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On Public State Parks

During the past week, as well as over the past several months, readers of the daily county weekly papers have been made conscious of a verbal battle, at least, on matters of policy—and not on the general thought in mind—of the further improvement of the Duman Dam project in Barr Township, by the installation of a parking area sponsored and paid for by county monies, and by sportsmen's funds. It is not our intention in this article to enter into this controversy.

However, the entire Duman Dam publicity brings forth a thought that must of times have entered the minds of thousands of Cambria Countyans who are not sportsmen, as well as all sportsmen themselves. It is the fact that Cambria County is the eighth largest in point of population in the state, and yet within its confines is not one single, solitary public state-sponsored park, picnic area, or swimming facility.

Regardless of what controversy exists between the County Commissioners and their Board of Recreation, the fact remains that everyone concerned is vitally interested in this type of wholesome recreation that so many of our nearby counties have been afforded for years—under state sponsorship. Just why Cambria County never has been able to obtain at least one public picnic and recreational area from the state is a matter of conjecture. Surely no resident of any section of the state will deny that we are entitled to such consideration.

And there's no substantial argument to be put forth that we lack the natural resources for such installations. There are still plenty of fresh water streams and much woodland in all sections of the county that could easily be adapted to the type of requirements these state parks demand. The state even owns some of this land. Maybe somewhere all along the line our political pressure boys haven't been on the ball at Harrisburg in the degree that our neighboring counties have been.

True, the Duman Dam project, insofar as the dam itself is concerned, is a state-sponsored project—the Pennsylvania Fish Commission fathering it. This came about through the energetic activity of the County Sportsmen, and local political leaders who have the privilege of being listened to at Harrisburg. The present plans for a park facility at the Duman Dam site rests with appropriations from the county and the sportsmen—not from the state.

Whether it be the Duman Dam project or some one or more entirely new projects, surely the time is at hand when Cambria County and its official, civic and political leaders have every right to press for actual recognition from the state for some local share in the recreational facilities given so many other sections, some of them with only a small fraction of our more than 200,000 population.

Hunting and fishing are enjoyable privileges in this Keystone State, and the men and women who enjoy these sports pay for it through their income taxes. In the case of the Public Park and Recreational areas, the funds come from the regular sources of taxing revenue of the Commonwealth, to which all our citizens contribute in some manner, directly or indirectly. If the two projects can be combined, that's fine. But whether or not they can, Cambria County is ENTITLED to public park recognition. That's the type that makes the outdoors more enjoyable for so many thousands of men and women, and particularly children.

Let's hope that somewhere out of the imbroglio that has arisen over the Duman Dam project that there will eventually be created all that is sought for at the Duman Dam site, and perhaps just something more from the State Department of Forests & Waters in woodlands in both the north and south of Cambria County where fresh mountain streams still flow, and where scenic beauty holds forth to equal that of anywhere in our state and nation. If some's matter much other's, responsible for such facilities—what party, what party leaders—the prime factor being that it be accomplished, and having been accomplished, let the laurels rest where they rightfully belong.

Securing recreational areas for Cambria County is something that is always pertinent. But folks who may later enjoy these facilities will themselves bless their neighbors who may have been in a position to help secure them. It is well that the recreational thought be kept alive among the people. By keeping it alive, much good may come from it, even though individual heads may nod somewhat.

In conclusion, may we note with satisfaction the accomplishments of the Patton Sportsmen's Association throughout the years in the many projects they have sponsored, and brought to fruition—the latest being the rejuvenation of the "Craver Dam." Some of these projects were big, others small—but they all add up, and the men who have worked so hard could rest on their laurels of success if they were content to do so.

Observations
In the Western Pennsylvania folks who have paid income tax money during what times they've paid in the thought of what the use of a voluntary Federal tax hereabouts, for instance, amounted to nothing less than every man, woman and child. Carrying it a little further, the taxes amounted to nearly \$1,700 for the average family. That means that the time we paid last year would have bought a new car for every family, or made a down payment on a home for each one. There's a use of dreaming of a country without taxes. However, this should tend to show how small in proportion are local, county and state taxes, as compared to Uncle Sam's bit.

Back and elsewhere seems to be running neck and neck into the Republican National Convention in Chicago next month. Also they are running into who can sell a close call for each of these things, and so the other "give something something something" between the two Republican factions grows with each successive day. It could very easily happen that a "dark horse" candidate, probably Gen. MacArthur, will emerge as the nominee. He probably stands just as good a chance as either of the present leading contenders for the GOP nomination.

In the Democratic camp, there's still confusion. Kefauver continues to gain. MacArthur's drive for delegates will be more serious than expected. Don't mistake the stories that Truman dislikes MacArthur as though he'd never back him for the Presidency. He probably will do everything to keep him from the nomination. But Truman is a party man. If Kefauver wins nomination, Truman will be against the Democrats against any Republican, including MacArthur.

The first two weeks we've been publishing stories about the new automobile. Maybe you missed them. If you did, you should have seen them. They are the new cars that you can get in your car and try before you buy. In your part, and you can be assured the

rural delivery man will do his. Your have an obligation just as has your letter-carrying post servant.
As noted in last week's paper, this is Clean-Up Week in Patton Borough. If you haven't co-operated up until this time, you still have the remainder of the week in which to do it. A clean town is always viewed by visitors as a progressive town. Patton has never failed to answer the call of the Clean-Up Campaigns of the past. Its citizens won't fail it now.

After many years of "exercise" as a vacant lot, Danny Link is constructing a modern garage on the corner of Mellon and Park Aves. across the street from his present stand. Many of our younger generations hardly know that on this lot once was Patton's largest building of a by-gone period. Here was erected the old Mellon Hotel, razed more than a quarter century ago. At the time Patton was founded it was thought this area would be the business section of the town. A little later, the scurry of business establishments was to Lang Ave., and even that was short-lived, when Magee Ave., one block north, became the "main drag."

NEWS ON THE HOMEMAKING FRONT

Assistant Home Economics Representative for Cambria County

Have Your Pressure Canner Checked
Before we know it, the early berries and asparagus will be ready for use and those of you who will want to can them should be ready. It would be a good idea now to get your canning equipment in order. Look up jars, buy new rubber rings, and check your canners. If you have a pressure canner it should be checked to see that it is cooking at the proper gauge registers. The Extension Service of Cambria County will check your pressure canners on May 13th, from 10:00 to 3:30 P. M., daylight time, at the Presbyterian Church in Ebensburg.

Good Grooming Tips for Furniture
For that well-groomed look, treat your furniture regularly with a polishing wax. The wax protects the surface from wear and adds beauty with the minimum of care. Special polishes provide a protective finish for furniture. For most furniture, a cream wax or a liquid cleaning and polishing wax is acceptable. One of the big advantages of these true wax polishes over the familiar oil polishes is a finish that stays bright and can be dusted in a jiffy. The oil finishes give a temporary shine, but soon become streaky, sticky and roils dust. Besides giving a rich sheen, a wax finish is a protection against fingerprints and soil marks. Paste wax will give minimum protection to pieces of furniture that are likely to get scratched and have liquids spilled on them. Cream wax contains a blend of cleaning agents that are effective in removing all kinds of dirt. With a cream wax it isn't necessary to wash the surface before applying wax. The liquid cleaning and polishing waxes remove most stains except ones requiring soap and water. This type of wax is most commonly used for wood floors but may be used on furniture. Whichever type wax you decide to use, follow the directions given on the container for its use. On most surfaces a good wax polish two or three times a year is enough. Hard used furniture, like table tops, may need waxing more often. A light dusting with a dry, clean cloth will keep surfaces good looking between waxings.

700 Women Taking Part in Home Ec Activities In County
National Home Economics week currently is being observed in Cambria County, as well as in other states and in Alaska, Hawaii, and Porto Rico. To pay tribute to and recognize achievements of homemakers in their various extension activities. These women have taken part in all sorts of activities and home improvements such as making suits and dresses, repairing furniture and making slip covers, improving home lighting and making lamp shades; improving eating habits and learning balanced meal planning. These homemakers have learned many other things besides the skills mentioned. They have developed leadership and self-confidence as they have taught what they learned to others. They have made new friends through county and statewide activities. They have become better homemakers because of this new knowledge and new experiences. For these accomplishments we recognize them during National Home Demonstration Week. Cambria County has 26 active Homemakers Clubs and seven inactive ones. Some 700 women of all ages take part in the activities of these clubs. Mrs. June K. Griffith is home Economics Extension representative in this county. She is assisted by Mrs. Margaret H. McKenrick.

225 At Cambria Co. Homemakers Meet
About 225 ladies attended the annual Cambria County Homemakers Day observance at First Lutheran Church in Johnstown on Thursday of last week. Speakers at the morning session included Mrs. Jean Zahner of the Kaufman Fellowship, Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, who spoke on new fabrics and products available in stores and told women what to expect of the things they buy. Mrs. Earl Lantry of Nanty-Glo, was chairman of the morning session and gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Merle Himes, Portage, had charge of a skit presented by the Portage Club. A trio consisting of Elton ladies sang "My God and I" and the Cambria County Farm Women's Chorus sang "Lullaby." Mrs. Anthony Bruce of Beaverdale was toastmaster at a noon luncheon in the church's social hall. Mrs. John Aaker of Ebensburg was chairman of the afternoon session, at which speakers included Miss Eliza Corbin, assistant supervisor of home economics extension, Penn State College, and Rabbi H. Goren Fehrmster, the spiritual leader of the Beth Zion Temple.

Law Office Closing Set Half-Day Week
Cambria County attorneys voted Monday to close their law offices for a half-day each week during the summer months. The action was taken at a meeting of the county bar association in the Ebensburg Dairy-Deil. Attorney Seymour Silverstone, association secretary, said lawyers in the north of the county, which includes Ebensburg area, will be closed Wednesday afternoons. Lawyers in Johnstown area voted to close their offices on Saturday afternoons. Speaker at the session was Attorney Morton Myers of Johnstown, who reported on his trip to Harrisburg, Pa., where he attended the International Bar Association convention.

Miners' Hospital Patients' Record

Following is a list of patients admitted and discharged from Miners' Hospital, Spangler, from April 27 to May 6, 1935: MEDICAL, ADMITTED

Bernard Trexler, Ashville, R. D.; Mrs. Catherine Switzer, Spangler; Diana Zabavsky, Marsteller; Shirley Ann McClintock, Ebensburg; Grant Bougher, Barnesboro; Mrs. Florence Miller, Barnesboro; R. D.; Peggy Lou Krug, Loreto R. D.; Mrs. Mas Woodside, Westover; James Black, Westover; Clyde Bradford, St. Benedict; Mrs. Lida Smith, Barnesboro; Clarence Krotendorfer, Carrolltown; Joseph Abrams, Spangler; Robert Stewart, Glen Campbell; Joseph W. Wiley, LaJesse; Sylvanus McCollie, Marusa, Barnesboro; James Spangler, Betty Lou Krug, Loreto R. D.; Walter Miller, Emigh; Mrs. Mary Frye, Carrolltown; Mrs. Treas Arnold, Hastings; Phyllis Jean Shomo, Hillside; Mrs. Ethel Hutton, LaJesse; Mrs. Rosalie Dietrich, Chest Springs.

SURGICAL, ADMITTED
Catherine Taylor, Bakerton; James Myers, Westover; Mrs. Helen Tyger, Rochester Mills; Thelma Stoy, Ashville; John Patrick, Alverda; Stephen Stoll, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Esther Novak, Ebensburg; Mrs. Dalphine Gates, Westover; George Mekulisa, Hillside; Mrs. Rose Buccasi, Bakerton; Mrs. Roe Knotta, Bakerton; Mrs. Annabelle Richardson, Marsteller; Mrs. Miller, Barnesboro; Nelson J. Lowe, Patton; Mrs. Betty Scott, Patton; Lawrence Kline, Patton; Mrs. Ruth Woodley, Hastings; James Leslie, Spangler; Stephen Vrana, Barnesboro; Mrs. Rosella Hartzog, Patton R. D.; James Keith, Cherry Tree R. D.; Mrs. Lydia Lasko, Barnesboro; Mrs. Gloria Butler, Carrolltown; Mrs. Dolores Drass, Lawrence; Lena Stephens, Cherry Tree R. D.; Mrs. Glenn Hopkins, Barnesboro; Ralph Riva Jr., Barnesboro; Fred Endler, Hastings; Mrs. Lela Stewart, Glen Campbell R. D.; Mrs. Lillian Dick, Coalport.

MEDICAL, DISCHARGED
Mrs. Ada Zulka, Barnesboro; Walter Switzer, Carrolltown; Mrs. Catherine Ritter, Carrolltown; Mrs. Virginia Selestok, Hastings R. D.; George Clayton Keith, Cherry Tree R. D.; James Sorafrin, Carrolltown; Judy Engle, Alverda; Thomas Sinclair, Spangler; Clifford Jodon, Barnesboro R. D.; Grant Bougher, Barnesboro; Martin Tate, Gippy; Dwane Abrams, Spangler; Anthony Barabara, Spangler; Mrs. La Ruse Maseto, Burnside; Robert Stewart, Glen Campbell; Mrs. Marjorie Ross, Patton; George Stabola, Barnesboro; Shirley Ann McClintock, Ebensburg; Bernard Trexler, Ashville R. D.

SURGICAL, DISCHARGED
Arthur Farabaugh, Loreto; Mrs. Mary Gleydura, Barnesboro R. D.; Susan Makina, Arcadia; Mrs. Bertha Boller, Emigh; Paul Ross, Barnesboro; Mrs. Angeline Yannello, Barnesboro; Mrs. Martha Tripides, St. Benedict; Mrs. Louise Valeria, Hastings; Mrs. Isabelle Fuller, Cherry Tree R. D.; Margaret Most, Barnesboro; Joseph Taveris, Emigh; John

Babyak, Carrolltown; George Mekulisa, Hillside; Mrs. Genevieve Wiggins, Barnesboro R. D.; Mrs. Helen Marusa, Barnesboro; Mrs. Annabelle Richardson, Marsteller; John Furia, Patton; Stephen Stoll, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Wanda Zimmerman, Carrolltown; Thelma Stoy, Ashville R. D.; Mrs. Mildred Frye, Hillside; Mrs. Gladys Patterman, Barnesboro R. D.; Mrs. James Westover, Harvey Bartlebaugh, Arcadia; Mrs. Mary Lubert, Hastings; Mrs. Rose Buccasi, Patton; William Miko, Alverda; Catherine Taylor, Bakerton; Betty Jane Melko, Patton; Melvin Neff, Westover; Helen Ponchock, Ashville; Thomas Magulick, Spangler; Mrs. Matilda Cassidy, Hastings; Julia Ann Glass, Coalport; Mrs. Eleanor Lantry, Spangler; Dolores Pearce, Hastings; Mrs. Rhoda Pearce, Coalport; Peter Bernard, Barnesboro.

MATERNITY
Mr. and Mrs. Lou Lydic, Comodore, R. D., daughter, April 28. Mr. and Mrs. Frank DePetro, Barnesboro, son, April 29. Mr. and Mrs. Charles McNulty, Carrolltown R. D., daughter, April 29. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gach, Barnesboro, daughter, April 29. Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCulley, Irvona, daughter, April 30. Mr. and Mrs. Earl McMasters, LaJesse R. D., daughter, Apr. 30. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bleich, Barnesboro R. D., daughter, May 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kelly, Carrolltown, daughter, May 1. Mr. and Mrs. John Hnatkovich, Hastings, son, May 1. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lantry, Spangler, daughter, May 1. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nalimick, Bakerton, son, May 1. Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKee, Westover, son, May 2. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carnicella, Patton, son, May 2. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Laney, Cherry Tree R. D., son, May 3. Mr. and Mrs. William Duriez, Barnesboro, son, May 3. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yenko, Patton, daughter, May 3. Mr. and Mrs. William Mock, Hastings, son, May 3. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pysz, Barnesboro R. D., son, May 3. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kandler, Hastings, daughter, May 4. Mr. and Mrs. John Madachick, Spangler, son, May 4.

DEAN
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur LaBlanc of Niagara Falls, N. Y., announced the birth of a daughter last Sunday, May 4. Mrs. LaBlanc is the former Vivian Briggs of Dean. Roger Cavallet and Roland Cavallet and son, John, visited in Pittsburgh Friday where John had a new brace placed on his arm. Dominic Reghetti, who is employed in Pittsburgh has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reghetti. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fontanella visited in Akron last Saturday. Mrs. Elmer Briggs and Mrs. Ruth Smith were last Saturday visitors in Indiana. Arthur Funicelli was a recent visitor here at the Briggs home. Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Garman of Glasgow visited recently here at the Briggs residence. Ernest Cavallet and son, Dullio visited in Coalport last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swires visited at the Reghetti home recently. Howard Swires and son, Henry and Leslie Reghetti were recent visitors in Ebensburg. Mrs. Elsie Reghetti assisted Mrs. Joseph Matish at the Briggs home when Mrs. Matish's son, Joey, became ill. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conso have moved into their new home at 1350 Sixth Ave., Altoona. Mr. and Mrs. James Pino and son, Mickey, were recent visitors here at Gerald Jacobs home. George Jacobs is spending a leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jacobs. Sylvia Boito and Dominic Reghetti were last Saturday visitors in Coalport. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cavallet visited recently at the Ernest Cavallet home. Mr. and Mrs. James Capatosti of Flinton visited in town recently. Mrs. Mario Fontanella was a visitor Sunday at the Candido Rosso home. Sunday visitors at the Orville Bernazzoli home were Mrs. Mark Fontanella and daughter, Rose Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swires visited Sunday at Howard Swires home. Dominic Reghetti was a recent visitor at the Boito home. Mr. Farabaugh was a Sunday visitor at the Ernest Cavallet residence. Mr. and Mrs. James Simanek moved recently to Akron, Ohio, where Mr. Simanek is employed. Mark Fontanella, Arnold Funicelli and Leroy Bergamusch spent a few days recently on a fishing trip in Potter County. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jacobs visited last Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fontanella.

Jim Letterer of Cresson visited last Friday evening with Rose Ann Fontanella. William Judd, Jimmy Hertzig, and Pat Hertzig and friends enjoyed a fishing trip near Bellefonte recently. Idello Boito was a recent visitor at the James Cavallet home in Akron, Ohio. James Berringer, who has been seriously ill, is slowly recovering in a hospital. His many friends and neighbors wish him a speedy recovery.

Barnesboro School DPA Project OK'd
The work project asked by the Barnesboro School District last week has been given approval of the Cambria County Board of Assistant. Thirteen men and two women who are on relief were requested by the school directors to continue a project started last year. It will include grooming and maintenance of school lawns, painting the football bleachers and fence. Relocations of sections of fence around the school's football field also will be part of the project. The fence will be relocated as a part of Barnesboro food control operations. Sanding and varnishing of school desks and other minor work is planned.

SPANGLER FROM FRIDAY
The annual junior-senior prom, "Tropical Island," will be held on Friday evening of this week in the high school auditorium. Music for the dancing will be furnished by Ray Templeton's Orchestra.

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