

## Miners' Rehabilitation Clinic Held Yesterday At Bakerton

**Disabled Men Aided By Combined Efforts**

A rehabilitation-medical care screening clinic was held in the Bakerton United Mine Workers Hall on Wednesday of this week. Physically handicapped miners in the North Cambria region attended. Their cases were reviewed and considered by various interested individuals and organizations.

The arrangements for the session, which lasted all day, were made by the Johnstown area medical office of the UMW Welfare and Retirement Fund.

Taking part in the event were vocational rehabilitation counselors, UMW rehabilitation representatives, Pennsylvania State Employment Service field workers, representatives of vocational trade schools, district and union officials, and UMW fund specialists.

Thomas Fulton, rehabilitation director in the area medical office at Johnstown, cited these reasons for the clinic:

To orient handicapped miners to the assistance available from state and voluntary agencies.

Reviewing medical problems with each miner and arranging for any indicated care.

Reviewing of compensation problems.

Assisting miners in adjusting to their disabilities if they are not in line for vocational rehabilitation.

The Bakerton meeting yesterday was an effort in making the clinic approach valuable by taking the service to the miners in their home area. It displayed an active interest of those concerned.

Prime motive of the session was to personalize the various agencies through the presence of their representatives. The clinic coordinated all the activities of the agencies and clarified the thinking on the problems presented in each case history.

A meeting of this nature gave the principal himself a participation in the planning. The nurse from the medical office first interviewed the patient and assisted him with personal and family living problems.

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## John Carroll Band Uniform Fund Has Total of \$3,800.00

The John Carroll High School Band Uniform Fund drive thermometer now has hit \$3,800 toward the goal of \$4,000.

This was revealed at a meeting of the band uniform committee held Tuesday evening at Carrolltown Legion Home. The drive is being sponsored by various organizations and individuals in Carrolltown Borough and East and West Carroll Twp.—the districts which make up the John Carroll Joint School District.

On Friday of this week the band will visit St. Benedict, and conduct a house-to-house drive for funds there. Last Friday the group visited Bakerton, and two weeks ago toured Carrolltown.

The committee also announced that persons residing in East Carroll Twp. would be contacted next week, as well as those in West Carroll Twp. who have not been contacted as yet.

A ham will be given away for benefit of the fund Monday of next week. This project is under direction of the high school student body. The Bakerton grade school will start a project Tuesday whereby a turkey will be given away on Nov. 25.

Carrolltown Legion also has announced that their annual turkey social, to be held Friday, Nov. 14, at the American Legion Home, will be for the benefit of the band uniform fund.

The committee plans to publish a complete list of donors at the conclusion of the drive, which will be Dec. 1.

## Fire Destroys Barn On Thomas Farm At Midnight Friday

**High Winds Quickly Fan Blaze to Inferno**

Loss estimated at more than \$16,000 resulted shortly before Friday midnight when fire destroyed a barn on the C. B. Thomas farm on Patton R. D.

The blaze was discovered about 11:45 p. m. by Charles Stoy, a tenant on the Thomas farm. A few minutes later, it was said, the barn roof seemed to explode.

The barn was one of two on the Thomas property, commonly known as the Lanberry farm.

Mrs. Thomas, wife of the owner, said her husband had returned home shortly before the fire broke out and nothing seemed amiss when he placed the car in the garage. She said she saw the blaze when she went downstairs to unlock the door for her husband several minutes later, but thought it to be a forest fire.

Patton Volunteer firemen answered the alarm but the blaze was beyond control when they arrived. So firemen directed water on the Stoy residence and other nearby houses as a precaution. Firemen also battled minor forest fires which resulted from the blazing barn.

Neither Mr. or Mrs. Thomas know what caused the blaze, but remarked that a high wind whipped the fire into an inferno. The barn was used as a storage place for farm machinery, hay and straw. Livestock was kept in the other barn. The barn was insured.

## Fire Co. Collection To Be Held Nov. 14

Within the next few days Patton Volunteer Fire Co. members will distribute envelopes to the homes and business places as the start of the organization's annual drive for funds.

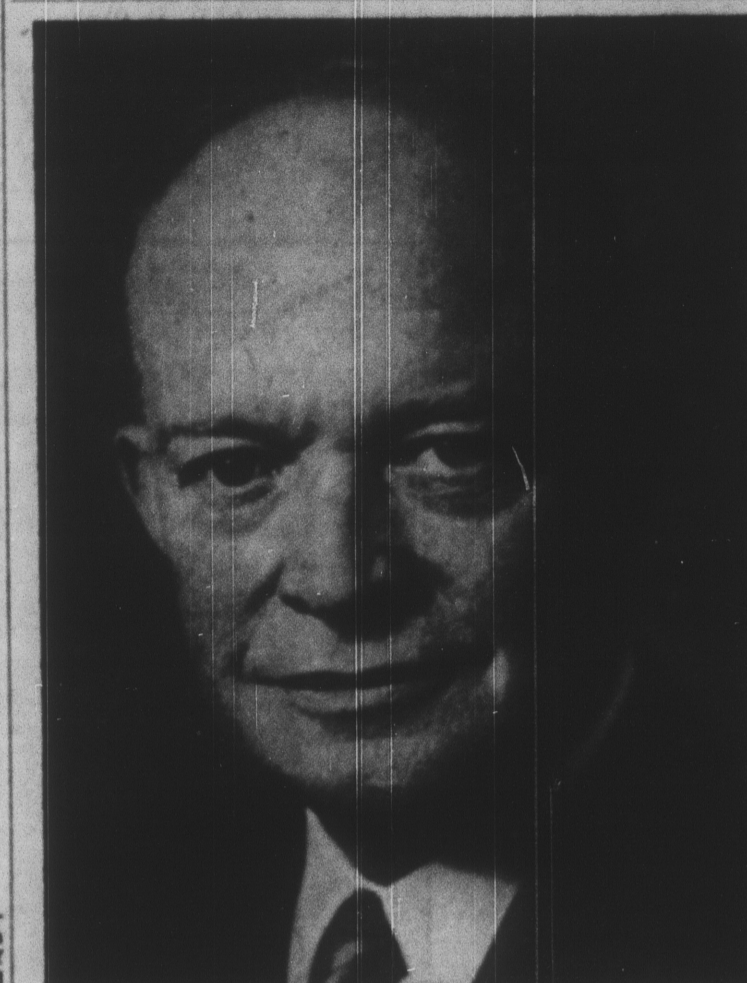
They have announced that the envelopes will be picked up by collectors going from door to door when the fire siren sounds at 6:00 p. m. Friday of next week.

This procedure has been used with success in past years, and householders are asked to have their envelopes ready when the volunteers come. Collections will be simultaneous, with each member being assigned a certain number of houses to cover.

This collection and the small income from social activities and the annual turkey social are the backbone of the Patton volunteers' financing.

Announcement also has been made that the firemen's turkey social will be held this year on Friday, Nov. 21, at Patton Fire Hall, and will begin at 7 p. m.

## Dwight D. Eisenhower Elected in Landslide; County Returns All Democrats As Winners



PRESIDENT-ELECT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

## Few Sticks, Chicken Wire Giving Eddie Donahue Good TV Reception

Police Chief Ed Donahue of Patton lays claim to getting about the best TV reception possible in Patton—with a home-constructed aerial costing him only about \$1.

The aerial is constructed of some old wood he had around his home on Palmer Ave., and few strips of one-inch mesh chicken wire available at all hardware stores.

Donahue doesn't use any pole or elevation of any kind either—simply nailed the contraption to the top of his roof.

Chief Donahue was given technical advice on making the antenna by Bert Zahner, and what they term as a "perfect picture" over WJAZ-TV resulted. However they are not satisfied and at the present time plans call for a differently shaped "all-purpose" antenna to pick up any station.

The whole thing looks something like a top-sided box kite without the paper on it. The back frame measures 7 feet by 3 feet, and about 3 feet to the front of this is another frame, measuring 6 feet by 1 1/2 feet. The rear frame is covered entirely with chicken wire, while the front one has chicken wire tapering from 1 1/2 feet to 1 foot toward the center of the frame, with a 3-

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## Patton Eagles Will Mark 47th Birthday By Class Initiation

On Sunday next, November 9, the Patton Aerie, No. 1244, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will celebrate their 47th anniversary.

Quite an interesting program has been arranged for the local Eaglesdom by the officers and committees in charge of the observance. A class of new members will be initiated at the meeting at 2:30 in the afternoon. The initiation ceremony will be in charge of the Altoona Degree Team.

The honor guest and principal speaker will be Past Grand Worthy President and Past Grand Worthy Secretary, Charles C. Quentner, of Pittsburgh.

The charter members of the Patton Aerie will be honored at the affair. They are C. P. Welty, John A. Thomas, Charles E. Crowell, Edward Jenkins, all of Patton, and E. L. Fox, of Altoona.

Dinner will be served after the business session and in the evening there will be a floor show and dance for members and their ladies and friends. Bob Ford's orchestra will furnish the music.

## Barnesboro Recruiting Station Closes Business

North Cambria County's Army and Air Force Recruiting Station was closed last Saturday with the transfer of T/Sgt. Robert Snyder to the Indiana (Pa.) Recruiting Station.

The station had been located in the VFW Building, Barnesboro, and formerly had been housed in the Luxenberg Building.

Sgt. Snyder will have charge of the Indiana office. He has announced that persons in this district who desire to enlist in the armed forces are asked to contact the Johnstown station in the Postoffice Building there. A recruiting station also is set up at the Altoona Postoffice.

## Local FFA Chapter Wins Parade First Prize With Float

Nearly the entire student bodies of Patton-Chest Twp. High and Grade Schools, as well as of St. Mary's Parochial School, and many adults took part in the big parade which was sponsored by the various Patton clubs and the Patton Fire Co. last Friday evening.

Patton High School Chapter of Future Farmers of America won first prize for floats with their scene of a hunter in an old corn field. Second float prize was awarded to Cambria County Archery Club, the prize being \$25.00. Third award of \$15 went to Bert McCombie of Barnesboro who drove his ancient Model T Ford, in which passengers were dressed in early 20th Century costumes.

Miss Mary Shatroky of Patton copied first prize for the float in a row in the adult class, receiving \$5. Later in the evening, her Carmen Miranda costume won her a prize at the Eagles' party in the city.

The parade was awarded to Albert Thomas, dressed as a hula dancer, and third prize went to Rev. William E. Fenstermaker, pastor of the local Methodist Church, who was dressed as a Scotchman.

First prize for grade school students went to the "milkmaid" and Miss Helen Haislaka. Second prize was given to Lois and Mary Lou Rainey, dressed as gypsies, and third prize to Mary Kay McKee, who was dressed as a Confederate casualty of the Civil War.

In addition, 25 prizes of \$1 each were awarded to the following:

Juliana Stevens, Lynn Shields, Donna Blasko, Tony and Elaine Sharkey, Sandra Stoltz, Jeff Merrens, Irene Burkey, Mary Lou Shook, July Kiebowicz, Mary Catherine Huber, Bert Weaver, John and Jerry Humphrey, Catherine Cammarata, Danny Wilshire, all of Patton.

Willard Fleming, Beatrice and Jimmy Noel, Geraldine Cavaluchi, Allan Beckwith, Lois Beckwith, Thomas Hoover, and Rusty Little, all of Patton, and Billy Becker of St. Boniface. On other \$1 prize was given to a child dressed in spotted long underwear bearing a sign "Measles," but his name could not be determined.

In addition to the firemen, the other sponsors were Patton VFW and American Legion posts, Sons of Italy, Slovak Citizens Club, Legal Order of Moose and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Following the parade, Halloween dances were held by various organizations.

## Memorial Church Services Sunday

**Armistice Day Plans Here Include Parade**

Veterans of all wars are reminded that Armistice Day services for the annual memorial church services for Armistice Day will be held this Sunday evening at 7:30 in St. George's Church, Patton.

Veterans are asked to meet in the VFW home at 7:15 p. m. and to march to the church in a body. The public also is invited to attend these services.

Plans for the observance of Armistice Day itself, next Tuesday, have been announced by Walter McCoy Post 614, American Legion, and John White Post 779, VFW, and will include a parade and a memorial service at the Grand Theatre.

The parade will form near the stop light at the corner of Magee and Fifth Aves. at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday. The line of march will include veterans, either with or without uniforms, the Patton Chest Twp. High School Band, and school students.

Indoor services at the theatre will be held immediately after the parade. All clergymen in the town have been invited to take part. Rev. Father Rupert Stadtmiller is acting as coordinator for the services.

Lunch and refreshments will be served at the VFW to all veterans taking part.

## A. C. Strittmatter Pioneer in Hastings



(James Studio Photo, Patton)

Anthony C. Strittmatter is one of the pioneers of Hastings Borough.

He took up residence there only nine years after the town was founded and initially helped the town grow. Now retired, he looks back with pride on his part in the development of the Northern Cambria community.

In partnership with his brothers, F. A. Strittmatter and A. T. Strittmatter, he operated the old Strittmatter Brothers Plating Mill. The present Strittmatter Brothers Company, operated by the sons of F. A. Strittmatter, is a descendant of the older firm.

Mr. Strittmatter started out as a carpenter, and the firm in which he was a partner had a large part in the development of Hastings. When the firm was dissolved, he became a partner in the Lord Construction Company which built various roads in the district. He retired in the early 1930's.

The aged man also took a leading part in the civic and cultural development of Hastings. He served on the borough council many years and was president of the old Hastings Bank when it was organized. Besides, he belonged to the fire company, sang in the church choir, and played

the bass horn in the original Hastings Band. He also served on the school board.

Born on Aug. 2, 1865, on the hill near Patton which bears his father's name, he is a son of the late Peter and Maria (Long) Strittmatter. He and the former Catherine Falsy were married on Jan. 19, 1897, in Snow Shoe. Mrs. Strittmatter died on Oct. 13, 1912.

Four of his six children are living—Margaret, wife of Cyril McMullen, Hastings; William, assistant cashier of First National Bank of Carrolltown, Ebensburg; Rev. Father Melitus Strittmatter, Utah; and Ellen, wife of James Dietrich, Hastings. A son, Charles, and a daughter, Agnes, died as young children. There are also six grandchildren.

Even at the advanced age of 87, Mr. Strittmatter is active. His hobby is gardening and he enjoys reading. He likes to listen to the news on the radio and took a keen interest in the current political campaign. Now he is active in only two organizations—the Holy Name Society and the Rosary Society of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Hastings. He resides at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Dietrich, Hastings.

## Carrolltown's Telephone Numbers Change This Thursday Morning

All telephone numbers in the Carrolltown area were changed at 8 a. m. this Thursday morning, Nov. 6, when a new and larger dial central office was placed in service there.

At that time, the central office name "Firestone" was introduced and all numbers changed to five digits. All phone numbers in the Carrolltown area were changed simultaneously, according to J. E. Cober, area manager of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

To call local numbers, Carrolltown subscribers dial the first two letters of the central office name, "FI," followed by the five digits of the desired number.

The project, which cost more than \$50,000, included the erection of a new building on Carroll Street in the rear of the former central office building. The old building will be torn down and the former dial equipment used at Carrolltown will be moved to a new central office to be set up in an adjoining county.

First regular call over the new system was made by Burgess M. J. Farabaugh, who called Charles A. Sharbaugh, president of the First National Bank of Carrolltown. Later this morning, Bell officials will be hosts at a breakfast for various civic and business leaders of Carrolltown, at the Willman Hotel.

Cober said the new equipment will provide better and more efficient service for Carrolltown subscribers and will provide facilities for future telephone growth. The old central office had reached its capacity.

Also, Carrolltown subscribers will use new codes in making calls to Hastings and Patton. The code to reach Hastings, instead of the former "97," will be "247," and to Patton, instead of the former "99," will be "267." After dialing the new code, Carrolltown subscribers should wait for the second dial tone and then dial the desired number.

The code number for calling Firestone (or Carrolltown) from Patton and Hastings remains "8" followed by the five-digit number of the Carrolltown subscriber. A special directory supplement, printed on green paper, has been distributed to all subscribers in Carrolltown, Barnesboro, Patton and Hastings, and should be used in the phone books. Consult the first leaf of the special directory for information on dialing Carrolltown (or Firestone) numbers.

## Bell Plans \$60,000 Project At Patton

The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania is now constructing an addition to its Patton central office building on Laag Ave. to provide additional facilities here for future telephone growth, it was announced this morning by J. E. Cober, local manager.

The building work will extend more than 27 feet to the rear of the present building. Much of the building construction has been completed, and the brick and concrete block materials used closely conform with the present building. Mr. Cober said the cost will be approximately \$10,000, and the project is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

As soon as the building work is completed, the manager said, a \$50,000 addition to the central office dial equipment will be started to provide additional facilities for additional subscribers in the Patton area. This work is scheduled for completion late next spring.

## Carrolltown Plans For Armistice Day

Armistice Day will be observed in Carrolltown with a High Mass at 9 o'clock next Tuesday morning in St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Following the Mass, a short outdoor service will be held, to be followed by a parade over the main street. John Carroll High School Band will take part as well as school children.

Fox-Pool Post, American Legion, will hold its annual banquet next Monday evening, with reservations for the event being held at the Patton area.

The banquet committee announced yesterday that there will be no speaking program at the event. Following the meal, entertainment will be provided by a special group from Altoona. The event will be held in St. Benedict's Church basement beginning at 6:30 p. m. sharp.

Later in the evening a dance will be held at the Legion Home.

## Keep Ashes In Yard Urges Borough Council

Property owners in Patton this week were reminded by borough councilmen that it is against the law to dump ashes in the streets and alleys of the borough.

The councilmen stated they have received complaints that ashes are being washed into neighbors' lots from time to time. They stated that arrangements should be made to have the ashes hauled away.

## Chest Springs Cinch Party

A series of three cinch parties will be held in the Chest Springs Grange Hall on Tuesday evening, Nov. 11, 18 and 25, at 8:30 o'clock, for the benefit of St. Monaghan's School, Chest Springs. A lunch will be served and door prizes awarded. Grand prizes for three nights will be a turkey. All are welcome to attend.

## Slovak Citizens Club Elects

George Dubyah was elected president of the Slovak Citizens Club of Patton last Sunday, Nov. 2, in the home.

Other officers include Michael Baylock, vice president; Andrew Benita, Jr., treasurer; John Hudak, secretary; and Albert Blasko, Nick Bobby and Joseph Hudak, trustees.

## Robert Simmons, 47, Buried Tuesday

Robert Simmons, 47-year-old Patton miner who had been an invalid since he was injured in a mine accident 19 years ago, died at his home in Patton at 9:45 a. m. last Saturday. He was born in Patton, a son of Harry and Anna (Gregory) Simmons.

Surviving are his stepmother, Mrs. Ellen Simmons, and three brothers and sisters: Mrs. Mabel Costell, Woodport, O.; Mrs. Bertha Preston, Akron, O.; Mrs. Dorothy Galloway, Johnstown; Mrs. Jean Simons, Edinburgport, Conn.; Norman, Harrisburg, and Edward, at home. He was a stepbrother of Mrs. Margaret Miller, Altoona, Pa.; Mrs. Ellen Brown, Patton, and Mrs. Lillian Brown, Well and William and Robert Brown, all of Millland.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Church of Our Chapel, Patton, by Rev. L. G. Gernack. Burial was in Hillview Cemetery, Patton.

## CONGRESS VOTE

CONGRESS (22nd District)	
Cambria	14,551
Armstrong	17,230
Totals	31,781
Majority	15,890

## COUNTYWIDE VOTE

PRESIDENT	
Adlai Stevenson, D.	50,635
Dwight Eisenhower, R.	38,870
Stevenson's majority	11,765

## U. S. SENATOR

Cyril E. Harris, D.	69,696
Edward Martin, R.	27,795
Rad's majority	41,901

The above news was supplemented this morning when Burgess M. J. Farabaugh made the first call of the new Firestone central office in Carrolltown to Charles A. Sharbaugh, president of First National Bank of Carrolltown, officially opening the new system at 8:00 a. m. Looking on while Mr. Farabaugh calls in James E. Cober, local manager of Bell Telephone Co.