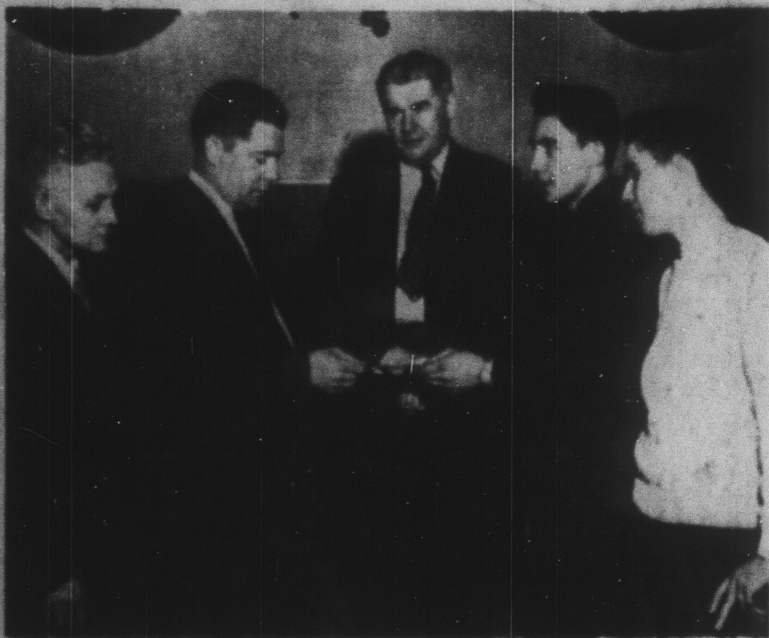


MERRY CHRISTMAS

Teen-Agers' Gift Goes to Good Causes



Children at Mooseheart and at Boys' Town, and the Annual Children's Christmas Party at Patton will benefit from \$50 given to the Legal Order of Moose recently by the Teen-Age Club here. The teenagers donated the money to the L.O.O.M. in appreciation for use of their hall for dancing and games Monday night of each week. However, after discussion with officers of the Teen-Age Club, the Moose officers decided to give the unsolicited gift to the above causes. On the picture (left to right) are John Franklin, Moose secretary-at-large; East A. Bender, Moose governor; Fred J. McCann, Moose secretary, and John Rairigh and Dave Albright, president and committee chairman of Teen-Age Club, respectively.

Fred McCann New Member Of Patton Park Commission

Council Ready to Order Traffic Light for Corner

Two appointments were made to the Patton Recreation and Park Commission at a special meeting of Patton Council Friday evening in the borough office in the Fire Hall. Burgess Theodore Ott submitted the names of Fred J. McCann and Francis X. Young. Mr. McCann was named to fill the unexpired term of E. W. Winslow as representing the Patton school board on the commission. The law requires two school directors to be members of the commission. The other school director representative is Dr. E. P. Cooper. Mr. Young was reappointed for a five-year term.



The door is closed, but only to keep out Mr. Frost. The wreath says, "It's Christmas, the birthday of the Saviour. All are welcome." This is the spirit of Christmas in America. The family gathers for the celebration. Friends visit and greetings are exchanged. Ours we offer now to all of you.

Kids Invited to Party On Saturday Afternoon

Saturday of this week will be a big day for kids of Patton who are 12 years of age or younger. It's the date for the annual Christmas Party sponsored by Patton clubs—VFW, American Legion, Eagles, Moose, Sons of Italy, and Slovak Citizens. At the Grand Theatre, the event will begin at 3:30 p. m. sharp. Santa Claus has promised to be there, too, and a treat will be given to every child. The entertainment will include a moving picture. All children of the town who are 12 or under are invited. There is no charge.

Sebastian Biancos Married Half Century



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Former County Boy Strangles to Death

Robert Taylor's Neck Forced Against Wrenger

A 3-year-old boy strangled to death Tuesday night when he was caught in a wrenger. Deputy Coroner C. M. Stone of Crawford County said Robert Taylor, Titusville, formerly of Barnesboro, was playing with the machine when his arm became caught in the wrenger. It pulled his arm through, pressing his neck against a shield on top of the wrenger. Mrs. John M. Taylor, the boy's mother, said she was visiting a neighbor at the time. She said the boy had gone with her but was sent home earlier. He was alone in the house at the time of the tragedy. The family moved to Titusville from Barnesboro last May. The victim is a grandson of Mrs. Robert Taylor, owner of the Barnesboro Bakery. The child's mother is from Blair County.

Rev. Vance Clark To Report Jan. 28

Rev. Vance N. Clark, pastor of Hastings Methodist Church, will report to active duty with the U. S. Air Force Jan. 28.

The Northern Cambria minister received a first lieutenant's commission as an air force chaplain Nov. 23. He will report to the processing center at Camp Kilmer, N. J., then proceed to Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla., for his new duties. Rev. Clark is a graduate of the Altoona High School, Dickinson College, Carlisle and Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Md. He will conduct his last services in the Hastings church on Sunday, Jan. 27.

Funeral Today For Father J. P. Padden, 73, Chest Springs

Rev. Father James P. Padden, pastor of St. Monica's Catholic Church, Chest Springs, and one of Northern Cambria County's best-known Catholic priests, died Sunday evening, Dec. 16. Father Padden died at 6:45 p. m. Sunday in Allegheny Brothers Hospital, Elizabeth, N. J. He was about 73 years of age. A native of Ireland, Father Padden took over duties as pastor of St. Monica's following the death of Rev. Father John Dugan in 1928. Father Padden, who had been ill the past two or three years, actively served the Chest Springs parish until Christmas Day, 1950, when he was forced to enter the Altoona Mercy Hospital for treatment. Later he was admitted for some time to Miners' Hospital, Spangler. He has been a patient in the New Jersey institution for about one month. During the past year, Rev. Father Paul Lenz, a native of Gallitzin, had served as assistant pastor at St. Monica's. His death marked the close of more than 40 years in Christian service. Father Padden was ordained in the priesthood in June, 1911 in St. Bonaventure's Seminary, St. Bonaventure, N. Y. His first parish charge was at St. Michael's Church in Loretto where he was assistant pastor to Rev. Father Ferdinand Kittel. He also was pastor at St. Joseph's Church, Williamsburg, and was chaplain at Mt. Aloysius Academy, Crosson. Prior to going to the Chest Springs parish, which has a congregation of about 680 persons, Father Padden was pastor at St. Agnes' Church, Cassandra. Transfer of the body to the church and vespers of the dead took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Office of the Dead will be recited this Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, followed by a Pontifical Requiem Mass, Most Rev. Richard T. Guilfoyle, Bishop of Altoona Diocese, celebrant.

Historical Society Given Plot Of Land At Eckenrode Mill

One of Original Sites Of Old Kittanning Trail

The Cambria County Historical Society has acquired the deed to land over which the old Kittanning Indian Trail passed in the area of East Carroll Twp. near Eckenrode Mill. Announcement of this fact was made at a meeting in the Cambria County War Memorial Arena at Johnstown by Robert F. Pruner, Westmont, director. The deed to the land was transferred to the society Thursday last week as a public service by Mrs. Olive Eckenrode, who resides at Eckenrode Mill, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Yeckley, who reside on an adjoining farm. The plots are located along the blacktop road just west of Eckenrode Mill near the lane of the Henry Gooderham farm. Mr. Gooderham is president of the society. The deed covers two tracts of land, one measuring one-half acre and the other 150-by-30 feet. The two areas never have been cultivated. Society officers were authorized in a resolution adopted at the meeting to take steps to have suitable markers erected where the trail is distinguishable. Some years ago, also, it was planned to erect a monument on the site. Acquisition of the plot climaxed a move inaugurated about 10 years ago by the late P. J. Little, former president who first attempted to gain the land for the society. The Kittanning Trail was the main thoroughfare through this section during the pioneering days of Western Pennsylvania. It was made by the Indians and ran from the headwaters of the Juniata River at Frankstown in Blair County, across Chest Creek at Eckenrode Mill past Hart's Sleeping Place, and on through Cherry Tree to Kittanning on the Allegheny River. Speaker at Friday's meeting was Miss Margaret Greer, teacher at Westmont-Upper Yoder High School, who made use of a map she made last year for the Johnstown Sequencentennial celebration in pointing out historical points of interest in the area. She also stressed many "firsts" to which Johnstown has a claim. She pointed out the city was first in the manufacture of iron rails, then first in the manufacture of steel rails, she briefly sketched the lives of the city's business pioneers—King, Morrell, Fritz and Kelly. The next meeting will be held sometime in March at a date to be announced later.

Sherry's Miner Injured

James Garay, 34-year-old Hastings coal miner suffered injury to his left knee Monday morning of this week while at work in the Rich Hill Coal Mining Company mine, Hastings. The miner underwent X-ray examinations in Miners' Hospital, Spangler, to determine the extent of injury. His condition is listed as fair.

William P. Leary Gets Sixth Term As Fire Co. President

William P. Leary was reelected to his sixth straight term as president of Patton Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1, at the annual reorganization meeting of the unit held on Tuesday of this week in the Patton Fire Hall. Other officers named by the local fire laddies were William Whitford Jr., vice president; Theodore M. Ott, reelected secretary for his fourth term; George Masnica, reelected treasurer for a second term; Edward Woomer, reelected to his second term as fire chief; Germaine Niebauer, foreman; Joseph Stevens, assistant foreman; Harvey J. Mulligan, chief engineer for his 17th term; William Whitford Sr., reelected trustee for his sixth three-year term, and Mr. Woomer, drillmaster. Installation of these officers is to take place at the next regular meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 8. The Patton firemen will hold their annual stag party on New Year's Eve in the fire hall. Clair Sherry is chairman for the event.

Proclamation Here Bans Liquor Sales

Taverns' Clubs to Close Early Christmas Eve

In these days of a troubled world, the spirit of Christmas should now, particularly, be observed by every one of our citizens as a time of reflection and true observance of the anniversary of the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, founder, Christianity. It is but proper and fitting that the residents of the Patton community reflect this spirit in the manner that this great holiday was traditionally intended. Therefore, I, Theodore Ott, Burgess of the Borough of Patton, hereby proclaim that in the interests of our people, their families, and of our religious observance, that ALL taverns, licensed clubs, or other vendors of alcoholic beverages, will close their various places of business from 10:00 o'clock P. M. Christmas Eve, December 24, 1951, until 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Christmas Day, December 25, 1951. All the above places are to have all patrons and guests vacated from their premises by 10:00 o'clock P. M. on Christmas Eve (Monday). THEODORE OTT, Burgess of Patton Borough

Patton Couple Wed 50 Years Dec. 12

Sebastian Bianco, Wife Married In Italy, 1901

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Mrs. Kovach, 90, Heads 5 Generations

The personality column this week pays tribute to Mrs. Joanna Kovach, probably the oldest resident of Hastings, who celebrated her 90th birthday last Tuesday. The aged lady is the head of five living generations. She has nine children, 48 grand-children, 65 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. That makes a total of 123 living descendants. In spite of her advanced age, Mrs. Kovach seems to enjoy life. She last Thanksgiving she lived alone in Hastings, and she plans to go back there next spring. During the winter she is making her home with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Kovach of St. Bonifaces. However, she is already looking forward to spring when she can go back to the fields and start work in her garden. Questioning and making rugs are her chief interests. She is in fairly good health and has vision good enough to read. Until the winter weather set in, she was able to attend Mass almost every day at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Hastings, while she was still residing in that community. A native of Hungary, she was born on Dec. 18, 1861. She and her husband, the late John Kovach, were married 68 years ago. They came to America about 1889 and settled in Westmoreland County. A short time later, however, the couple moved to Hastings. Mr. Kovach died in August of 1938. Mrs. Kovach was one of the workers who cleaned up the debris after the first Johnstown Flood. Since she came to America, Mrs. Kovach has made one trip back to Europe to visit her relatives. Two of the eleven children of Mr. and Mrs. Kovach died while the family lived in Europe. The living are Kathryn, widow of John Ostka, Bridgeport, Conn.; Mary, wife of Joseph Kuriz, Hastings R. D.; Julia, wife of John Hezek, Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y.; Vera, wife of John Ford, Holiday's Cove, W. Va.; Ann, wife of Peter Simon, Pittsburgh; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Haseltine, Johnstown; John, mentioned; Ellen, wife of Joseph Hyland, New York, and Michael, Hastings.

Local Crib Contest Offers \$50 In Prizes

Interest is reported wide in the community-wide contest for the best indoor and outdoor cribs, or "creches," in the Patton area. The contest, for which a total of \$50 in cash prizes have been announced, is being sponsored by Patton Local 431, United Brick & Clay Workers. The local sponsored a similar contest last year. The contest is open to anyone who resides in Patton or within one mile from the borough limits. However, no entries will be accepted from clubs or organizations. Judges will be Jesse Cogley Jr., supervising principal of Patton School, and Miss Yvonne Yergow, Russell Bianco, and Louis A. Haluska. They will visit the homes to inspect the entries during the week of Dec. 25-29. A first prize of \$15 and a second prize of \$10 will be awarded for the best outdoor cribs, and a similar amount will be awarded for the best indoor-manger scenes. Those wishing to enter the contest are asked to call Mr. Barnard at Patton 5291 or Miss Yergow at Patton 2462 so that the judges will know which homes to visit. Native ingenuity and simple, inexpensive materials are all that are needed to make a prize-winning "creche." Let's get busy Patton families to bring home the real meaning of Christmas!

Carrolltown Fire Co. Names Mark Buck

Director to Be Elected At Meeting January 3

Mark Buck was elected president of the Carrolltown Volunteer Fire Company at the reorganization meeting of the unit Thursday of last week at the Firemen's Club in Carrolltown. Other officers named are Herman Karheim, vice president; Charles Erter, secretary; Paul Lieb, treasurer; Thomas Buck, fire chief; Francis Bearer, assistant fire chief, and Lieb Farabaugh, engineer. Trustees include Lieb Farabaugh, L. J. Lacey and Joseph Cooney. Members elected to the board of directors include P. W. Mulligan, Herman Karheim, Charles Erter, Lieb Farabaugh, Francis Bearer, Paul Lieb, Joseph Switzer, Dennis Stoiz and LeRoy Weber. Ten directors were to be elected. However, Louis Yeckley and Vincent Shero tied for 10th place. A special election to name the 10th director will be held at the next meeting, Thursday, Jan. 3. PULLETS MUST EAT Pullets cannot lose weight and keep laying, says Penn State extension specialists. They urge watching feed consumption and, if needed, providing pellets or wet mash to stimulate and increase feed consumption.

Lost Altoona Hunter Comes Out of Woods At Blandburg

Hears Strip Mining Machine to Find Way

Brown home, near Dysart, and then returned to the city. Ammerman went hunting with an uncle, Donald W. Ammerman of Altoona, after school Thursday afternoon. They sighted a deer and became separated in their pursuit. Shortly after four o'clock the uncle returned to the road and waited until six o'clock for the nephew before concluding that the youth was lost. Herbert arrived at the Brown home about 11 Thursday night. Deibler's status was discovered shortly after dark Thursday evening when Mrs. Deibler had friends drive her up Wopsey road and they found his car parked along the highway, about two miles beyond the Cambria-Blair County line. Herbert Ammerman, 17, of Altoona, found his way to the M. R.

Christmas Season Ushered In With Presentation of Cantata

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Patton Auto Owners Asked to Aid Plowing

Patton car owners are reminded this week to keep all vehicles off the streets during the night so that streets may be plowed. Borough crews have been extremely busy during the past week doing this chore. Flows have been out nearly every day. Thanks also is expressed to Dr. E. P. Cooper, who has been aiding property owners by voluntarily sweeping off the sidewalks with his little snow plow.



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