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Susquehanna R. C. Patton Babies Have Distinction of Being 'Twin Cousins'

Branch Collects \$1,300 First 10 Days

Partial Reports Made By Town Chairmen

Although the annual Red Cross Drive still has two weeks to go, the campaign for funds is well underway in the Northwestern Cambria. As of Mar. 10 a total of nearly \$1,300 was reported collected in the drive by volunteer workers of the Susquehanna Branch.

The goal for the Susquehanna Branch has been set at \$4,600. Cletus Lehmer, fund chairman of the branch, announced this sum is part of the \$104,930 goal established for the entire Cambria Co. Chapter which is composed of six county branches and the greater Johnstown area.

Town chairman who gave a partial report so far are: Barnesboro, Fritz Morley, \$215; Spangler, Robert Caldwell, \$363.75; Susquehanna Township, J. S. Johnston, supervising principal of Susquehanna Township Schools, \$234; Carrolltown, Mrs. Fred Arble, \$177.50; Marsteller, Wendell Young, \$150; Bakerston, Mrs. Wm. Wiseman, \$115.



Two Patton sisters, Mrs. William Mitchell (left) and Mrs. Columbus Lischerell, look very happy as they pose with their sons, born only 7 1/2 hours apart last Tuesday at Miners' Hospital. The Mitchell infant will be named Jeffrey King while the Lischerell baby will be called Chris Allen. Mrs. Mitchell is the former Grace Leary and Mrs. Lischerell the former Margaret Leary.

It was announced also that Mrs. T. L. Stafford will serve as chairman in St. Benedict, and Mrs. Richard Lovett will be chairman in Nicktown. Jesse Cogley Jr. of Patton is general chairman for the drive.

Mr. Lehmer asked anyone who seemingly has been missed in the drive to send his contribution to his town chairman or Miss Emily McAnulty of Barnesboro, treasurer of the Susquehanna Branch. Mr. Lehmer pointed out that the credit for any money sent in to the branch will be given to the town from which it came.

Reports from volunteer workers conducting the house-to-house campaigns show that the services of the Red Cross are appreciated. One family in the area said that their son in Korea reported how well he is being treated by the Red Cross and urged those at home to give to the fund drive. Another family said it was glad to give because it was through the Red Cross that a son was able to get a thorough course of the critical illness of one of the family.

Residents of the district are reminded that the service of the Red Cross blood program (based on the minimum needed to finance the local and national program of the R. C. during the coming year). Some \$68,000 will be retained by the county chapter, and \$36,200 will be sent to national headquarters as the chapter's share of the national organization's budget. On the other hand, \$207,500 is sent to Johnstown by national headquarters to cover expenses with the Johnstown Regional Blood Center.

A report for the county branches will be given at a dinner-meeting at the Ebenezer Dairy, Thursday, March 20. The dinner will be at 6:15 p. m. and tickets are one dollar per plate. Workers in the Susquehanna Branch who plan to present a report should notify Miss Ethel H. Hines, chairman of the branch, on or before Mar. 13.

2 Injured in Crash Sunday, Nicktown

Two Indiana County men were injured slightly Sunday in a two-car accident in Nicktown. The accident involved the 1:15 P. M. accident was Joseph E. Barr, 30, Hillwood, and Gene Hill, 28, Coover. The accident occurred at the intersection of Route 93 and 103 in Nicktown.

Barr suffered a bruised forehead and left knee, and a passenger in his auto, John Lewis, 31, Hillwood, sustained lacerations on his forehead and face bruise. Both were treated at Miners' Hospital, Spangler, and discharged.

State police said the Hill machine was attempting a left turn at the intersection when it was struck by the Barr auto. Barr told police he attempted to stop but that his brakes did not hold.

Revised Tuberculosis X-Ray Schedule Listed for District

All Students Over 15, Adults Invited for Test

Recommendations made by the Provisional Tuberculosis Unit have revised the X-ray schedule for the 1951-52 school year. The total cost is \$2,676 short of the \$5,352 goal, was announced by Mr. Donahue, district secretary.

Mr. Donahue said he expects the total to reach \$18,000. He noted that reports from a few county districts still are out. The total amount already raised is \$9,000. Approximately \$3,000 more, than reported at the same time last year.

According to the executive director, notices about the free chest X-ray schedule for this year have been mailed to all clubs and churches in the district. Persons and groups notified are being urged to report individually or in

Patton R. C. Drive To Begin Monday

All Clearfield Branch Towns Now Organized

The 1952 drive for funds for the American Red Cross will begin in the Clearfield Branch area of the Cambria County Chapter next Monday, Mar. 17.

This includes all area with the exception of Hastings, where the drive was begun about a week ago. Collecting of funds for the Red Cross will be done in Patton by members of the local Women of the Moose Chapter. In other districts in the Clearfield Branch other volunteer workers will assume the job.

German (Jimmy) Huber of Patton is serving as branch fund chairman. The quota for the Cambria County Chapter is \$104,930, which is the minimum needed to finance the local and national program of the R. C. during the coming year.

Schools Net As Hard Hit By Flu As 2 Weeks Ago

Schools in the district are returning to normal this week following high absenteeism caused by the influenza.

In Spangler, the high school, public grade school and St. Patrick's and Holy Cross parochial schools were forced to curtail classes for several days due to sick children. All four schools resumed regular schedules Monday of this week.

Patton Businessmen's Value Days Successful

Patton merchants reported very good success during their special "Value Days" observance Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week.

Stores were open both Friday and Saturday evenings, and business volume was increased. Special red tags were placed on all items sold at drastically reduced prices.

The event was sponsored by the Patton Business Association.

Patton School Board to Seek Funds for Building Repairs

Members Will Travel To Harrisburg Today

Members of the Patton School Board will travel to Harrisburg this morning to confer with officials of the Department of Public Instruction relative to a \$150,000 renovation project for local schools.

Under the project new furnaces and roofs would be put on the local buildings, and electric lights installed in grade school buildings in both wards. Requests for the renovations must be approved by the state department.

Directors at a meeting Monday night authorized Jesse W. Cogley, principal, to attend the meeting of the American Association of

Miss Gilda Martucci Student Teaching At Blairsville High

Miss Gilda Martucci of Hastings is now doing her student teaching work at Blairsville High School in the field of business education.

Frugality Church Plans St. Patrick's Day Ham Supper

The annual St. Patrick's Supper of St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Frugality, will be held next Sunday, Mar. 16, at the church hall in Frugality, according to an announcement made today by Rev. Father H. G. Sanders, pastor.

There will be games and various amusements in the afternoon. The baked ham supper will be served from 4 to 7 p. m. at \$1 for adults and 75 cents for children. A round and square dance will be held in the evening.

Those in charge of the day's program are as follows: Mesdames Regis Hertzog, Fred Hertzog, Joseph Bagale, Eugene Hatchford, William Judd, Joseph Judd, Raymond Judd, Candido Rossa, Esther Fontanella, Nellie Bernazzoli, Secondo Fiorentini, Sna Funiello, Arthur, Esposito, Joe Bergamachi, Leslie Reghetti, Howard Swiren, Harry Johnston, Joseph Johnston, Gerald Jacobs, Clarence Johnston, Albina Fontanella, Lorraine Gregg, Rose Willis, Louise Conrad, George Brown, Anthony Roberts, Gertrude Matthews, Frank Rafacz, John Rafacz, Joseph Rafacz, Minnie Noel, James Stone, Elmer Weakland, Angelo Dotto, Leonard Bollen, Raymond Conrad, Carl Jenkins, and Frank Zabinski.

Red Cross Worker Not To Be Here March 20

A notice from the headquarters office of Cambria County Chapter, American Red Cross, indicates that the staff worker will not be at the Clearfield Branch office on Mar. 20—next Thursday.

Miss Ann Murphy Honored At Party Given By Teachers

Miss Ann Murphy, supervising principal of West Carroll Twp. Schools, was honored at a party held by West Carroll Twp. teachers at Mrs. Dennis Murphy and Mrs. Ray E. Stolz at the New Commercial Hotel in Barnesboro Monday, Feb. 25.

The purpose of the party was two-fold—in honor of Miss Murphy's birthday, and to show the esteem with which her staff regards her.

Miss Murphy came to Bakerston in 1921, serving as building principal and full-time teacher. At that time the Bakerston school facilities consisted of three two-story buildings, one of which formed the nucleus of the present school. In 1926 she was chosen as the first supervising principal of the school.

Miss Murphy was given a Rembrandt table lamp at a party which was in the form of a surprise event.

Mission Next Week At SS. Peter & Paul

SS. Peter & Paul Greek Catholic Church of Patton, will hold a mission at the church beginning next Sunday evening, Mar. 16, at 7 o'clock.

The mission will continue for one week, closing Saturday, Mar. 22, at 7 p. m. There will be two Masses celebrated daily, at 7 and 8 o'clock each morning. Evening devotions are scheduled for 7 p. m. daily, followed by a mission sermon.

Find Josef Petkash Dead Along Road Near St. Benedict

The body of a former Cambria County inmate was found Monday evening of this week along a road leading to an abandoned mine operation near St. Benedict.

The man was identified as Josef Petkash, who had been an inmate at the county institution until Feb. 2. At that time, home authorities reported, he left the home voluntarily and made his home in the Patton and St. Benedict areas.

East Carroll Supervisors Lower Tax Rate 1 Mill

East Carroll Township supervisors have voted a one-mill reduction in the township's tax rate for 1952. The reduction was made at a meeting held in Carrolltown on Monday evening of last week.

Receive Loyalty Oath

Professional and non-professional employees of Hastings Borough School District, received the Pennsylvania Loyalty Oath at a meeting of the school board Monday evening of this week. A. R. Hindmarsh, secretary public, administered the oath. Next board meeting will be held Apr. 14.

Gallitzin Little Loop To Play At 'Philly' In Knee-High Game

North County Youths Seek State A. L. Title

Gallitzin Little League basketball team, member of the Cambria County Grade School Basketball League, will participate in the one-day Knee-High Basketball Tournament, American Legion Little League Basketball Championship of Pennsylvania. The first annual tourney is sponsored by the American Legion.

The tournament will be held this Saturday, Mar. 15, at the Norwood Academy Field House, 5891 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., according to an announcement made this week by Charles Longosky of Gallitzin.

The Gallitzin squad will compete in the Class B division of the tourney for boys 5-foot 7 inches and under. A championship trophy will be awarded the winning club together with individual awards.

Schedule for the first round of the event is as follows: Philadelphia vs. Doylestown at 10:30 a. m.; Lancaster vs. Coalsdale at 11:45 a. m.; Allentown vs. Scatsas at 12:30 p. m., and Gallitzin vs. Beaver at 1 p. m. The second round of the event will begin at 2:15 p. m.

O. M. Baumgardner, Ashville Miner, 64, Killed By Rock Fall

Dies On Way to Mercy Hospital In Altoona

Orin M. Baumgardner, 64, of Ashville, was injured fatally last Saturday afternoon, Mar. 8, when he was crushed beneath a rock fall in H. C. Kennor Coal Mine, Ambsry, near Ashville.

Mr. Baumgardner and two buddies were attempting to remove a huge rock from the roof in the main heading when it fell, crushing the Ashville miner. The other two miners were not injured.

Mr. Baumgardner, a native of South Fork, died on route to the Altoona Mercy Hospital, where he was being taken in an ambulance. William T. Crawford, Blair Co. deputy coroner, said death was caused by internal injuries and a crushed chest.

The accident, which occurred nearly one mile underground, marked the sixth fatality in Cambria County in 1952.

Mr. Baumgardner was born in South Fork Feb. 20, 1888, a son of Simon and Melvina (Varner) Baumgardner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, in 1949. He was a veteran of World War I.

The deceased is survived by a son, Orin Jr., Hagerstown, Md.; daughter, Mrs. Jessie Eckensbrodt, at home; sister, Mrs. Jessie Hull, South Fork; two brothers, Eugene of Altoona and James of South Fork, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon in the late residence by Rev. E. N. Fry and interment was made in South Fork Cemetery. Military rites were in charge of Ashville Post 4315, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Patton Proud of Its Bastille Despite Adverse Publicity

Wouldn't Be Rated As Poor In New Inspection

Patton Borough is quite proud of the condition of its town lock-up despite adverse publicity published by the State Department of Welfare this week.

"If you could get a department inspector to visit the local jail there wouldn't be any report of its being in poor condition," said Borough Secretary Albert Haluska.

He was referring to a release Monday by the Welfare Department that the Patton jail had been classified as "poor" and would be ordered to "clean up."

The report, issued at Harrisburg, said that of 419 jails inspected by agents of Bureau of Penal Affairs during the past year, 31 in the state were rated as "poor" (including Patton, Carroll, Brownstown, Lilly and South Fork), 103 others "fair," and 284 as "good."

The fact of the matter is, said the Patton borough secretary, the Patton council has been writing letters to the department for the past year requesting that an inspector come and visit the lock-up and inspect it. But, to date, no one has shown up.

Copies of the letters are on file in the borough office. And since the first time an inspection was requested, the local jail has been even further renovated, that job being done last summer when the borough office was moved.

As far as Patton is concerned, said Mr. Haluska, and despite the "report" of an inspection never made, this town has one of the finest local lockups in the state.

The Patton jail is adjacent to the borough office and is inspected at all times. Local residents are invited to inspect it for themselves.

Chief of Police Paul Bauman of Carrolltown said he expects the inspector for the Welfare Department in again any day now. He said an inspection was made about a year ago.

86 Pints of Blood Given At Hastings

Despite a violent outbreak of influenza in the community last week, a total of 86 pints of blood were donated to the Red Cross Regional Blood Bank during a drive at Hastings last Friday.

The Bloodmobile unit was set up in the basement of the Hastings Methodist Church. Edith Neuberger served as the chairman for the drive, and Winifred Abrams was in charge of the canteen. A large number of other volunteer workers also assisted.

Among the nurses who donated their services were Regina Guesen, Rose Ann Gill, Regina Crahan, Leona Carpinello and Thers Cunningham.

During a previous drive, some 134 pints were collected.

TO MEET AT CARROLLTOWN

Insect and disease control in fruit and vegetable growing will be discussed at an open meeting sponsored by the Cambria County Agricultural Assn. at 8 p. m. this Friday in Carrolltown Fire Hall. E. J. Udine and L. P. Nichols of Penn State Extension Service are to be the speakers.

NORTH CAMBRIA PERSONALITIES—NO. 151

Harvey Bearer Farmer, Coal Operator

Harvey Bearer of Hastings R. D. is well known in the district as a farmer and coal mine operator. For the past 25 years he has been engaged in the coal business. He is owner of the Homestead Coal Company.

Mr. Bearer has managed the farm in Susquehanna Township for the past 25 years. He is the third generation to own this farm which consists of 82 acres. His grandfather settled in the area and developed the farm. Mr. Bearer's father succeeded his grandfather, and finally Mr. Bearer himself took over.

Mr. Bearer has been a leader in the development of the agricultural industry in Cambria Co. Advancing with the times, Mr. Bearer mechanized his farm in 1938. He took a leading part in introducing the combine in Cambria County.

Besides the 82 acres in Susquehanna Township, Mr. Bearer also farms 101 acres on the "Red Joe Hoover" farm in East Carroll Township. Livestock on the farm includes 20 hogs and seven head of cattle.

The Hastings R. D. farmer believes in the mechanized method of farming. However, he pointed out that farming today is a big business. Unless the farmer carries on the industry in a big enough way, he has too much money tied up in machinery, he said. For this reason he believes farming on a small scale is more or less on the way out. At the same time, he thinks more and more retired farmers will get a piece of land and work it in a small way.

Mr. Bearer for many years was interested in mechanics and worked on many automobiles. This experience has equipped him well to take care of his own machinery in this day of mechanized farming.

Mr. Bearer has an excellent safety record. He had only one serious accident in the 25 years that he was engaged in the mining business. One of his men got caught in the cutting machine. He had only one serious farm accident too.

Mr. Bearer believes that the schools have a large responsibility in training the youth to make them good citizens. He thinks that every citizen should be on his guard to fight for good government.

Born in Susquehanna Township on Mar. 22, 1889, Mr. Bearer is the son of John A. and Anastasia (District) Bearer. On Jan. 30, 1934, he and the former Mary Bearer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bearer of Carrolltown, were married in St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Carrolltown.

They have 11 children—Albert E., a senior at Hastings High School, who works with his father on the farm; Mildred Ruth, Clara Ann, Kenneth J., Charles Albert, David, Ronald, Mary Jane, Dorothy, Rose Marie and Margaret.

As a hobby Mr. Bearer likes to make furniture and build cabinets but at present he does not have time to follow his hobby. He has been active in Susquehanna Twp. for the past 11 years. He is a member of the Knights of St. George, Eagles, and Holy Name Society of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Hastings.



(James Studio Photo, Patton)