophy degree in sociology. During the post-war summer sessions of 1947, Mr. Penetar was on the staff of St. Francis. He was granted a leave of absence at that time in order to continue advanced studies at the Catholic University.

John Hunter, 86, St. Benedict, Dies

John Hunter, 86, of St. Benedict, one of the best-known residents of Northern Cambria area, died at his home at 11:30 a. m. yesterday, Mar. 7.

Mr. Hunter, who was born on May 9, 1864 in Scotland, was a son of John and Jane Hunter. He came to this country at the age of 21. He was married to the former Miss Montgomery Finlayson on July 21, 1892 in Coal Glen, Jefferson County, and came to St. Benedict in 1910.

Also surviving are three children: Walter of Hastings; Jane at home; Edith of Oil City and James, Clarence and Mrs. Norma Painter, all of St. Benedict. Three children deceased are Margaret, Robert and John.

Friends are being received at the late home in St. Benedict, where funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. this Saturday by Rev. Pumper Harvey, pastor of the St. Benedict Presbyterian Church. Interment will be made in Fairview Cemetery, Patton.

Police Chief Chad Tate Resigns Post At Gallitzin

George C. (Chad) Tate, Gallitzin Borough chief of police, submitted his resignation during a meeting of the Gallitzin Borough Council on Monday evening of this week. It is effective as of next Thursday, Mar. 15.

A successor will be selected at a later date, it was said. Council is making plans for a meeting of officials of boroughs in Cambria County on Mar. 17 in the new Gallitzin Moose Temple.

Bakajza to Head Hastings Veterans

George Bakajza was elected to succeed John O. Miller, as commander of the Patrick D. Jordan Post 1586, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hastings, during a meeting Tuesday evening in the post home.

Other officers include Prier Kosalica, senior vice commander; Joseph Kvitovich, junior vice commander; Eugene Murphy, quartermaster; Bert Hindmarsh, post advocate; Leo Westrick, chaplain; Dr. George Dvorcchak, surgeon, and Henry Link, trustee.

The post voted a \$25 donation to the Red Cross and \$50 donation to each of the two Boy Scout Troops in Hastings.

A nomination of directors was held, with election to take place at 7:45 p. m. on Tuesday, Mar. 20. The election will be held in the post home. Nominees are William Gresco, Henry Link, William Bernard, Robert Hoover, Mr. Bakajza and Robert McNella.

Nominees for the club's auditors are M. T. Amos, A. J. Dillon and Edward Weakland. The next meeting of the post will be held on Tuesday, Apr. 3.

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The other two-thirds of coal needed will come from West Virginia.

Lafayette College was founded in Easton in 1826.

ELECT MRS. MARY MARTON
President of Barnesboro Ladies' Democratic Club

Mrs. Mary Marton was elected president of the Women's Democratic Club of Barnesboro during a reorganization meeting last Wednesday evening in the Barnesboro Sons of Italy Hall. She was named to succeed Mrs. Marie Wyland.

Other officers include Mrs. Wyland, first vice president; Mrs. Martha Byrnes, second vice president; Mrs. Mary Byrnes, secretary; Mrs. Ann Fontano, treasurer; and Mrs. Kathryn Chura, sergeant-at-arms. Board of directors are Mrs. Marie Guinivan, Mrs. Anna Cowan, Mrs. Johanna Bellowitzky, Mrs. Trussa Bonateta and Mrs. Emma Rossett.

Installation of officers will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 23.

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