

Barnes & Tucker Purchases Blubaker Coal Co. Interests

Hold Mineral Rights In North County Area

A 64-year-old Northern Cambria County coal mining firm has changed hands.

The Blubaker Coal Company of Spangler has been purchased by Barnes & Tucker Company of Barnesboro. The Blubaker interests also maintained offices at Harrisburg.

Long recognized as a pioneer of the coal industry in the county, the Blubaker Coal Company operated in a decidedly unusual fashion.

It didn't mine any coal itself throughout its long years in business. Instead it acquired coal property which it leased to other bituminous firms on a royalty basis.

L. J. Pfeister, former Blubaker office manager in Spangler, reported that Barnes & Tucker purchased the rights to 9,000 acres of solid coal in Susquehanna, Barr, East Carroll, West Carroll, Elder, Pine and Burnside Townships.

After serving the old-line coal firm since 1917, Mr. Pfeister retired last month.

He began his association with the Blubaker concern in the capacity of an administrative engineer. He worked his way up through the ranks until finally he headed the staff of four engineers who worked out of Spangler in recent times.

The new owners plan to retain the name of Blubaker Coal Company. Richard Todhunter Sr., who is president of Barnes & Tucker, will serve in the same capacity

32 County Farmers End Tour of State

Thirty-two Cambria Countians returned last week from a three-day tour of the state tour sponsored by the Cambria County Agricultural Extension Association.

The tour included historical points and outstanding farm operations. A stop was made at the Longwood Gardens of the DuPont family, the King Ranch in Chester County and at commercial apple and peach orchards in Maryland and Pennsylvania. The tourists saw mushroom growing methods, broiler production and processing plants, vegetable farms, melon and cantaloupe farms and poultry hatcheries.

TO SING IN CONCERT

A Barnesboro girl has been selected to be a soloist this week at a concert of the summer season chorus at Pennsylvania State College. She is Miss Agnes Feodor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fedorko, of Barnesboro.

Classified ads are investments.

Hastings Girl to Be Bride Next Week

Miss Mary Ruth Semelsberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Semelsberger of Hastings, and Joseph Horne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Horne of St. Augustine, will be married at 9 p. m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, in a single-day ceremony in St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Hastings.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner will be served at the Commercial Hotel, Patton. A reception will be held at the couple's new home in Patton. The couple plan a wedding trip to the New England States.

Miss Semelsberger is a graduate of Hastings High School and State Teachers College, Indiana. She is employed as an instructor at John Carroll Joint High School, Carrolltown. Mr. Horne is a graduate of Hastings High School and St. Francis College, Loretto, is manager of the Farm Bureau Insurance Co., office, Barnesboro.

A copy of the resolution is to be sent to all school boards concerned, and one presented to Dr. A. M. Stull, county superintendent of education, at his office, meeting of East Carroll School Board with residents of the township at Carrolltown last night.

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Nealen Twins, Nuns Over Half Century, Now 70 Years Old

Nicktown Sisters Spent Most of Time Together

The district's most unique twins—Sisters Margaret and Barbara Nealen—natives of Nicktown, observed their 70th birthdays quietly on Sunday in secluded St. Joseph's Institute, Baltimore.

Their pleasure in marking the day together was made even more distinctive since both nuns also were celebrating their golden jubilee year as members of their Catholic order.

The twin sisters passed the mid-century mark as members of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, in January.

When they observed the start of their 51st years as sister nuns Jan. 12, they set a record never before recorded in the order's 143-year history in the United States.

Daughters of the late Theodore and Katherine (Kirsch) Nealen of Nicktown, Sisters Barbara and Margaret attended classes in Barr Township Schools during their childhood.

They left the Nealen homestead to begin their religious lives in October, 1902, two months after their 20th birthdays, and haven't returned home since that time.

The sisters spent most of the ensuing years together at Seton institute, where Sister Barbara still is pharmacist.

Her twin served as a nurse at Providence Hospital, Buffalo, N. Y., for several years and then returned to Baltimore and her sister. At present, she continues to serve part time as nurse.

Although they seldom leave the Baltimore institution, the nuns who are one of five sets of twins in a family of 17 children, are visited frequently by their many relatives.

Twelve members of the Nealen family still are living, including three of the five sets of twins.

In visiting with their relatives, the sisters term their last fifty years as a period of "great peace of mind."

Both agree that they have less care and worries than most other persons and that their religious lives have been conducive to good health and longer life.

In looking back over a half century of religious work, Sister Barbara insists:

"I'd choose the same way of life if I had to do it over again." To which Sister Margaret echoed: "Absolutely."

Spangler, Hastings Men Sentenced By Court Monday

One defendant received a jail sentence and another was placed on probation when they entered guilty pleas before Judge George W. Griffith Monday in Ebensburg Courtrooms. Both defendants are from this area.

John R. McCall, Spangler, was sentenced to serve from 60 days to 23 months in the county jail on larceny charges. He was arrested by state police for participating in the theft of mining equipment in Susquehanna Township. One of his accomplices pleaded guilty last week and another has not been apprehended.

The court was told that McCall is wanted by the Army for being AWOL from his camp. McCall admitted participating in the theft of a battery valued at \$100 and owned by Abe Marcus of near Spangler and mining equipment from a mine owned by Ben Butterworth of Barnesboro R. D. James M. Huggill, 21, of Hastings was given a one-year probation on a sentence when he pleaded guilty to larceny. He was charged, along with Leonard W. Schilling of St. Benedict, with the theft of mine car wheels from the mine of Michael A. Basile of Barnesboro. State Police said that all but two of the wheels, valued at \$18 each, were recovered. Huggill was directed to make restitution of \$18 to cover half of Basile's loss. The case against Schilling still is pending.

DYSART LAD POLIO PATIENT

Leon Davidson, 15-year-old Dysart lad, is a polio patient at the Altoona Hospital. His condition at present is reported as very much improved. Leon is a son of Earl and Margaret Davidson.

BUY BEADS PROPERTY

J. H. Hommer of Reade Twp. purchased 116 acres of land in Reade Township for sum of \$10,000 from Mrs. E. E. E. and Velma Wallace Williams of Clearfield.

Commerce Group Proposes Patton, Carrolltown Join

Patton Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Wednesday evening took a stand in favor of combining the present Patton-Chest Township Joint School District and the John Carroll Joint School District into one joint district.

Members passed a resolution recommending the formation of a new joint set-up to include Patton Borough, Carrolltown Borough, Chest Township, East Carroll Township and West Carroll Township, and also to add the north portion of the Prince Gallatin District, which includes the Borough of Chest Springs and Clearfield Township.

The local Chamber of Commerce members pointed out that the districts mentioned in one big district would set up better facilities for students in all member-districts.

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5-District Jointure Backed By Citizens

(Continued from First Page) we can get together and solve this problem.

Plans for a new senior high school building could be drawn up right away by such a jointure, the school leader said, and there would not be a cent paid until the building actually was occupied. The site of such a building would have to be approved by both the county school officials and finally by the state.

Residents of the township asked numerous questions, mainly concerning where pupils would go to high school this year. It was agreed that a jointure in brief form would be presented that the best idea right now would be to work toward the big jointure and the junior-senior high school system, and there would be time to iron out which schools East Carroll students would attend if such a jointure movement was not completed before the coming school year started.

Aaron Prosser, president of the East Carroll Board, and the other school directors all reiterated that they were in favor of the jointure. A jointure in brief form was presented that the best idea right now would be to work toward the big jointure and the junior-senior high school system, and there would be time to iron out which schools East Carroll students would attend if such a jointure movement was not completed before the coming school year started.

Clem A. Hoover, one of the members, stated that the board couldn't sign with both Patton-Chest Joint and John Carroll Joint on the same night, and that board members did not say all students had to come to Carrolltown. "We have gotten a lot of unjust criticism," he stated.

Eucharistic Day Set At Loretto Church

Altoona Diocese Event Scheduled August 22

Rev. Father Joseph M. O'Toole, pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Baltimore, will deliver the sermon at the fourth annual Eucharist Day of the Altoona Diocese Aug. 22 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Loretto.

His appointment was announced by Most Rev. Richard T. Guilfoyle, Bishop of the Altoona Diocese.

Father O'Toole and his brother, Rev. Father John A. O'Toole of St. James' Catholic Church in South Fork, recently returned from a pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic Congress in Barcelona, Spain. Day will be observed with morning and afternoon ceremonies. Bishop Guilfoyle will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass, after which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for the day.

Private visits will be made until the procession at 2 p. m. Rites will conclude with Pontifical Vespers of the Blessed Virgin and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the church.

Youth representatives of all the Parishes in the Diocese have been invited to participate by singing at the Mass, the Vespers and taking part in the procession.

Air Force Intelligence Is Swamped With Questions On Flying Saucers

The Air Force didn't exactly say so but it left the impression those flying saucers are becoming quite a nuisance.

So much time is being spent answering saucer questions that it's interfering with regular intelligence work, Maj. Gen. John A. Hanford, Air Force Intelligence director, said.

Most of the inquiries are from press and radio. Many are from worried or curious citizens. The Pentagon press office has an office working full time answering saucer questions.

Ferrous bus to show how busy as it is, Air Force released a long list of statistics revealing it had received 432 written reports on "sightings of unidentified flying phenomena" so far this year. All those went to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Dayton, Ohio. They don't include

6 Home Ec Meets Held During Week

Six home economics meetings scheduled this week in Cambria County. Five of the sessions were held and the sixth one is set for tomorrow afternoon.

The cooking clubs met Monday afternoon in St. Richard's basement in Blandburg and Tuesday afternoon the dinner club held a session at the home of Mrs. Devey Beers of Ashville. Wednesday three clothing club meetings were held. The sessions took place at Fallentimber School, home of Ruth Anna of Patton R. D., and in St. Nicholas' School basement, Nicktown.

Tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. a clothing club will meet at the Holy Cross School, Spangler.

The sessions were in charge of Mrs. June K. Griffith, Cambria County home economics representative and Mrs. Margaret McKenrick, assistant.

2 More Coal Pacts To Be Reopened By UMW, Operators

Southern, Anthracite Negotiations to Begin

Washington.—New notices of work contract reopenings were served by John L. Lewis Monday. They raised the prospect of an industry-wide coal wage dispute before the steel mills resume normal deliveries.

Lewis served notice on the Southern Coal Producers Association, representing about 30 percent of soft coal output, that his United Mine Workers will consider their contract ended as of Sept. 30.

An earlier letter had called for reopening of the contract with the Bituminous Coal Workers Association headed by Harry Moses. This group represents about half of soft coal production. Lewis terminated that contract effective September 22.

UMW headquarters was uncommunicative as to the text of the letters or the size of the wage demand. Lewis said he would not make requests until after negotiations have been in progress for a time.

The basic rate in soft coal mines now is \$16.35 a day, plus overtime and other extras which bring the average close to \$18 daily.

Now the anthracite miners want a wage increase. Lewis has notified the hard coal industry that the present wage agreement will expire Sept. 30 and that he is ready and willing to begin negotiations for a new pact covering the 100,000 anthracite diggers.

On July 22, the United Mine Workers Union president had advised the bituminous coal industry that the wage agreement would terminate Sept. 22.

Lewis acted under a contract clause that provides that the pact can be terminated by either party on 60 days' notice.

Hourly anthracite wages are about the same as in the bituminous industry—averaging \$16.35 basic day's wage. However, anthracite miners work only a seven-hour day and earnings average a bit over \$17 a day, including overtime.

If a new contract is not signed with the hard coal miners by Sept. 30, or with the 450,000 bituminous miners by Sept. 22, it is believed there will be a strike. Lewis always has insisted on "no contract, no work."

Albert Kelly

Gallatin—Albert Kelly, a resident of Pittsburgh and former resident of this place, died on Friday, Aug. 1 in Pittsburgh.

Funeral services were held at 9 a. m. Monday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Gallatin, and interment was made in the church cemetery.

WINS 20-INCH TV SET

Albert Lankin, Glen Campbell, has been announced as winner of the 20" console television set which was given away free in conjunction with the 8th Anniversary of Bradford Furniture Co.'s Barnesboro Store.

The Empire State Building contains enough steel to build a double track railroad from New York to Baltimore, says the marble in its halls and lobbies exhausted a whole year's output of several quarries in France, Italy, Belgium and Germany.

While all husbands needs to be criticized at times, the smart wife knows enough not to be the one to do it.

Annual Firemen's Convention At Portage Proves Big, Interesting; Officers Named

Estimated 10,000 Persons Witness Parade On Thursday; Patton-Chest First In Junior Bands

An estimated 1,500 delegates crowded into Portage on Wednesday last week to attend the first session of the two-day annual convention of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and its auxiliary. Flight of the first session was the election of officials by both of the groups.

Boyd Anderson of Cherry Tree was elected to head the association for the coming year. Mrs. Bridget Bowser of Portage was named president of the auxiliary.

Other association officers named were: Chairman F. Warkel of Cover Hill, first vice president; Joseph Barr of Nanty Gls, second vice president; Robert Allison of Ebensburg, re-elected secretary, and Richard W. Logue, of Portage, treasurer.

The association president automatically became the group's delegate to the state firemen's convention in October.

Other auxiliary officers named were Mrs. Margaret Furguth of Patton, first vice president; Mrs. Nora Wheeler of Dale, second vice president; Mrs. John Whalen of Spangler, secretary, and Mrs. Katherine E. Glasser, of Barnesboro, treasurer.

Mrs. Whalen will be serving her 22nd term as secretary, and Mrs. Glasser her 22nd term as treasurer.

Site of the 1953 convention was not set last week, but will be decided upon at the Sept. 25th meeting of the association to be held in Danco.

Portage Fire Company officials were hosts to the annual banquet on Wednesday evening.

Parade and Tournament

The climax of the convention activities, however, came on Thursday evening with what Portage officials termed "the largest and most colorful parade in the county's history."

A total of 150 marching units and vehicles vied for the \$2,000 in prize money in a procession which required almost two hours to pass in review before the judges' stand.

Borough officials estimated that 10,000 persons were on hand to witness the parade. Police reported traffic jammed bumper to bumper for nearly an hour on Route 53 prior to the parade's start.

Parade winners are as follows: Member Companies: Best-appearing fire company, (not less than 20 men in line of march)—Franklin, \$75; Coalport, second, \$25; most men in line of march—South Fork, \$35; best-appearing pumper (over 500 gallons)—Conemaugh, \$25; best-appearing pumper (500 gallons or less) Dale, \$25; best-appearing apparatus, other than pumper—Ebensburg, \$15; best-appearing auxiliary—(10 or more in line of march)—Cover Hill, \$35; Lower Yoder, second, \$20; company traveling longest distance, Clymer, \$20.

Non-Member Companies: Best appearing fire company, not less than 20 men in line of march, Roaring Spring, \$75; Martinsburg and Tyrone, tied for second, \$25 each; best appearing auxiliary, 10 or more in line of march, Bowell, \$35; Roaring Spring, second, \$20; best appearing apparatus, Central City, \$25; company traveling longest distance, Mill Hill, \$50.

Single line: Nanty Gls, 44.1 seconds, \$35; Patton, 45.8 seconds, \$20; and Carrolltown, 56 seconds, \$15; double line: Carrolltown, 31.5 seconds, \$25; Gallatin, 33.5 seconds, \$15, and Hastings, 36.5 seconds \$10, and triple line: Gallatin, 30.5 seconds, \$25; Carrolltown 31.2 seconds, \$15; and Nanty Gls, 31.2 seconds, \$15.

Judges were Ed Vashiner, Clymer; Edward George, Lilly; Donald Frye and Jack Maloney, both of South Fork; Vaughn Jones, Ebensburg, and Merrill Himes, Portage.

Milk Price Hiked To 23c Per Quart

Milk prices are now up one cent a quart in the Johnstown-Altoona marketing area, which includes Northern Cambria County.

The new retail price of standard milk is now 23 cents a quart. Premium milk is selling for 24 cents. Cream went up one cent a half-pint and buttermilk, one cent a quart.

On Class 1 milk, which is the kind that goes into quart bottles, the farmer is getting an extra 2¢ cents per hundredweight, boosting his price to \$6.40 for each 100 pounds. The dairies are collecting an extra 1½¢ cents on extra hundredweight of Class 1 milk.

The price change, which went into effect last Saturday, was ordered July 14 by the State Milk Control Commission and is the first in this area since July of 1951.

Retail milk prices in the area advanced one cent a quart in April, 1951, and a half-cent more in July of that year. They had been cut by 1½¢ cents a quart in March, 1950, but the cut was wiped out in September of the same year.

Hastings Couple Married Recently

Miss Helen Ferry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferry of Hastings, became the bride of Arlen Madis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Madis, also of Hastings, on Sunday, July 27, at the Methodist Church, Hastings.

The ceremony was performed at 3 p. m. by Rev. H. B. Bailey Jr. of St. Paris, Ohio, a former pastor of the church. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Her sister, Mrs. Wendell Routh, was matron of honor and Miss Carol Madis, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid. Wendell Madis was his brother's best man and Donald Routh and James Abraham Jr. were ushers.

The soloist was George Pollock, music director of Spangler schools, who was accompanied by Mrs. Henry Caldwell Spangler. A dinner at the Ferry home preceded the ceremony. Following the wedding a reception was held in the school room of the church.

Mrs. Madis is a graduate of the Hastings High School and formerly operated the Madis Beauty Salon in Johnstown. Her husband is a graduate of Hastings High School and State Teachers College, Indiana. He now is enrolled in a college in Cleveland, Ohio, where he is employed. The couple will live in Cleveland.

THE GLASGOW FIRE CHARGE

Rev. W. C. Bell, Pastor, Sunday, August 16, 10:30 a. m. All Saints Church—The Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. Alverta Lovell, sup.

Fallentimber Church—The Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Robert Croe, sup.

Pleasant Hill Church—The Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Raymond Jackson, sup., Charles Youth Fellowship at 7:45 p. m.

St. Paul's Church—Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Mrs. Ellen Miller, sup., 9:30 at 10:45 a. m. Bible study and prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. in the Allensville Church.

ANNOUNCE BIRTHS

Airman and Mrs. Clair A. Bearer Jr. announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, July 25 in Wichita Falls General Hospital, Wichita Falls, Texas. Airman Bearer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bearer of Ebensburg, former residents of Carrolltown.

Band and Drum Corps

Best senior band, Conemaugh, \$100; Indiana Community Band, second, \$50; best junior band, Patton High School, \$100; Spangler High School and Occoia Mills, tied for second, \$37.50 each; best senior drum corps, Tyrone, \$100; Hastings corps, \$50; best junior drum corps, Windler, \$50.

A special \$50 prize was awarded to a drill team of Spawville Fire Company, which compiled a 98.6 point score. All uniformed marching units which did not win prizes were presented with \$25 for participating in the parade.

Judges were as follows: Music—E. B. Jones, Rev. Father Richard Conti and Mrs. John Powers, all of Portage; marching—Samson Goldstein, Johnstown, and Blaine Wardell and Ray Ritchey, both of Portage, and equipment—Ray Callahan, South Fork, and William McCabbe and Clair Sheridan, both of Portage.

Efficiency Winners: Nanty Gls, Carrolltown and Gallatin firemen copied first prize money in efficiency contests, as follows: Single line: Nanty Gls, 44.1 seconds, \$35; Patton, 45.8 seconds, \$20; and Carrolltown, 56 seconds, \$15; double line: Carrolltown, 31.5 seconds, \$25; Gallatin, 33.5 seconds, \$15, and Hastings, 36.5 seconds \$10, and triple line: Gallatin, 30.5 seconds, \$25; Carrolltown 31.2 seconds, \$15; and Nanty Gls, 31.2 seconds, \$15.

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