

Patton Schools

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 School directors of Patton-Chest Township Joint District are very well pleased and proud of the remodeling program. They stated that the work on the two buildings was needed, insofar as the health and safety of the occupants of the schools and the over-all safety and upkeep of the buildings were concerned.

Mr. Cogley Issues Statement
 Mr. Cogley, in a statement to this newspaper, concerning the overall work on the renovation program has been very pleased that teamwork among everyone concerned was excellent.

"The one thing that has impressed me about this whole program has been the wonderful spirit of cooperation among all the groups involved," the school supervisor said. He continued by saying, "It is only natural that in such a large undertaking, routine is bound to be disrupted. The cheerful manner in which the teachers have accepted being shifted from one room to another, the distraction of workmen in the classrooms, the pounding of air hammers, has been an excellent example of teamwork."

"The janitors have been splendid in accepting the extra work involved and have done their full share towards the completion of the project."

"The contractors involved in the work have shown their understanding of our problem by going out of their way to make things just as easy for us as they possibly could."

"As the school administrator, I am deeply grateful for this cooperation of all those involved in the project, for without the wholehearted help of everyone this could have been a very trying time," he concluded.

Work Gets Individual Approval
 John I. Barnard, principal of the high school, in a statement concerning the renovation project, said, "I think that as the work

in the old building approaches its end, the school will be very modern in a standpoint of the heat, light and ventilation." Miss Grace Ulrich, a teacher in First Ward school, said, "The modernization program is truly swell. It is really wonderful. Edward Jenkins, janitor at the First Ward building stated: "I think the work is fine, and certainly a big improvement. When completed fully we will have one of the finest and nicest schools in this part of the county."

Concerning work completed at the Second Ward school, Miss Yvonne Yarger, a teacher, said: "I am very well pleased with the work, especially the fine lighting facilities and the heating system, which adds considerably to the comfort and health of the children." Nick Stokes, the Second Ward school janitor termed the work as "OK." He said, "The remodeling is 100 percent better. It makes a difference all the way around."

Representatives of the firms in charge of work, and the state inspector on the job, also voiced favorable opinions of the renovation program. H. C. McNeil, of Belle Landing, Pa. state inspector during the course of the project, said: "This is the first remodeling type job ever attempted by the state, and the work is surely going nicely. There has been very good cooperation between the contractors themselves, and with myself. And the school classes were on schedule with no days missed." Ned Stokes, representative of H. F. Lenz, registered engineer, of Johnstown, said the work was completed fast and at the same time according to specifications. Mr. Stokes was this newspaper's informant, in explaining just what had been reported at the schools. Benjamin Stutzman, Johnstown, head of the firm in charge of the electrical contract at the schools, said: "From top to bottom, the wiring is new and the most modern." He also gave our reporter a first-hand account of the work his company had completed.

Open House Will Be Held
 Directors of the Patton-Chest board announced that an open house will be held at both the First and Second Ward buildings sometime before the new school term begins to show the local residents just what has been completed. The open house will be held after the two buildings have been completely repainted and redecorated inside and other improvements are finished.

'FLYING SCHOOLROOM' AT HEAD OF ITS CLASS



LATEST thing in trainer planes is this two-place version of the Air Force F-86 Sabrejet, shown at a California base where it is known as the "flying schoolroom." The craft has dual controls and a fuselage five feet longer than regular fighters. Gunner practice is made possible by installation of two 50 calibre machine guns. Tryouts showed that the plane can make 650 miles an hour. (International Soundphoto)

the Adrian Hospital at Puncu-tawney, where physicians amputated the right foot at the ankle and the left leg above the knee. His condition has since been reported as satisfactory.

Dudrick's companion, Robert Clinger, of Corsica, Jefferson Co., probably saved his life by his fast thinking after the explosion. Flipping off his own trouser belt, Mr. Clinger used it as a tourniquet on Dudrick's left leg, placed the injured man in a truck and raced to the hospital at Puncu-tawney, 16 miles away.

The explosion occurred about 4:40 a. m. at a stripping operation of the Stinard Coal Co. of near-by Gramling, Clinger, the shovel operator, and Dudrick, shovel oiler, were working alone at the time and had just finished lunch. Mr. Clinger reported that as he started the shovel engine to resume work, Mr. Dudrick was standing on the gear box. Clinger said the engine seemed to be "acting up" and as he started to shut it off, the explosion occurred.

Dudrick was struck by pieces of flying metal. Clinger was uninjured. Clinger was unable to give any cause for the explosion. District Mine Inspector Perry E. Gaddis, of Clearfield, who investigated the accident, said the two men had just greased the shovel, and apparently when it was started something froze or broke in the motor, causing it to run at excessive speed and to build up pressure. A cast iron pressure plate about 2 inches in thickness and 18 to 20 inches in diameter broke loose from the motor and struck Dudrick on the left knee, causing his injuries.

Coalport-Irvo-na News Box

By MRS. DOROTHY PHILLIPS

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New Atomic Tests



THE ATOMIC Energy Commission in Washington announced plans for another series of tests for atomic and probably hydrogen weapons at the Eniwetok-Bikini proving grounds in the Marshall Islands in the Pacific. It said that men and materials would start moving to the islands this month. The new tests will be conducted by Joint Task Force 3, commanded by Maj. Gen. Percy W. Clarkson (above), of the U. S. Army.

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Air Testing Unit Does Good Work

(By Pennsylvania News Service)

Harrisburg—Pennsylvania's "air pollution wagon"—or mobile air testing laboratory—which has been in operation just about a year, appears to be doing outstanding work.

At least that was the word Pennsylvania News Service learned this week from the Department of Health, which operates the air testing unit. Said a spokesman:

"It was the first such unit to be put in operation by any state and the results have been most gratifying."

Actually the air testing equipment consists basically of an instrument known as a "Thomas Autometer" which registers the amount of poisonous sulphur dioxide in the air—and locates its point of origin.

As a result of this arrangement, a constant record can be made of the concentration of sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere, the direction from which the air is moving towards the sampling station, and the speed at which it is moving.

The tracing and evaluation of the source is highly essential since the source of any air pollution must be found before recommendations for abatement can be made.

"It is expected that the traveling laboratory, which looks something like an ugly duckling, will help prevent recurrences of the fatal Donora smog of a few years ago, still fresh in the minds of people in the area."

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rosian Jr. of Rellity, announce the birth of a daughter on Wednesday morning, Jan. 20, at the Miners' Hospital, Spangler.

Joan Benny to Wed

(By Pennsylvania News Service)

Harrisburg—Going to drive across the state.

If you are at this time of year, why not check first with your nearest State Police station or your local police station—and get a report on highway conditions where you're going?

It's as simple as that and the reason is that 120 such local and State Police stations are getting the word constantly on highway conditions throughout the state.

State Police told Pennsylvania News Service this week that regular teletype broadcasts are made prior to 8:30 a. m. and 4 p. m. each day when highway conditions warrant. Emergency information is transmitted however as soon as it is received.

This "highway weather network" is made possible through the cooperation of the Department of Highways, State and municipal police, and the U. S. Weather Bureau. Also, information received from nearby stations is teletyped over the network.

Here's the way it works: field personnel of the Department of Highways gathers information which is relayed to State Police Communications headquarters in Harrisburg. From there it is piped out over the Pennsylvania teletype network.

Take Time To Winterize Heart

(By Pennsylvania News Service)

Harrisburg It may sound somewhat odd but you'll probably live longer and happier if you will take the time to "winter-proof" your heart.

The Pennsylvania Heart Association this week warned Pennsylvania News Service, "Invigorating as the crisp weather may be, it brings with it the highest incidence of heart attacks."

It was noted that deaths caused by diseases of the heart and blood-vessels rise from the monthly average by approximately 13 percent during December, January, February and March. This is due for the most part, FNB was told, largely to the prevalence of pneumonia, bronchitis and other illnesses during this period.

The increase is also attributed to winter activities, which call for greater physical exertion, such as wading through and shoveling snow, battling winds, pushing stalled cars—and just plain shivering the old furnace.

The Pennsylvania Heart Association spokesman went on to point out that although it is one of the strongest and hardest working organs in the body, the heart should not be subjected to more of a work load than that to which it is ordinarily accustomed.

The Farmer Looks At Year Ahead

(By Pennsylvania News Service)

The year of 1954 will probably be a year of opportunity for those who are prepared to take advantage of it. To help Cambria County farmers get a better picture of the farm economic outlook, the Cambria County Agricultural Extension Association has scheduled a farm economist to speak on the "Farm Outlook." The meeting will be held Tuesday evening, Jan. 26, at 8 p. m. in the Courthouse, Ebensburg.

Gordon Bivens, Agricultural Economics Extension Service, Pennsylvania State University, will be the main speaker.

Wyoming County is known as a part of the "lakeland" area of northeastern Pennsylvania.

Winter Weather In Freak Class

(By Pennsylvania News Service)

Harrisburg—It may sound surprising but Pennsylvania's range of winter weather almost places the Keystone State in the "freak" class.

A Pennsylvania News Service reporter, studying these odd weather conditions which prevail, found that the northern part of the state approximates the latitude of southern New England—while the southern part of the state experiences the notably milder climate of Maryland.

The average annual snowfall is only 30 inches in the southeastern portion of the state, but "up north" along the Pennsylvania border it is almost twice as much.

Also, the average number of days when snow covers the

ground varies from a minimum of 40 in the eastern third of the state, to as much as 120, or practically one-third of the year, in northern counties.

Temperature-wise, the average January temperature along the southern border is ten degrees higher than along the line where Pennsylvania touches New York.

Except along the mountain ranges, the depth of frozen earth in the heart of winter averages from 10 to 15 inches in the southern third of the state—but reaches a depth of from 20 to 30 inches in northern tier counties—a matter which affects the length of time land may be cultivated.

FEED MILL LEVELLED

Jonestown—A roaring fire got on an able assist by strong winds leveled the Hess Feed Mill here with a loss estimated at \$75,000. Three trucks were removed from the flaming 100-year-old structure, which had only recently been filled with grain.

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Irvo-na Man Loses Parts of Both Legs In Shovel Explosion

A thirty-year-old Irvo-na man lost parts of both legs last Friday in a shovel explosion at a strip mine operation at Camp Corby, near Mahaffey and probably saves his life to the quick thinking of a fellow worker on the shovel.

The injured man is Nick Dudrick, son of Mrs. Mary Dudrick of Irvo-na. He was rushed to

COMMERCE BODY IS BENEFICIAL

(Editor's Note—The following article was published in the Saturday, Jan. 16, issue of the Kaslo (P.C.) Express, entitled, "Tribute For Scranton: 'All-American City'")

"For a lesson in self-help, instead of the central government emolument, take a look at Scranton, which has been named one of the 1953 'All-American' cities by the National Municipal League in cooperation with Look Magazine. The full story will be told in the January 26 editions of the magazine. Scranton is honored for outstanding citizen action in saving the city from 'ghetto town' trials on the heels of the anthracite decline.

"Scranton's businessmen, led by the Chamber of Commerce, are cited for their energetic, ingenious action in transferring new industrial life into what seemed a dying city. They are lauded for their methods of attracting 55 new factories, and encouraging 75 new plant expansions which have reduced unemployment from 40,000 to 5,000 with the prospect of jobs for everybody by spring. The citizens as a whole are praised for their support of bond drives and campaigns that laid the financial groundwork for the industrial shift. Scranton is now making everything from lingerie to electrical equipment, and its example has shown other cities the solution to industrial dislocation.

"Some coal region forces have joined the regionally-selfish scramble-created by President Eisenhower's defense contracts for distressed areas proposal. Perhaps when the equation upon which these work grants is completed, Scranton will be found to qualify for some of the interim economic booster work. But we believe that new grants, as elsewhere, the regeneration of a long-range stable economy will be founded only on efforts such as those which have won Scranton the aforementioned award, and in the anthracite industry itself, which is engaged in developing new valuable products."

SIGN YOUR ARTICLES

Some folks send in news items that are unsigned. Please sign your correspondence, not for publication but as an indication of your good faith. The Union Press-Courier's policy is that all communications for publication must bear the signature of the author.

WINDOW DAMAGED

The front window of the Moose Home at Coalport was damaged on Saturday, Jan. 2, about 2:30 a. m. when Edward Baer of Portage pushed his fist through the glass. The estimated cost of the damage and fine was determined at \$150.

Women are the only people besides men who dress in front of a mirror to see what's going on.