

Gallitzin Formulating Plans To Enlarge Water System

May Build Reservoir Along Bradley Run

Gallitzin Borough was caught with its water supply down during last summer's prolonged drought but steps are now being taken to see that it doesn't happen again. Council has announced plans to establish a five-man water authority to enlarge and improve the borough's present water system.

Council President Robert M. Harlow said Thursday evening that the proposed enlargement and improvement project would cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Council, it was explained, would be unable to borrow the necessary amount to carry out the project without putting the issue to a vote. Under state law, a borough is permitted to borrow sums only up to a set percentage of borough assessment. Anything in excess of the set amount must first be approved by voters.

A water authority is not so governed and would be able to borrow the needed money.

Under the present plan, the authority's first move would be to construct a reservoir on what is called Bradley Run, a stream near Gallitzin. Councilmen explained that natural dam site exists there and that a breast and overflow could be constructed without extensive preparation.

Construction of the Bradley Run dam would give the borough two reservoirs. At present, water is secured from a reservoir located near No. 10 Mine near the com-

munity. The borough owns and operates the system. In addition to the present reservoir, an impounding dam is maintained near Oriental Ballroom to assure sufficient water pressure in the borough. Holding 600,000 gallons, the impounding dam is kept filled by pumping water from the main reservoir. A survey revealed that under normal conditions water pressure in the borough measures between 112 and 150 pounds.

Council found last Thursday that Bradley Run is producing approximately 500 gallons of water per minute or 720,000 gallons each 24 hours. In the recent drought, the stream was producing 200 gallons per minute.

Records show that the borough consumes approximately 112,000 gallons of water each day. Council also pointed out that constant water supply possibly would attract new industry to the borough. It was said, several industries declined the move into the borough because of the water supply.

When the present supply became inadequate during the prolonged summer dry spell, the borough reverted to purchasing water from Summit Water Co., a Pennsylvania Railroad affiliate which operates nearby Bear Rock Reservoir.

In addition to the new reservoir, council also plans improvements on the present dam. Plans call for the enlarging of the breast and raising of the overflow. At present, the reservoir holds an estimated 2 million gallons. Improvements would increase the supply by 1.5 million gallons.

Upon completion of the project and paying off of bonds, council pointed out, the authority could be dissolved and control of the borough's water system then would return to borough council.

Further discussion of the proposal will take place at subsequent council meetings.

Council also announced that can collections will be discontinued until further notice. Plans are now under way to offer residents year-round collection.

Gallitzin Firemen Nominate Tuesday

Officers for 1952 were nominated by Gallitzin Volunteer Fire Company at a meeting last Tuesday night in the fire hall. A. J. Smetzer was nominated without opposition for the presidency. However, other nominations may be made at the election meeting early in January.

Other nominations are as follows: Vice president—Joseph Ptasinski; secretary—Patrick Short; treasurer—Dick Olson; fire chief—Robert F. McCaa; and assistant fire chiefs—Paul Johnston, Dick Lens, William McMahon, Joseph Levo, Joseph Ptasinski and Patrick Short. Firemen voted to purchase several pieces of auxiliary fire-fighting equipment.

Susquehanna Twp. Board Headed By Peter Bobby

Peter Bobby of Emigh was elected to a sixth term as president of the Susquehanna Township School Board at a reorganization meeting last week. Newly-elected vice president is V. A. Holla of Hastings R. D. Other officers are C. J. Beaser of Hastings E. D., secretary, and Joseph Bast of Barnesboro R. D., treasurer. Plus Miller of Barnesboro R. D. is the other member.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



Safe Toys for Children Vary According to Age of Child

Ball, Washable Animal Said Best for Babies

Help Santa Claus make this a truly Merry Christmas by selecting safe gifts that promise happiness for the New Year! A gift should not be the cause for grief later on. Plan for your children's safety as carefully as you plan their happiness.

Here are some shopping suggestions as compiled by the Institute for Safer Living of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Co.

If your child is under two years of age, brightly-colored objects have the most appeal, but be sure that these objects cannot be swallowed or broken.

Suggestions: Large soft ball, a sturdy pull toy, a stuffed, washable animal or doll, rounded wooden blocks, an easy-to-handle rattle.

Avoid: Any toy that will burn, any with sharp edges or large narrow handles or parts, very small playthings, glass or broken eyes in stuffed toys, any object painted with lead-base or water soluble dyes. Use only those guaranteed non-poisonous.

Toddlers from two to three years like toy vehicles, a tricycle or kiddie car, small chairs and furniture and the like. Avoid any toy with sharp or uneven edges, toys easily taken apart, any flammable object, marbles and beads.

From three to four years, children live in a land of make-

believe, so give them toy household appliances, a telephone set, doll furniture, light toy tools, musical instruments, and sturdy vehicles including toy trains.

Avoid poorly-constructed toys, toys too heavy for child handling, electrical items, and toys with cutting edges, any plaything that is readily flammable.

You begin to encourage your child's budding creative talents at from four to six years of age, and simple, practical tools are enjoyed as are crayons, drawing books, a blackboard, doll dresses and houses for girls, and sport items for boys.

For children of this age avoid poorly-made or wobbly tricycles and toy wagons, toy guns, etc., that shoot missiles, cutting and sharp-pointed tools or instruments.

From six to eight and older, a wide variety of gifts become available. Included are approved electrical toys, construction sets, doll sewing kits, skates, sturdy lightweight tool kits, games, and play yard equipment. Avoid any toy that taxes the growing youngster's abilities or strength, poorly-made sport items, darts, air rifles and sharp large missiles, sharp cutting tools, non-approved electric toys, flammable masks and costumes.

The key to your child's holiday safety lies in careful thought as to gift selection, ruling out any items that you feel may cause injury.

WVAM, WJSW Announcing Plans To Consolidate Stations In Altoona

In a joint statement released last Saturday by Atty. Emanuel S. Leopold, president of General Broadcasting Co., Altoona, and Herbert T. Wolf, president of Altoona Broadcasting Co., the consolidation of radio stations WVAM and WJSW, Altoona, was announced.

The consolidation will become effective within a short time and just as soon as the required technical changes and improvements can be made. All changes in operation will be announced. Operations will be continued by the General Broadcasting Corp. using its present frequency of 1430 kilocycles and its present power of 1000 watts day and night. Studios and offices at 1411 and

1413 Eleventh Ave., Altoona, will be used and the programs will be broadcast over WVAM's three towers above Edgewood Drive.

Mr. Wolf will join Myer Abelson and Mr. Leopold of Altoona on the board of directors of the company. The management and staff will be composed of James Moren, vice president; Robert Walter, general manager and program director; Miss Jeanne Lindaman, traffic director; Charles Flynn, music director and announcer; Tom Torria, librarian and announcer; Skip Miller, sports director and announcer; and John Kelly, local news director and announcer. The sales staff is composed of Will Union, Paul Melanson, Peter Stenger and Guy Chappie.

Mitchell President Of North Cambria Barkeepers' Unit

Jack Mitchell of Barnesboro was elected to succeed Vincent Sibero of Carrolltown, as president of Northern Cambria Barkeepers Association at a meeting Sunday afternoon in Barnesboro Moose Home.

Other officers are G. L. Byrnes of Barnesboro, first vice president; Duane Miller of Ebensburg, second vice president; James Stevens, Carrolltown, third vice president; Joseph Calvetti of Barnesboro, secretary-treasurer; Joseph Green, Barnesboro, recording

secretary, and Frank Schulz of Barnesboro, trustee. Auditors named include George Lane of Carrolltown, J. J. Trybus of Barnesboro and William O'Hara of Hastings.

The newly-elected president discussed plans for the coming year and announced that he will appoint committees at the next session.

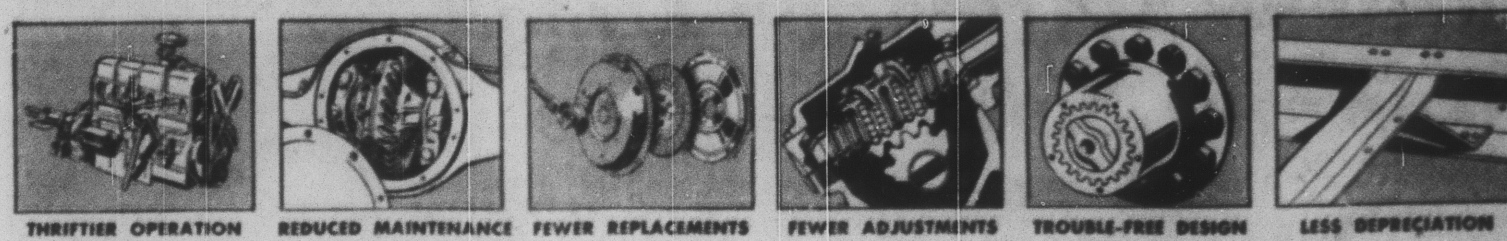
Installation of officers will be held Sunday, Dec. 23, in Barnesboro. Ceremonies will be in charge of Mr. Calvetti, a past president.

RETURNS FROM KOREA
Sgt. Paul R. Myers of Ashville was among 1,140 Korean War veterans and 45 Japanese war brides who arrived last Saturday in Seattle, Wash., aboard the navy transport Gen. S. B. Buckner.

CHURCHILL ON 77TH BIRTHDAY



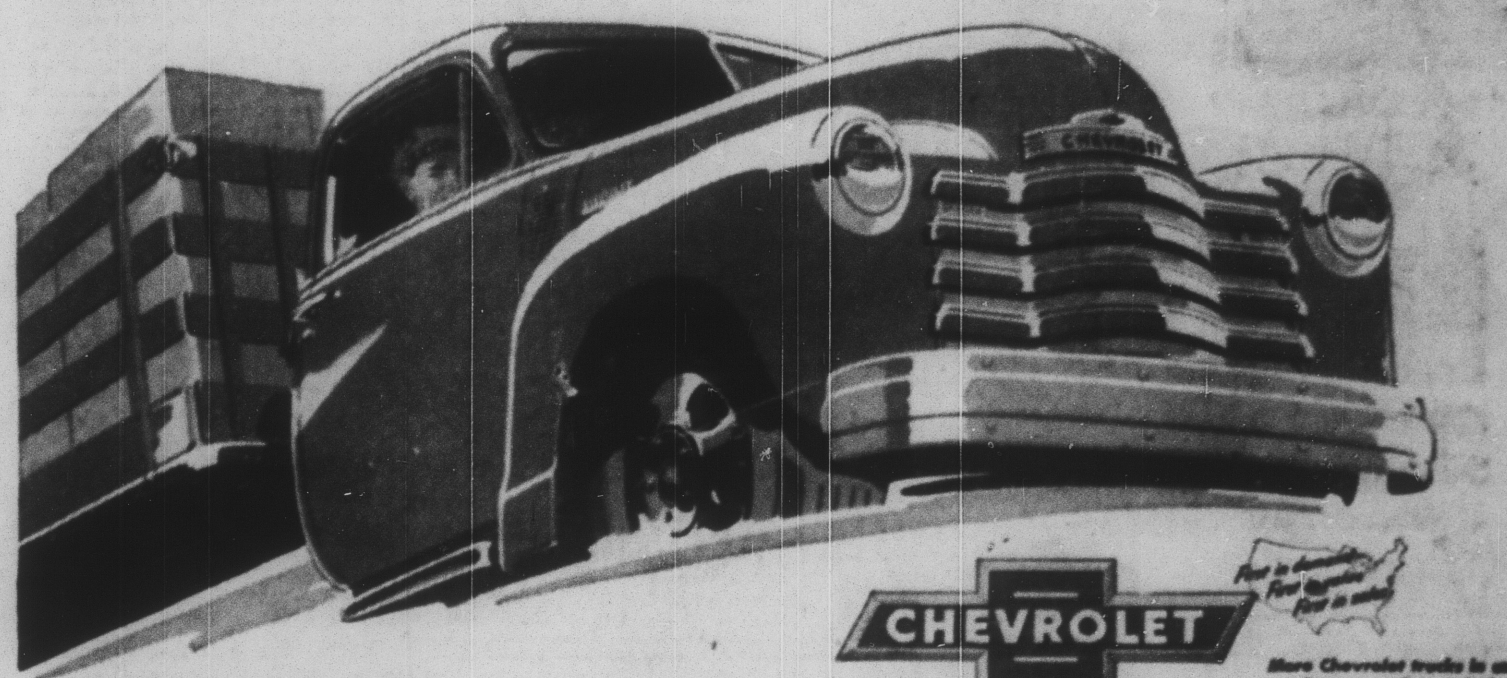
IT'S A FAVORITE MOMENT at No. 10 Downing Street as Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill, on the occasion of his 77th birthday, clasps his wife's hand. Smiling affectionately, she wishes him "many happy returns of the day." Churchill went about his daily tasks as usual. The only celebration was a family dinner. (International Radiophoto)



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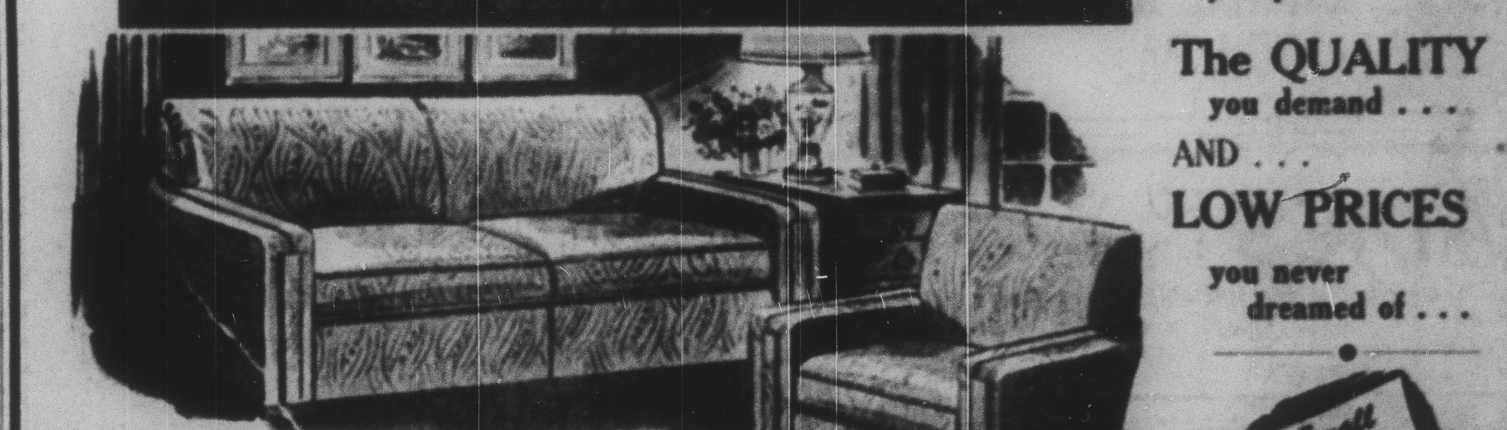


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