

Hastings and Vicinity

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The Contract Fourrooms enjoyed a "play-for-blood" session at the Binder home on Spangler Street Wednesday evening of last week. Guess who held high score?

A recent report revealed that McMullen County in Texas, with a population of over a thousand, was completely crime-free over a six-month period and so the Grand Jury was dismissed. No trials booked.

A blind man can't be a good sweetheart reporter; neither can a man blinded by prejudice paint a true picture.

Quite a number of the local "quilt fry" we hear, are already busy preparing their annual "batch" of valentines, with one exception and other mail order books proving of great benefit in the make-em-yourself projects.

Mrs. Margaret Gallo and daughter, Shirley, spent the first of the week with relatives in Cleveland, Ohio.

John Ritts, former Hastings resident, is reported as seriously ill of an inner ear infection at his home in Gary, Ind. His wife, the former Aldyne Nage of Hastings, has also been ill but is now improved. Hastings relatives report.

The U. S. baby boom last year hit a new record level, nearly 4,000,000, easily topping the previous high, 3,700,000 in 1947, and bring the total population to 161,500,000.

A marriage license was granted in Ebensburg last week to Donald E. Wolfe of Hastings R. D. and Vivian Stumpf of Westover R. D.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woodley announced the birth of a son Jan. 14 in Miners' Hospital, Spangler.

Last week we saw listed a recipe for "Plain Children's Pudding" and we wondered if the diet would also be relaxed by fancy children. Of course, it could have meant a plain dessert!

Attorney J. Harrison Westover, who had been a patient in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, since the middle of October, returned to his home in Spangler Jan. 10. A former resident of Hastings, Mr. Westover's friends are glad to hear of his improved condition.

Quoting C. C. Colton, a contemporary writer—There are three great difficulties in authorship; to write anything worth publishing; to find honest men to publish it, and to get a sensible public to read it.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Clawson of Mansfield announce the birth of a daughter in the Spangler hospital Jan. 13. The infant's paternal grandparents are Mrs. Paul Clawson, the former Clara Westland, of Hastings.

Mrs. Paul Neely entertained members of her bridge club at her new home on Beaver Street last Thursday evening. The affair might well have been called a "blessing party," as the cordial hostess conducted her guests on a tour of inspection prior to the card session. Award winners were Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. A. J. Strittmatter, Mrs. Dave Westland and Mrs. A. J. Dillon, while Mrs. E. A. Holts received the travel prize.

How true: It is better to light

Mr. and Mrs. Regis Long of Summerhill were at the George Stitts home in East End the first of the week.

Dick Murphy, employed in Cleveland, Ohio, spent the week end here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Garrity of Hastings and Mrs. Mary Garrity of Patton were in Wellsville, N. Y., Wednesday and Thursday of last week, where they attended the funeral of a relative, Mrs. Margaret Bolan.

According to rumors, the local movie house will open in the near future, with screen showings several nights a week, if plans materialize.

Officers for 1954 of the Hastings Fire Company assumed office at the recent January meeting. Edgar Dillon is president.

Miss Marian Owens, R. N., of Altoona was at her home here the first of the week. After being a member of the U. S. Air Force for four years, Robert J. Kline last week received an honorable discharge at Sampson Air Base, N. Y., and returned to his home here. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kline. "Bob" held a sergeant's rating when discharged.

Sunday is Confraternity Sunday when St. Bernard's Rosary Confraternity will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 7 a. m. mass and have a meeting that evening in the social room of the church.

Miles Crausauer of Baltimore, Md., was at his home near town over the week end. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Crausauer. Also visiting the Crausauers over the week end were three Marines—Sgt. Dewey Charles, Cpl. Ed. D. Coel and Cpl. Herb Barnes, all of Quantico, Va.

Mrs. Gertrude Dreager and Misses Jean and June Crausauer were visitors in Altoona on Saturday.

Centenarians Again To Receive Plaques

Anyone living in this vicinity who is, or will soon be, 100 years old.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania will present testimonial plaques to residents of the state who become centenarians in the year.

Relatives, friends and family doctors are requested to inform the Medical Society of the names of those who will be 100 during 1954. Hand-lettered, framed testimonials will then be prepared and presented to the centenarians by officers of the medical society of the county in which they live.

Names, addresses and dates of birth of those residents of the state who will be 100 years old the first of the week are in the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, 230 State Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Sportsmen Name Officers for 1954

At the January meeting Friday evening in Moose Home here, Hastings Sportsmen's Association received officers for 1954 as follows:

Henry Link, president; Patrick Lynn, vice president; P. N. Crausauer, secretary-treasurer; Merle Yeager, delegate to Cambria County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.; Robert Hoover, alternate.

Members to serve on the game and fish and other various committees will be appointed at the next meeting of the association.

The Hastings Loyal Order of Moose holds membership in the Cambria County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc. Fred Soisson being the lodge's delegate.

Businessmen At Hastings Elect

Amandus Cunningham Monday night was elected first president of Hastings Businessmen's Association at the formal organization meeting in Veterans of Foreign Wars Home, Hastings.

Twenty business establishments were represented at the meeting.

Other officers are Dennis Thomas, vice president; James Farabaugh, secretary, and Donald Sibert, treasurer.

Secretary Farabaugh was authorized to meet with Borough Council to seek an ordinance governing peddling and soliciting in the borough.

Dues were set at \$2 annually. The group will meet at 8:30 p. m. the first and third Mondays of each month in the VFW. An invitation has been extended to all businessmen and clubs to join the group.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 1.

Believe It Or Not!

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Special Octave Prayers Daily

Special services will be said every morning following the 7:45 a. m. mass in St. Bernard's Church for the remembrance of Christianity during the Chair of Unity Octave. The popular devotion, observed each year from the Feast of St. Peter in Rome, Jan. 18, to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Jan. 25, is celebrated in many parts of the world as the result of the conversion of an order of Anglican Franciscans.

Long-Johns Vows Near Fooled Us!

An unusual headline caught our attention last week and for a moment we were fooled—could have wagered that warm underwear was subject of the article following the caption. But then, at second glance we noticed the hyphen between the two words and realize that a Long-John and John became man and wife. But that "Long-Johns" did give us a sucker!

Officers Are Installed By Hastings ICBU

Officers for 1954 were installed at the January meeting of Hastings ICBU with retiring president, Mrs. Edna Becker, in charge of installation.

Officers are: Mrs. Alma Owens, president; Mrs. Dorothy Stramer, vice president; Mrs. Hazel Thomas, treasurer; Mrs. Rita Westrick, secretary; Mrs. Jerome Miller, recording secretary; Mrs. Mary Billis, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. V. McAndrew, Mrs. Edna Kovach and Mrs. Jennie Hoack, guards.

Husband of Former Local Woman Expires

William Lecky, 52, husband of the former Agnes Hoover of Hastings, was claimed by death Jan. 14 in Rutherford, N. J. Funeral services were held here Monday morning. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Doris Jean, at home.

Mrs. Lecky is a sister of Gordon Hoover of Hastings.

Rotary Club News

Last week Adam Molino of Portage was the speaker at the Rotary Club meeting. A native of Hastings, Adam is now assistant to the Cambria County Prothonotary at Ebensburg. He spoke of the duties and problems incident to the office of prothonotary.

Another guest was Joseph

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US BOWLERS

Tain't fair! Only two pins on a triple. An' all Us expectin' that 'Ye Ole Scout would hit the jackpot. But the final score wur only 137. Tew bad—probbly the neereast she'll ever git.

Gert's new red bowlin' footwear dident seem tew help this time. Her second total sure mortified her. She even wur request-ed wit her offspring who wur not up ter par, by gum.

Pore Aggie feels so inhibited. Us' afraid she'll develop inter a introvert. That'd absolutely be a switchover.

Em is so ladylike. Even the little men falls down in adoration. It seems.

Wuz there the tall Jerry 'at wuzent there. She wur in the Buckeye State. Us wur told. Tain't nice to brag but Us Jerries must strike while the iron's hot—in sumpin. Us took tew games in spite of the dummy mark. Hee, hee, hee!

Our Cap's tone bring results—jist wur after annuder pin topples—willy nilly 'Mayhap her poris helped. But Kay's coronation lewis proved the real pep-perupper and definitely not a millstone around her trout.

Norma looks so cute in that party piasid shirt. An' that tomato red dress that Rose wears is a purty lowlin' outfit. Betty wur her extry eye, but they proved her false the foist tew rounds. That's allrite, Kead—Us jist spoonin'. Sumtimes the tumber jest won't timber.

Is they in, or is they ain't? Question tew pervoke a saint. Saints Us ain't, but ladies all. The Us sumtimes ditch the ball. Tain't for glory, tain't fer fame. But Us hopes tew "clear" each frame.

ESSIES WON-1

Either	\$9	111	\$3	
Kay	118	97	\$2	
Aggie	97	97	\$2	
Gert	184	84	\$9	
Rose	11	32	\$2	
Won-1	Totals	650	419	425

JERRIES WON-2

Jerome	\$5	122	\$2	
Aggie	\$9	102	\$2	
Gert	\$3	\$3	\$3	
Either	\$9	\$2	\$2	
Rose	\$9	\$2	\$2	
Won-2	Totals	605	433	470

Girls Planning An Outstanding Event

Active Grace Cunningham, popular prefect of St. Bernard's RVM Sodality, and her committee are boosting patronage for the annual Sweetheart Ball, to be held Friday evening, Feb. 12 in Moose Home here. With preliminary plans completed the girls are endeavoring efforts to promote a satisfactory attendance. Like events during the past years have proven particularly popular and the young ladies hope to make this year dance an outstanding affair.

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