

Mine Tipple In Elder Twp. Destroyed By Blast Tuesday

Cause of Strip Mine Explosion Unknown

A large tipple at a strip coal mine owned by the Elder Coal Company in Elder Township...

George Radomsky of Hastings R. D., one of the owners, said he believed that the charges consisted of about 10 pounds of dynamite...

The owners said they could not account for the cause of the blast at the mine...

The structure was demolished and the wreckage was strewn over an area 100 yards in diameter...

The operation normally employs six men. About 1,500 tons of coal were dumped at the tipple each week...

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John J. Haluska, 51, of Harrisburg, Pa., has been elected to a fifth term as president of the Pennsylvania State Hospital...

William McMillan of Barnesboro was returned for a fifth term as president. Dr. John A. Murray of Patton was named secretary...

A vote returned the 16-man board of trustees for the hospital originally called for in the charter. Five of the trustees...

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Air Spotters to Get Pins Here Monday

\$33,000 Pay Friday At Clay Works Plant

A Christmas bonus, regular pay and a vacation pay for some employees will be rolled into one at the Patton Clay Manufacturing Co. plant here this Friday.

Some 103 men will benefit by the \$33,000 to be given to each employee who has at least one year's service in the brick and sewer pipe plant.

The "second week" vacation pay will be given to employees with five years or more of service.

The total pay will run about \$33,000. This averages out to about \$300 per employee.

Patrick W. Dumm Among Winners In National Contest

Edward J. Randall Jr. Also Named for Prize

Pennsylvania junior vegetable growers were named winners of three awards in the 1951 production-marketing contest of the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association...

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Thomas Daugherty Miner for 52 Years

Walter McCoy Post 614, American Legion, Patton, will present wings to all air spotters in the Patton area at 8 p. m. next Monday in the post home...

About 60 persons will receive the awards. Edward Green of Portage, the Cambria County Supervisor of ground observation posts, will be in charge.

Work also is reported as going ahead on the new home on upper Mellon Ave. The addition is now under roof and remodeling of other sections has begun.

Vincent A. Huber To Provide Patton With Music, Carols

As a free service to the town, Vincent A. Huber and his son, Francis, again this year will present programs of Christmas carols and music on Patton's Magee Ave.

The Hubers will set up their public address system on the third floor of the First National Bank building.

They have announced that the recordings will be played and announcements made at various times on Saturdays, Dec. 15 and 22, and again on Monday, Dec. 23.

It was feared by many persons that Patton would be without its accustomed Christmas music this year due to the fact that Mr. Huber sold his hardware...

Mr. Daugherty has been a resident of Patton since 1911. He moved here from Hawk Run, Clearfield County. He is a native of England. A son of James and Elizabeth (Malloy) Daugherty, he was born there on June 17, 1880.

His family came to America when he was only three years old. As a boy and young man he helped his father as a bricklayer during slack times in the mines.

Haluska Charges John Dent As Man Who Offered Jobs

State Senator John J. Haluska Tuesday of this week named Sen. John H. Dent of Westmoreland County, minority floor leader in the Senate, as the man who offered him jobs and insurance premiums in return for his vote for the state income tax.

At a formal meeting of a committee of 10 senators in Harrisburg, Haluska said Dent offered him \$50,000 a year...

Dent immediately left his seat as a member of the committee, took oath and denied the entire story. Under cross-questioning by Haluska, Dent said he made no offers of state patronage or favors because "I can't give what I don't have."

And he said he had not acted as an agent of anyone else. Haluska, also, Tuesday morning charged that Sen. Samuel G. Neff of Ellwood City had last week tried to get him to change his story and made to him by telephone. He said the proposal was made so that it could be asserted he was mistaken about the identity of the person who made the bribe offer.

Neff, leaving the committee chair, which he occupied, declared under oath that he had talked with Haluska about the case at Haluska's invitation.

But of the charge that he had tried to persuade Haluska to (Please turn to Page 6-A)

Volunteer Firemen Called Friday When Furnace Backfires

Volunteer Fire Companies from Ebensburg and Carrolltown answered an alarm in Bakerton last Friday night when a furnace "backfired" and smoke filled the Rectory of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Firemen reported that fire did not break out and only slight damage was caused by smoke. Firemen answered the alarm about 10:15 p. m.

Woods Enters Plea Of Guilty to Murder

Peter Woods, 61, pleaded guilty to a general murder charge when he was arraigned before Judge John H. McCann and George W. Griffith in Cambria County court in Ebensburg Monday of this week.

The former Altoona railroad worker has been in custody since Sept. 23 when he shot and killed Joseph A. Mansfield, 39, at the latter's cabin in Dean Township, not far from community of Dycor.

The shooting climaxed a Sunday afternoon drinking party at which three couples were present.

After the plea was entered, the court set next Tuesday as the date on which it will hear testimony to determine the degree of guilt. First or second-degree murder or voluntary manslaughter could be found under the indictment. Woods was released to the Cambria County Jail to await next week's hearing.

Carrolltown Unit Elects; Decoration Prizes to Be Given

No president was elected Wednesday by Fox-Peale Home Assn., Carrolltown. Both John B. Green and E. J. Dillman, received the same number of votes. A president will be chosen in the near future.

The unit also announced that it will award prizes for the best outdoor home Christmas decorations and lighting this year. First prize award will be \$50, second \$20, third \$10, and three prizes of \$5 each.

A Christmas party for the children also is planned by the American Legion, and it will seek the aid of other organizations in the town to help support the movement. No date was named.

The unit also voted to contribute \$50 to the fund for providing additional Christmas decorations for the town's streets.

Officers named at balloting during the day were Albert Sharrang, vice president; Bode Bender, president; Bode Bender, secretary; Ed Lippe, Jr., treasurer; Vince Schenck, chairman; F. W. Green, Walter Green, and Felix Bender, trustees. Fred Conrad is sergeant-at-arms.

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Patton Volunteer Firemen To Select Officers Tuesday

Patton Volunteer Fire Co. will nominate and elect officers for the coming year at a meeting to be held Tuesday evening of next week in the Patton Fire Hall.

Meeting time will be 8:15 p. m. The regular meeting date was advanced this month due to the fact that it would have fallen on Christmas.

Ignition Short Causes Fire in Car Near Colver

The Dauntless Volunteer Fire Company, Ebensburg, was called last Sunday morning when an auto driven by Eugene Charles of Ebensburg R. D. 2, caught fire on the Colver Road about two miles from Ebensburg.

The blaze was caused by a short circuit in the ignition system and damage was confined to the wiring.

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Ashville VFW to Treat Children This Sunday

Children of the Ashville area will be entertained by the members of the Ashville VFW at their annual Christmas party to be held this coming Sunday, Dec. 16.

Beginning at 1 p. m. and scheduled until 4, the event will be held in the St. Thomas Church Hall at Ashville.

County Hymn Sing to Be Held Sunday at Emigh

The Cambria County Hymn Sing Association will hold their monthly sing, beginning at 2 p. m. sharp in the Emigh Methodist Church this coming Sunday, Dec. 16.

If you wish the Hymn Sing in your community contact James Price, Emigh, or the secretary. The group meets the third Sunday of each month. Books for congregation numbers are furnished by the association.

Truck Hits Diesel Engine

Bellefonte (PNS)—When his truck crashed into a diesel locomotive near 40-year-old Charles Bachman of Nanticoke was fatally injured. He was about to drive his vehicle across the grade crossing when he struck the left front of the engine.

Kicks Dog and Gets Bit

Drexel Hill (PNS)—When he accidentally kicked his pet dog, 13-year-old Louis Petric was very seriously injured as the animal became infuriated and bit the boy. Five stitches were taken in his hip, three in his chest and two in his back.

North Cambria County Stores Open Each Evening Until 9:00

Most stores in Northern Cambria County now are open each evening until 9 o'clock.

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Holiday Programs Must Be In By Saturday Noon

All churches, schools, organizations and other groups who desire Christmas programs or services printed in next week's issue (the last one before the holiday) are asked to have all copy in our hands no later than Saturday of this week.

We will not guarantee that any copy of this type submitted after this time will be published. This requirement is due to mechanical limitations.

Protestants Plan Christmas Cantata Here This Sunday

Patton Protestant Churches will join together this year to present a Christmas Cantata entitled "The Manger of Bethlehem."

The Cantata will be presented at the Trinity Methodist Church in Patton this coming Sunday evening, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is urged to come.

Taking part will be members of the Patton Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Lutheran and Episcopalian Churches.

The program for the Cantata, featuring a combined choir, will be as follows: "The Christ Is Born," choir; "The Weary World Is Waiting," tenor and bass duet by Robert L. Rowland and Milton E. Williams; "O Holy Night," girls' chorus; "Sleep, Little Child," girls' chorus; "The Manger of Bethlehem," choir; "Holy Memories," soprano solo by Mrs. Naomi Stauder, and choir; "This Is the Day," soprano and alto duet by Miss Janet Harrower and Mrs. Lottie Deets; "Bring Wide the Gates," choir; "O'er the Desert," men's choir; "O Holy Night," Mrs. Mary K. Kline; "Sleep, Babe, So Holy," contralto solo by Joann Simpson and women's chorus; "Now Is Come Salvation," by choir.

Nicktown Barber Is Named President Of N. C. Association

Fred Pfister of Nicktown was selected president of Northern Cambria Barbers Association at a reorganization meeting Monday evening in the Spangler VFW Home. Other officers follow: Dominic Papotto of Barnesboro, vice president; Angelo Jomicic of Spangler, secretary-treasurer for 1951; Mike Nastasi of Barnesboro, recording secretary; eighth term, and Albert Bonjanni of Barnesboro, guide.

The unit will draw up a new set of bylaws. Named to the committee were Mr. Dominick, chairman; Eugene Boslett of Carrolltown; James Regan of Bakerton; and John Lobick of Spangler.

Mr. Pfister looked the following finance committee: Mr. Nastasi, chairman; Samuel Amendola of Barnesboro; and Louis Monrovia of Barnesboro.

Barber shops in the association will remain open every day the week before Christmas. Installation of officers will be held Monday, Jan. 21, in Spangler VFW Home.

Films On Wildlife Shown Hastings Rotary Members

Fred Holson of Hastings and George Bender of Carrolltown were guest speakers at Hastings Rotary Club meeting Tuesday evening of this week in Bennett's Restaurant, Hastings. The men spoke and showed films on wild life and hunting.

Holiday Spirit Prevails In Area; Decorative Street Lights Now On

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Legion, VFW Men Visit Harrisburg To Aid Loyalty Bill

Approximately 200 uniformed Cambria County Legionnaires Tuesday of this week marched on the State Capitol at Harrisburg. A large number of members from the Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign War Posts also were represented.

The county war veterans asked the General Assembly to pass the Pechen Bill, which would be known as the Pennsylvania Loyalty Act.

Delegations from each of the county's 20 Legion posts and two 40 to 45 veterans took part in the motor caravan to the state capital.

The war veterans, bearing their post colors, marched into the assembly room in a body and gave their stand on the proposed legislation.

The group arrived in Harrisburg at 11 p. m., and appeared before the General Assembly at 3 p. m.

The bill, in part, requires that all state employees, including school teachers, sign a loyalty oath stating they are not members of any party designed for overthrow of the democratic form of government.

War veterans also visited assemblymen from this district in an effort to influence them to vote in favor of the bill. The delegation returned to the county late Tuesday night.

Edgar Dillon President Of Hastings Volunteers

Edgar Dillon was elected president of Hastings Volunteer Fire Company at a meeting Tuesday of this week in the fire hall in Hastings. He succeeds Rudy Bush.

Other officers are Leo Kline, secretary; Don Westover, treasurer; Anthony Plasen, fire chief; and Louis Marzuse, assistant chief. Both Mr. Plasen and Mr. Marzuse were named to their 17th terms.

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Rev. Vance N. Clark, pastor of Hastings Methodist Church, sang a number of Christmas carols. He was accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Postner of Hastings.

The next Rotary meeting will be held next Tuesday.

Barnesboro High Awarded 'Courier' Football Trophy

Approximately 150 guests attended the annual banquet honoring the Barnesboro High School football team, held at Barnesboro Junior Legion baseball team, Tuesday evening of this week at American Legion Home, Barnesboro. The event was sponsored by Vetsnik Post 508, American Legion, Barnesboro.

Principal speaker of the event was Hugh "Duffy" Daugherty, a native of Barnesboro, and line coach at Michigan State. Other invited speakers included Augie Decastelli, National League umpire, Bakerton native; John Balsano, Minor League Umpire, Dycor native; and Dick Smith of Westover, third baseman for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Three awards were presented this season's Dragon football squad. W. J. Taylor presented the North Cambria Championship trophy; Thomas A. Owens Sr., editor of Union Press-Courier, Patton, presented "Courier" Trophy League cup, and Hugh Daugherty presented his Daugherty Memorial award to George Wargo, standout grid player at the school.

Fritz Maskey served as master of ceremonies and introduced the guests. Invocation was said by Rev. D. E. Duncan, pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Barnesboro, and Rev. Father Joseph B. Bann, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church, Barnesboro, pronounced Benediction. Following the program motion pictures of Michigan State football games were shown.

Members of the banquet committee were Joseph Frontino, Alex Byrnes, David Bert and Alvin Hicks.

Lady Relieved of \$24 Payroll Cash In Water

Philadelphian (PNS)—As she was about to enter an elevator of the place where she worked, Miss Sophie Fisher was accosted by two men, one of whom brandished a pistol, and told her to hand over the \$24 payroll she was carrying. The men forced her to ascend a stairway and then fled.

Carrolltown Fire Co. Election This Thursday

Election of officers will be held this evening by members of the Carrolltown Volunteer Fire Co. All members are urged to attend.

There are candidates for all offices of the fire company with the exception of vice-president.