

Half of County's Employees Granted Pay Hikes By Board

Around 110 Affected In All Departments

Around half of the employees on the Cambria County payroll have been granted pay raises averaging slightly less than \$16 a month.

The hikes became effective beginning June 1, and resulted from decisions reached after a number of top level preparatory conferences in recent weeks. Approximately \$21,040 will be added to the county's annual payroll as a result of the increases.

Most of the beneficiaries of the new rates were employees of the county institution district, which includes the county home, the children's home and the county-owned farms.

Limited number of employees were affected by hikes within the courthouse itself, aside from the janitorial force. Practically no women were granted increases unless they were receiving less than \$195 a month. Deputies were given hikes ranging from \$15 to \$25, depending upon the recommendation of the department heads to the salary board, comprised of County Commissioners Pat Farrell, Thomas A. Owens and Cyrus W. Davis, and Controller M. C. Chervenak, Jr.

Three department heads under

the commissioners were among those receiving increases. Lloyd Felix, manager of county farms, received a boost of \$25, to \$270 a month; J. Harold Gibb, director of Veterans' Affairs, was granted a \$22.50 hike to \$290, and Frank Burns, superintendent of the county home, received an increase of \$15, to \$296 monthly. Both Felix and Burns receive living quarters and some maintenance at county expense.

Other pay raises ranged from \$5 to \$25 monthly. In discussions with department heads regular salary board members set \$25 as the maximum increase they would approve.

This set top pay for first deputies at \$330 per month, although in some cases a similar increase was approved. Six men in the commissioners' office were given \$15 per month increases which makes their salaries range from \$265 to \$310.

At the county jail, all employees except the warden were given \$15 increases. This boosts the base pay for guards to \$222 except for two deputies whose salaries will be somewhat higher.

In the courthouse itself most of the increases went to the janitorial and maintenance crew members.

Some women employees who were receiving less than \$195 per month were boosted to that figure. There was no increase granted to women receiving more than that amount.

In making the adjustments, salary board members also added new employees to the regular payroll—one in the treasurer's office, two on county juvenile home premises, and three on children's home employees.

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Robert A. Gleason Given Second Term As GOP Chairman

Procedural Snag Delays Meeting Short Time

Robert A. Gleason of Westmont on May 24 was elected to a second two-year term as chairman of the Cambria County Republican Committee at a meeting interspersed with interruptions at Ebensburg Courthouse.

A total of 150 committeemen and women cast votes personally at the convention—and all with the exception of three were for Gleason. The chair also received the proxy vote, estimated at 200.

Attorney Maurice Shadden of Westmont got three votes.

On motion of Arthur Villareal, Gallitzin, the committee secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Gleason.

Charging that the meeting was illegal, George A. Salem, Franklin, attempted a one-man uprising but was frequently shouted down. He asked to be "thrown out" but his request was not granted.

Salem's principal objection was that county committee rules had not been filed at the Courthouse until just before the meeting was started. Thus, he claimed, the call for the meeting was not valid.

However, Salem's oft-repeated charges were anticipated. Even before he spoke fully, the committee had voted to suspend its rule requiring the chairman to notify all committee members of time and place of the meeting at least five days before it is held.

Salem received some support from Carroll E. Hursh of 17th Ward, Johnstown, who placed Shadden's name in nomination. There was no second.

Paul Willis Loretto, gave the nominating speech for Gleason. The re-elected chairman also gave a short acceptance speech.

While there was no doubt of the outcome of the election, the GOP committee struck a procedural snag when it approved a motion that the vote should be by roll call. Despite this motion, a standing vote was taken and it then was necessary to revise the previous motion again by standing vote. Johnstown Councilman I. Nevin Jones, committee secretary, presided during the election.

Committeemen were urged by Gleason to support to the fullest the Republican presidential nominee, whom he might be. The success of the presidential candidate, he said, will determine the success of other GOP office-seekers in this county.

Pointing to recent GOP registration gains in the county, the chairman said a concentrated registration drive will begin Aug. 1.

A moment of silence was observed in respect to the memory of two district committeemen who died recently—Martin Boushner of Barnesboro and Snyder Yerger of Patton.

A reception at Wisinger's Inn followed the meeting.

State Has Nearly 2,000 Miles 3-Lane Roads In System

(By Pennsylvania News Service)

Pennsylvania has nearly 2,000 miles of three-lane highway in its 41,000 state highway system, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Highways.

In the field of four-lane highways there is a total of 214 miles of undivided highways and 114

miles of divided four-lane highways.

To this can be added the 327 miles of divided four-lane highway—but of a toll road nature—in the famed Pennsylvania Turnpike, which is not operated by the Department of Highways, but by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

The free-way four-lane highway is scattered about the state but is found for the most part, in and near fairly large cities.

"Simultaneously with this multiple lane construction, the Pennsylvania Department of Highways has been devoting unequalled attention to farm-to-market roads"

a spokesman pointed out.

Less than 1000 miles of unimproved roadway remains on the state's highway system and the total is steadily decreasing.

It is expected that within a few years Pennsylvania's highway system will consist entirely of all-weather surfaces.

Suspected Owner Of Slot Machines Is Uniontown Man

Several new developments took place in the big slot machine arrests last week, with the most significant being the arrest of James Garrow, 55, of Uniontown as a suspected owner of the 127 "one-armed bandits" found in private homes in Gallitzin and Portage.

Garrow was released on \$5,000 bond on charges of violating the gambling laws.

In addition Mr. and Mrs. John Berardinelli of Gallitzin and Joe Bodosky of Benscreek, Portage Twp., each have posted \$2,000 bond for appearance in court.

Some 45 machines were stored in the Berardinelli home and 85 on the vacant side of a double house occupied by Bodosky.

Garrow, whose occupation is listed as a salesman, was picked up in Uniontown by two Cambria County detectives—John W. Reed and Charles Volchansky—accompanied by Detective Frank Kane of Fayette County.

Sources contacted in Uniontown said they did not know the nature of his business.

Garrow was said by one source to be a brother of Fred Garrow who was killed May 17, 1947, in Pittsburgh in what police termed a gangland slaying.

Freddie Garrow, 47, and Frank Evans, 27, were found dead on a lonely road near Pittsburgh with their bodies riddled with bullets. The double slaying is still unsolved.

The warrant for Garrow's arrest was issued by Justice of the Peace O. J. Strickler of Portage, who also issued the warrants and received the bonds of the other three defendants.

Chief County Detective John F. Carroll said Garrow's name is included on the information against the Berardinellis as well as the one against Bodosky.

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Big Drop Noted In Blood Donations In This Area

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Number of pints of blood used also dropped. The armed forces were sent 588 pints while civilian

hospitals in the area used 2,300. The seven hospitals in Cambria County Chapter used 751 pints, 86 of the pints being sent into the Northern Cambria area. Blood usage by the three hospitals in this area was: Coover, 2; Minors' Hospital, Spangler, 52; and State Sanatorium, Crossin, 32.

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Farmers Have Only Few More Weeks To Sign With ACP

Farmers of Cambria County are reminded by W. H. Fyock, chairman of the county PMA committee, that they have only until June 30 in which to sign up to cooperate in the 1952 Agricultural Conservation Program.

Mr. Fyock said that the county and community PMA Committeemen are urging farmers to cooperate in the ACP because the soil and water conservation practices encouraged in this program are so vitally necessary to assure needed production to meet defense requirements. The current need for increased production of feed grains is particularly urgent.

"But we have to think of more than the production need this year," the chairman points out. "The needs may be even greater next year. That is why farmers are being urged to go over their farms field by field to determine what is most needed to make the land more productive."

Mr. Fyock stresses that the program is open to all farmers out cooperation is strictly voluntary. Participating farmers are urged to check their farms for the conservation operations that are most needed and then to use the program to help carry out the practices which will do the most good in meeting these needs.

Farmers are given all possible assistance in working out the "first-thing-first, year-by-year" conservation program for their farm. In all cases emphasis will be on practices that tie in directly with the current and future production needs.

Nurses Needed to Compile Medical Histories In Area

Volunteer registered nurses in the North Cambria area are needed to do medical histories on mobile medical operations in that same area.

Licensed registered nurses, assisting in a training and orientation course for nurses, are desired to contact Miss Ethel H. Starr, R.N., director of Union Miners Hospital, Spangler.

Tentative plans call for two sessions, the first in the morning, the other in the afternoon, sometime this month.

Seneca Falls Branch R. C. Office Closed Next Week

Office hours of the Red Cross Seneca Falls branch in Spangler have been cancelled for Thursday of next week. However Miss Jane Gerber will keep the usual hours, 11:30 a. m. to 2 P. M., Thursday, June 5. In case of emergency, home service assistance can be obtained by phoning Seneca Falls Branch, 501.



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