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Patton High Band Cops First Prize In Legion Contest

4,500 Attend Annual Event Friday Evening

Patton High School Band took top honors in the annual Cambria County American Legion Band Contest before a near-capacity crowd of about 4,500 people at the Barnesboro High School Stadium Friday evening.

The Patton students scored 94.2 points out of a possible 100 with its marching and playing, edging out the second highest entry and last year's winner, Barnesboro High School. The latter group racked up 94.0 points.

Fritz Morley, chairman of the band committee of the county American Legion, presented the Patton Band $200 and the first place trophy. Second place award to Barnesboro was $150.

Third place was captured by the Hastings High School Band with 93.6 points and brought the unit $100.

Close behind and awarded the fourth prize of $50 was Conemaugh High School with 93.2 points. Falling into fifth and sixth positions were Portage, 92.7, and Ebensburg-Cambria High, with 91.4 points.

Three other bands were scheduled to appear but did not turn up.

Following the program all the lights were turned off and, at a signal, everyone in the large crowd struck a match. The impressive exhibition was in honor of members of the armed forces killed in Korea.

St. Lawrence Folks Plan June Festival For Sunday, June 17

St. Lawrence celebrates its annual June Festival this coming Sunday, June 17, from 3 p. m. to midnight. Picnic lunch featuring turkey sandwiches will be served from 4 p. m. on.

A wide range of games of skill and others, including darts, rings and shooting, will be provided to occupy the picnickers. Usual picnic refreshments will abound.

Of recent years the St. Lawrence June Festival has developed to attract wide favorable attention in Northern and Central Cambria County. Almost every grown person in the diminutive parish of St. Lawrence comes out actively in management and work to insure an enjoyable frolic. As usual, the Leidens, Gronauers, Kutrutts, Karlheims and Lochenes are among the main promoters of the church event.

Sunday's festival marks the first major picnic event to be put on under the general management of Rev. Father Claudius Long, OSB, who took over as pastor of the church last August.

Dancing to a popular orchestra will be held from 9 to 12. Cafeteria style of serving home-cooked supper or lunch lures picnickers and people just out for a Sunday drive, quick service and no waiting for a choice meal.

PATTON LAD HIT BY AUTO

George Natrigo, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Natrigo of Patton was treated at the Miners' Hospital last Thursday night after being struck by a car. He suffered head injuries, according to hospital attendants. The accident occurred about 10:25 p. m.

10 North Cambria Men Inducted Into Service Tuesday

Ten North Cambria men, registered with Cambria County Selective Service Board 38, with headquarters in Ebensburg reported Tuesday of this week for induction into the armed forces.

Draft board authorities said the men were transported by bus to Altoona Induction Center from the Ebensburg headquarters. Following the swearing in, they were sent directly to an army camp for basic military training.

Those inducted were as follows:

Paul E. Boring, Cherry Tree R. D.
Charles R. Schrenkel, Spangler
Nick Stefko, Spangler.
Fred J. Buzzella, Gallitzin.
Duane H. Kibler, Hastings.
Thomas R. Wilk, Cresson.
Regis J. Michelangelo, Gallitzin.
Michael Kovalcin, Hastings.
Kenneth J. Robine, Lilly.
Francis H. McMullen, Cresson.

Patton Legion Post To Elect Officers Tuesday, June 26

Michael A. Ward Sole Commander Nominee

Michael A. Ward, local mortician, Tuesday evening was nominated without opposition for commander of the Walter McCoy Post 614, American Legion, Patton. Mr. Ward, who will be elected June 26, will succeed Jesse W. Cogley Jr., supervising principal of Patton Borough Schools.

Other unopposed nominees who will be elected along with Mr. Ward follow:

Senior vice commander—James A. Toseki; junior vice commander—Albert G. Gobert; adjutant—J. J. Sheehan; finance officer—George Blankenhorn; chaplain—Robert E. Miller; historian—Lewis Hoover, and sergeant-at-arms—Charles M. Burkey.

Other nominees include service officer—Francis V. Huber and George E. Gold, and trustees—James Smith, John Singel, Hugh Whiteford, Benjamin Hugill and Ralph LaPenna.

Election will be held from noon to 8:15 p. m., Tuesday, June 26.

It was announced that the local post has amassed 395 points out of a possible 500 in the Legion's National Americanism project for local and state activities. Last year, the post was awarded a merit citation for attaining 370 points.

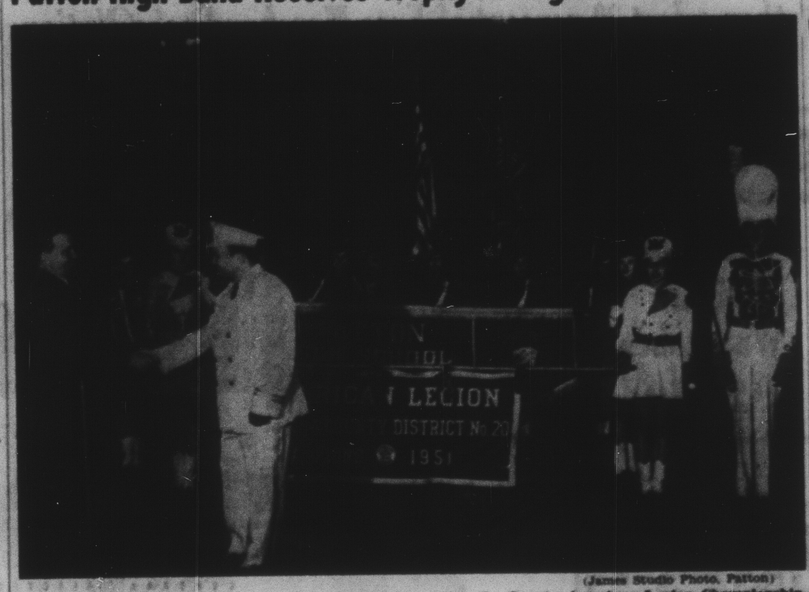
Legion officials announced that the local Air Observation Post will be manned day and night, June 23 and 24. A meeting of all observers is scheduled for June 21 at 8 p. m.

North Cambria Barkeepers Fill Post of Treasurer

Members of the Northern Cambria Barkeepers Association named Peter Claravella of Barnesboro treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Leonard Rutka who resigned. The action was taken at a dinner-meeting Monday in the Ebensburg Moose Home.

Entertainment included vocal solos by Miss Margaret Miller of St. Benedict, and Al Shane and Leo Miller, both of Ebensburg. Joseph Green of Barnesboro presented tap dances.

Patton High Band Receives Trophy At Legion Contest



(James Studio Photo, Patton)

Patton High School Band Director John Semonich receives the County American Legion Championship Trophy from Fritz Morley following the 1951 competition last Friday evening. The band also received $200 in cash. Band members are holding the banner that also goes with the "best band" title.

New Historical Unit Rooms To Be Opened On Saturday

Public Meeting Slated In Courtroom No. 2

New quarters of the Cambria County Historical Society will be opened for public inspection this Saturday afternoon.

The opening will be preceded by a public meeting of the society the second of its kind to be held since the organization was reactivated early this year.

The meeting will begin at 11 a. m., in Courtroom No. 2. The session will be followed by luncheon. Members of the society will visit the new headquarters at 1:15 p. m.

The quarters, which house all of the society's books, documents and other historical items are in the YMCA Building, East High St., Ebensburg. The society's properties were moved to the YMCA Building from the Ebensburg Courthouse during the past few weeks. The change in location was made because of insufficient space in the old quarters in the Courthouse basement.

After this Saturday, the museum will be open to the public on a regular schedule. H. M. Gooderham, recently elected president, said the museum will be open from 2 to 4:30 p. m. each Tuesday and Thursday. The public may visit the quarters for inspection and use of the material available there for research.

The museum is under the direction of Miss Edna Lehman, secretary of the society and part-time curator of the museum. She will be on hand to assist visitors Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Dr. Catherine Reier, assistant professor at Johnstown Center, University of Pittsburgh, will be the principal speaker at Saturday morning's meeting. She will outline the history of the Pennsylvania Canal and the Old Portage Railroad.

In addition, short biographical sketches of prominent Cambria Countians will be presented.

Joseph Johns, founder of Johnstown, will be the subject of a short talk to be made by either Joseph Johns of Davidsville, or his daughter, Miss Emma Johns, both of whom are direct descendants of the city's founder.

A brigraphical sketch of Father Gallitzin, prince priest of the Alleghenies who founder Loretto and St. Michael's Church, there, as well as being instrumental in founding many Northern Cambria communities, will be presented by Dr. Ferdinand I. Shields, supervising principal of Cresson schools.

L. V. Flick of Westmont will talk about the life of Dr. Lawrence Flick, a Northern Cambria resident who achieved eminence as a physician in the Philadelphia area.

The Cambria County Historical Society now is in its 26th year. Membership was boosted to 115 and is still growing during a membership campaign now going on.

Hastings Local Fills Two Checkweighmen's Posts

Six important positions were filled Tuesday at a special election of Hastings Local 393, United Mine Workers of America.

Ira Hugill and Leo McGlynn were named checkweighmen at Rich Hill Coal Mining Company. Hugill will serve on the day shift and McGlynn on the night turn.

Four were chosen for places on the mine committee—Luther Boring, Albert Gill, Rudy Bush and Anthony Dubitsky.

Big Democratic Meeting Scheduled for Sunday

A special meeting of all Democratic candidates for county, borough and township officers together with members of the General Assembly, party committeemen and party committeewomen and district chairmen and others will be held this coming Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in the Courthouse at Ebensburg.

Park Recreation Project Will Begin Monday Morning

Patton area children and youths will have an even better opportunity to enjoy themselves at the Patton Recreation Park beginning next Monday morning.

A daily program of supervised recreation at the Park will open at 9 a. m. Monday. The program is being sponsored jointly by the Patton School Board and the Patton Recreation Commission.

The program will provide a wide variety of recreational experiences to the students. The Park will be used extensively for supervised games and activities for children, and later a program will be set up to include older groups.

Plans also are underway for the formation of both men's and girls' softball teams to participate in games in the evenings.

Supervised playground activities will begin at 9 a. m., (DST), and last until 4 p. m., with the exception of during the lunch hour—from noon to 1 p. m. They will be carried on each day, Monday through Friday.

Paul Kmetz, football coach at Patton High School, will be in charge of the program.

Barnesboro Legion Post To Select State Delegates

Nomination of delegates to the Legion state convention to be held in Pittsburgh in August was the highlight of a meeting of the Vodzak Post 508, American Legion, Barnesboro, Monday evening in the post home.

Five of the following delegates will be elected during the next meeting, June 25. They are Fritz Morley, Robert McCormick Jr., C. E. Belcher Sr., Edward R. Byrnes, Joseph Stephenson and William McMullen Jr.

NICKTOWN BOY INJURED

A fall from a tractor sent 13-year-old James Sherry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sherry of Nicktown, to the Miners' Hospital for dispensary treatment last Wednesday. He suffered a deep cut of the left leg.

Complete Topping Of Patton Street

Magee Ave. Bricks Covered Last Week

Magee Ave. in Patton has a shiny, new blacktop coating.

State Highway Dept. forces last Thursday and Friday applied a coat of Amiesite to the main business block and continued on across the Chest Creek bridge for a distance of about 100 feet.

The street has a base of concrete, over which is sand and then brick paving. Added to this last week were a coat of coarse blacktop surface, followed by a layer of finer Amiesite. Each of the last two coatings were about two inches thick.

During the paving operations the street was closed to traffic. In this connection we have received the following communication from Warren P. O'Leary, assistant superintendent of highways for Northern Cambria:

"During the paving of Route 36 and Legislative Route 221 through Patton Borough, I want to thank the citizens, businessmen, and especially the burgess, chief of police, his staff, and firemen and others who cooperated."

Patton Clay Mine Cited Nationally

Patton Clay Mine I of the Patton Clay Manufacturing Company has been cited for its 1950 safety record.

The United States Bureau of Mines this week announced that it is one of 140 mines, quarries and open pits to receive safety awards for outstanding safety records.

The awards are based on continued operations without lost-time injuries. The local mine will receive a certificate. This is the award given for mines placing second, third, fourth or fifth in the various classifications in the bureau's 28th national competition.

Bible School Closing To Be Held Monday

Rev. Ralph E. Whitmer, dean of the 1951 Daily Vacation Bible School, Patton, announced that the closing exercises will be held in the First Baptist Church next Monday, June 17, at 7:30 p. m. The program is as follows:

Congregational hymn, Invocation, Dr. J. E. A. Bucke; theme song; Bible song; Beginner and Primary presentation; song; Junior and Intermediate presentation; Offering; report of the secretary-treasurer; presentation of certificates; Congregational hymn and Benediction, Rev. Ralph E. Whitmer.

The instructors this year are Mrs. Simon Smith, Mrs. Lucy West, Marion Airhart, Romayne Airhart, Hope Baker, Janet Smith, and John Earl Swisher.

Parents, friends and the general public is cordially invited to attend the exercises Monday evening.

St. Augustine 4-H Club Gets First Cooking Lesson

The Happy Cooking Club of St. Augustine met Thursday of last week for its first lesson in cooking.

The group prepared plain muffins, egg omlet, chocolate milk and diced peaches.

Plans also were made for the next meeting, to be held June 21 at 2 p. m. at the Mulligan residence.

Thursday, Friday Evenings To Be Parade Nights Here

Veterans Day Event Scheduled This Evening; Firemen to Take Over Town Tomorrow Night

Thursday and Friday evenings will be "parade nights" this week during Patton's "Old Home Week" celebration.

Committees in charge of both the VFW-American Legion sponsored Veterans' Day parade this evening and the Patton Fire Co., sponsors of the Firemen's Day parade Friday night, expect big turnouts for their events.

These expectations are backed by the large number of cards received from various organizations stating that they plan to take part.

The Veterans' Day parade will be held this evening at 7:30 p. m. (DST), while the Firemen's parade will be held at 7:00 p. m. tomorrow (Friday) evening.

The judges stand for both of the events will be located near the First National Bank on Magee Ave.

Both parades will form in the vicinity of the Second Ward School, and on Russell, Linwood and Sixth Aves. Both also will follow much the same routes—up Fifth Ave. to Magee, down Magee to Fourth Ave., up Fourth to Palmer Ave., up Palmer to Fifth, down Fifth to Magee, and down Magee to the railroad station parking grounds.

In addition, following the Veterans Day parade tonight, an exhibition will be given on Magee Ave. by the crack Barnesboro American Legion Drill Team.

Drum & Bugle Corps To Be Here In Force

A total of $450 in prizes will be awarded during the Veterans Day parade tonight at 7:30.

To date, Albert Haluska, who is serving as secretary for the joint committee of the Walter McCoy Post 614, American Legion, and John White Post 779, VFW, has received definite word from seven drum and bugle corps, one drill team and two bands that they will participate. In addition, a number of other posts will send at least their colors and firing squads.

A number of military floats also will be entered in the parade by various veterans organizations.

The lineup of the Thursday parade will include the local posts' colors and the VFW firing squad, ears with the post commanders and other officials, and the Patton High School Band.

Following in the line of march and interspersed with other military units will be Johnsonburg Drum & Bugle Corps, the Hastings Drum & Bugle Corps, Tyrone American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps, DuBois American Legion Blue Jackets, Portage Anveta Band, Barnesboro American Legion Drill Team, Myersdale American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps, and the Somerset Cross Cadets.

John E. Jones, Patton graduate of Scotland School, also will take part as a special guest.

Remember, the time for this parade is 7:30 p. m.

Other bands and drum and bugle corps also may attend, as was the case last year, without notifying the committee.

35 Units to Take Part In Firemen's Parade

An even bigger Firemen's Day parade than that of last July 13 is promised by officials of the Patton Fire Co. for Friday evening of this week at 7:00 p. m.

As of this morning, reply post cards had been received from 35 units signifying their intention to enter the line of march and vie for a share of the $445 in prize money to be offered.

This list includes no less than seven bands, and various fire companies along with their apparatus. Several auxiliaries also will attend.

Many fire companies do not bother to return cards indicating whether or not they are coming, but it is known definitely that a number of other units will participate.

The prize list includes $75 each for the best-appearing bands and drum and bugle corps, with sec-

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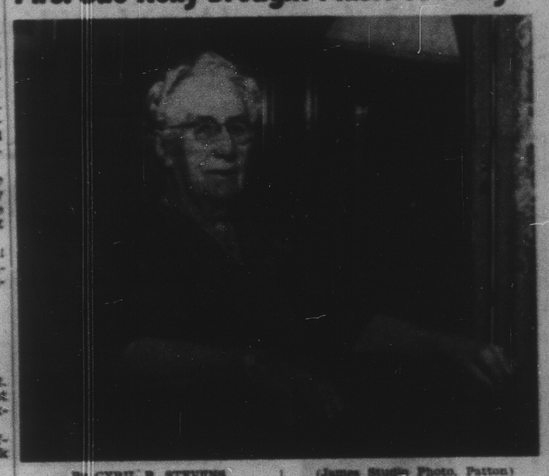
NORTH CAMBRIA PERSONALITIES—NO. 112

Mrs. Sue Kelly Brought Music to Many



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By CYRIL B. STEVENS

Mrs. Sue (Wentz) Kelly is one of the oldest and best known residents of Patton. Widow of the late Dr. P. J. Kelly, she has had an outstanding career as a musician and has travelled extensively.

Born on June 5, 1865, Mrs. Kelly has lived through some of the most troubled times of American history. She knows well the events of the major wars of the United States and even remembers some of the Civil War.

Many of the musicians in the area received their training from Mrs. Kelly. Many of the older people also remember her as the organist at St. Lawrence Church and St. Boniface Church.

The Patton woman is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wentz. She was born on what is known as the Wentz farm near Patton.

In her younger days she taught music at home and in Hastings. Then she attended Ada Ohio College for a year and returned to teach music in Patton. The following year she went back to Ada Ohio College where she studied three more years. She holds four diplomas—piano, harmony, history of music and vocal.

Mrs. Kelly returned to Patton on Sept. 24, 1889, and three days later resumed her music teaching in Patton, where she served as an instructor in piano and in vocal technique. She said she taught from eight to ten hours a day.

Several years later, on Dec. 25, 1908, she married the late Dr. P. J. Kelly. She continued to teach music while he still was in medical college. She stated that during that time she sold pianos on Wednesdays and helped to deliver them on Saturdays.

"I enjoyed all this work," Mrs. Kelly stated.

The Patton woman gave up teaching in 1913 to help her husband in his office. During her music career she and her music pupils gave an annual piano and vocal concert. Dr. Kelly died on July 23, 1932.

Mrs. Kelly looks back with fond memories over her wide travels which extended to many parts of the United States and even to Europe. She recalls vividly the many trips she took and even remembers many of the details of the journeys.

The trip that stands out most in her mind is the one to Europe in 1930. During July and August of that year she visited most of the famous places in Europe. They included Paris, Interlaken, Milan, Rome, Naples, Assisi, France, Venice, the Brenner Pass, Innsbruck, The Passion Play at Oberammergau, Munich, Heidelberg, Coblenz, Cologne, Brussels and London. She arrived at New York aboard the S.S. Bremen on August 19.

Other travels included a southern trip to Mexico and Texas in 1927; a western trip to Yellow Stone National Park and to the state of Washington in 1932; another southern trip to Florida in 1933; later in 1933, a trip to the World's Fair in Chicago; a northern trip to Quebec, Canada in 1937, and another western trip to St. Paul, Minn., in 1939.

One of her outstanding journeys was a trip to the New York World's Fair and Buffalo, N. Y. The trip to Florida in 1933 still leaves vivid impressions in her mind. She recalls the dates and locations visited on the trip and stated that she made the trip of almost a month for a little over $200.

Mrs. Kelly still likes to travel but her advanced age keeps her from taking extended trips. However, she rides a good deal in her automobile.

"I like our town Patton," Mrs. Kelly said.

She enjoys life at her home on Magee Avenue and said she is happy. She attends the movies about three times a week.

Work So Gradual At Carrolltown That Most People Forget How Old Corner Looked

(James Studio Photo, Patton)

Last year's time made a big difference at the main corner in Carrolltown. The above picture was taken just before work started on the widening project from the corner to the bare line along the St. Benedict's Church property and cemetery that were removed to make room for the new, wider street, and the addition of parking facilities. The project was given a final inspection last week.

Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Course To Start At Patton Next Monday

The Patton Recreation Park pool has been named as one of four sites for the American Red Cross "Learn-to-Swim" courses to be held this summer.

The free course will begin at the local pool Monday morning of next week.

Other pools at which the sessions will be held are Community Pool, Ebensburg; Liberty Pool, South Fork, and McCormick Pool, Portage, all at later dates.

The courses are entirely free of charge and will be held at Patton from June 18 to June 30 each morning from 10 to 11:30 o'clock.

The instructions are open to every child of school age and application blanks can be secured at the various pools. There is absolutely no charge.

The courses have proven very popular in Patton and other communities in past years, and many children of the North Cambria area owe their knowledge of swimming and water safety to them. The Red Cross provides the trained instructors to conduct the classes from Monday through Friday and the use of the pools is donated. Approximately 2,000 youngsters take the courses in the county each summer.

Following are the dates the instructions will be given at the four pools, along with the local person arranging for the instruction:

Patton, June 18 to June 30, S. A. Hovan, 608 Magee Ave.
South Fork, June 25 to July 6, George Ott, South Fork R. D.
Portage, July 9 to July 20, Charles Arpino, 513 Main St.
Ebensburg July 9 to July 20, John Gaynor, 129 E. Horner St.

Fallentimber Man Retires Due to Age

Harve L. Youngkins Veteran Postal Man

Harve L. Youngkins, at the age of 70 years and after 21 years of service in the maintenance department of the U. S. Postoffice at Akron, O., has retired.

Mr. Youngkins is a native of Fallentimber and worked for the Fallentimber Coal Co. for many years before going to Ohio. He is in the boat of health and retires only because of age. His hobby is fishing. He has a brother, John C. Youngkins of Fallentimber and a sister, Mrs. Laura Kessler, who resides in Altoona.

Mr. Youngkins

His many friends from Cambria County, including Kelly Markel and Glen A. Glass, a native of Fallentimber with 31 years of service in the Akron office, wish him much success with his hobby.