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## What Has Been Accomplished By Red Cross In Varied Local Work

### Many Activities Are Pointed Out By Chapter In Clearfield Branch Jurisdiction Throughout Year

This year the Red Cross drive for membership and funds has been meeting opposition in this area. People inquire, "Why should I give; what does Red Cross offer me in return?" This article will attempt to answer their questions.

In the past year American Red Cross has been actively serving the people of the Clearfield Branch of the Cambria County Chapter, American Red Cross, in many ways. Last summer the Patton Municipal Pool sponsored the "Learn to Swim" campaign for the children under the American Red Cross program. Approximately 270 youngsters participated during the two-week period in July. Junior and senior life saving was also part of the program. The program was supervised by a worker from Chapter headquarters and the lifeguards and instructors were from Johnstown and Patton areas who had successfully passed the National Red Cross Water Safety Instructional program. From the group of participants, 10 juniors and seven seniors passed their life saving test.

Red Cross also sponsored two classes in home nursing. These classes were instructed by registered nurses from Miners' Hospital who volunteered their time to teach the classes. They received their instruction from a Red Cross worker from National Red Cross headquarters. Of these two groups, 35 from Patton and nine from Hastings received certificates as evidence of satisfactory completion of the course.

Then, too, there is the blood program. Have you ever stopped to think how fortunate we are that Red Cross took on such a great humanitarian responsibility. Although our branch has donated only 224 pints of blood in the past year, we learned that in Miners' Hospital alone, approximately 780 pints of blood have been given to residents of our area. This does not include the pints that were given in hospitals in Philadelphia, Altoona and elsewhere where our residents were patients. It costs approximately \$5.00 per pint to process that blood. We must remember that the blood was there when needed and there was no delay because we could not find the necessary donors at the right time. It is a gigantic program and needs not only our monetary support, but the support of our citizenry when that blood mobile calls at the town of nearby community.

Always present in the American Red Cross program is the service performed by Chapter workers and volunteers for servicemen, veterans and their families. Approximately 42 percent of all funds received by American Red Cross are used to meet the expenses of these services.

In the Clearfield Branch alone, in the past year, their services have included: one case—social history for the military; 51 cases—emergency leave and/or extension; 30 cases—report for training, reservists, military, VA; 524 cases—compensation or allotment; five cases—assistance to the government; 10 cases—counseling; 10 cases—family matters; one case—other service.

American Red Cross still has a

## Patton Clay Plant Temporarily Down

The Patton Clay Manufacturing Company last Friday called a temporary shutdown, affecting about 140 employees. An official of the firm said that operations have ceased to enable necessary repairs and inventory adjustment.

"To the best of my knowledge," the spokesman said, "the shutdown will be of short duration." He explained that major repairs are necessary to two clay pans, where clay is ground for manufacturing of sewer pipe.

All production phases will halt with the exception of the shipping department and repair crews, he said.

## Florie Ann Dupriest Of Glasgow Wins Legion Essay Title

A 17-year-old Glasgow girl, Florie Ann Dupriest, has won top honors in the annual essay contest sponsored by American Legion District 20 (Cambria Co.).

Miss Dupriest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer A. Troxell, is a senior at Reade Township High School, Mountdale.

Her entry was judged best among essays submitted by students of three other Cambria County high schools—Barnesboro, John Carroll and Gallitzin.

All essays were written on the topic, "How Can I Prepare for Citizenship," according to Jesse W. Cogley Jr., essay and oratorical chairman for District 20.

Miss Dupriest's winning essay will be forwarded to Harrisburg and entered in statewide competition. Mr. Cogley, supervising principal of Patton-Chest Joint School District, said there will be no inter-district eliminations.

Active in extracurricular activities, Miss Dupriest is captain of cheerleaders at the Mountdale school.

## Ashville's New Social Auditorium



Pictured is the interior of the Ashville Volunteer Fire Company's new social hall, which was formally dedicated last month. The new hall which was constructed by volunteer labor from the town of Ashville, was built to replace an old building which was termed unsafe. Besides being used for weekly socials for the fire company, the new building is also used for roller skating and other community affairs.

## Michael J. Shannon, Prominent Pattonite, Dies Suddenly Tuesday

Michael J. Shannon, one of the best-known residents of the Patton community, died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home on Palmer avenue at 7:00 o'clock on Tuesday evening of this week. His death came as a shock to his family and friends.

Popularly known through the years to his acquaintances as "Mac," Mr. Shannon had been identified with the Patton Clay Manufacturing Company for the past half century. He enjoyed a wide acquaintanceship throughout this section of the county.

The deceased was born in Troy, Pa., a son of Michael J. Sr. and Catherine (Trachey) Shannon. He came to Patton as a young man and forty-seven years ago was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Gilbreath, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, by the Rev. Father Edwin Pierson, OSB. He is survived by his wife and two sons: Richard of Bellefonte, Pa. and James of North Kansas City, Mo. Also surviving are one brother, John, and two sisters, Mae and Margaret, all of Troy, Pa. There are eight grandchildren. A son, Michael Owen Shannon, was killed in France during the Second World War.

Mr. Shannon was a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Friends are being received at the Buck Funeral Home on Mellon Avenue, Patton, and funeral services will be held in St. Mary's Church at nine o'clock on Friday morning, with Rev. Father Rupert Stadtmiller, OSB, pastor officiating at the mass service. Interment will be made in the church cemetery.

## Thanks Public

The members of Patton Fire Company, No. 1, wish to express their thanks and grateful appreciation to the clubs, the taverns, the stewards, waitresses and the general public for their wonderful cooperation in connection with the Mardi Gras held at the Moose Home March 2, 1954.

The net receipts from this affair amounted to \$1,616.56. This will be a big help in defraying the expenses of the convention.

Gratefully yours,  
PATTON FIRE CO. NO. 1.  
By Convention Committee.

## St. Augustine Child Killed When Hit By Truck Friday

### Donna Jean Buck, 6, Darts in Traffic Path

Donna Jean Buck, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Buck of St. Augustine, was struck and killed instantly by a truck in front of the St. Augustine grade school last Friday afternoon. She died of a compound fracture of the skull and other injuries, according to Cambria County Coroner Joseph Govekar.

Driver of the truck was Lawrence A. Corbin, 56, a Patton R. D. farmer. He told state police from the Ebensburg sub-station he did not see the child dart in



DONNA JEAN BUCK

front of his truck. He said he felt a bump and stopped his truck immediately, but the wheels had passed over the child.

Police and eyewitnesses said that the child was across the street from the school with some other children. Her mother, who had come for her in the family car, pulled up in front of the school. At the moment another automobile was pulling into a parking place where the child was standing.

The mother called to the girl to wait until the car stopped. Without noticing the truck apparently, the child started across the street from behind the parked car, directly into the path of the truck. The next moment the horrified mother saw her little girl crushed on the street.

The accident occurred at 4:15 p. m. on Route 406, Donna Jean, oldest of three children of Mr. and Mrs. Buck, was in the first grade of the St. Augustine Public School. She had been lame, due to an accident at birth, which was being corrected by surgery. One or the other parent had been after school and driving her to the bus stop.

The child was born June 22, 1947, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Link) Buck. She is survived by her parents, a brother, Robert, Jr., and a sister, Deborah, all at home. Funeral services were held at nine o'clock on Monday morning in the St. Augustine Catholic Church, by Rev. Father Edward Waters, pastor. Interment was in the church cemetery.

## Twenty-Fifth Annual St. Francis Tourney Gets Under Way Tonight

### Twenty-Seven Teams Entered for Championships With Sixteen in Class B, Eight in Class A, Title

Parings for the 25th annual St. Francis College Varsity F Basketball Tournament which opens today were announced by officials of the college.

Twenty-four teams are entered this year with 16 in Class B and eight in Class A. Ebensburg is defending champion. The Red Jervis defeated Adams Twp. in last year's final.

Seeded in Class A are Johnstown Catholic and Conemaugh. Other A entries are Windber, Ebensburg, Westmont-Upper, Voder, Franklin, Portage and Altoona C. Adams, Moshannon Jr., Cresnon and Beccaria-Coalport-Irona are the seeded Class B teams. Other B entries are Barnesboro, Lilly, Nanty-Glo, Beaverdale, Ferndale, Black Lick Twp., Patton, Hastings, Gallitzin, Beaverdale, Wilmore and South Fork.

Two new trophies have been added to this year's event making a total of 11 to be awarded. New trophies will go to the tournament's high scorer and to the best cheer leading squad of the event.

The tournament will be held today, tomorrow and Monday to next Saturday, inclusive. The finals will take place Saturday, March 27.

## Magistrates Will Have Meeting Friday

Cambria County Magistrates & Constables Association has reconstituted its March meeting date. Originally set for Monday evening, the meeting is planned for 7 p. m. Friday in the Courthouse at Ebensburg.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the opening of the association's special training school. Attorney Alton A. McDonald is the instructor. All county constables, aldermen and magistrates have been invited to attend.

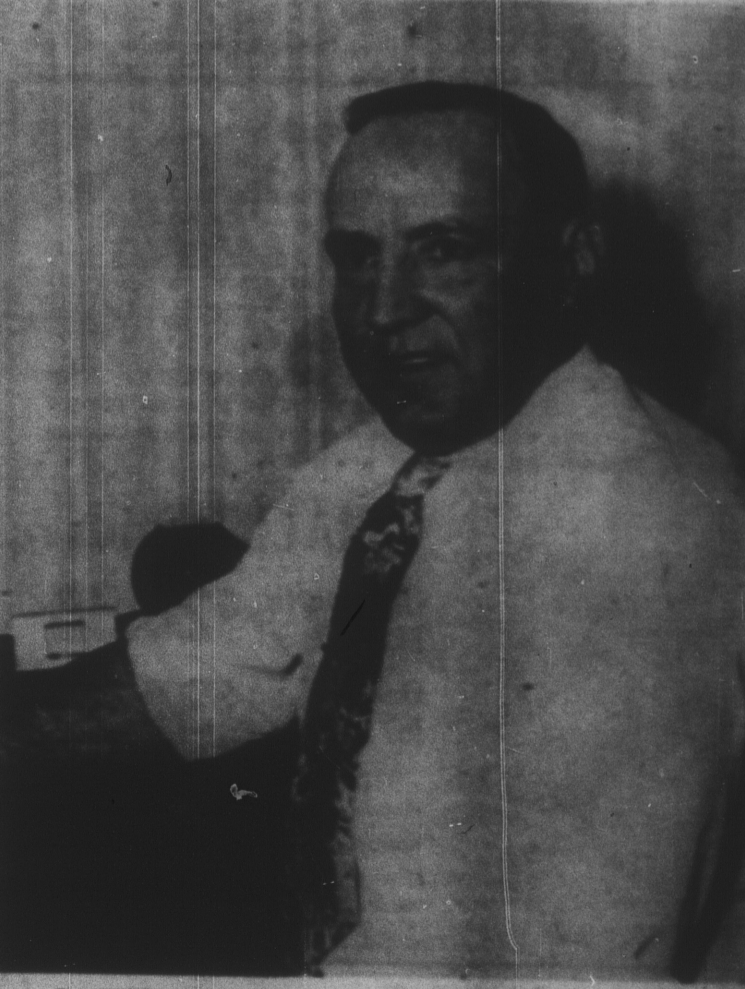
## Teamwork Was Answer At Murphy Store

Teamwork on the part of the staff of the G. C. Murphy Company Store in Barnesboro, Monday of this week was instrumental in keeping the huge store open for business on that day.

Richard completely robbed the Barnesboro store of its managers and department heads. George W. Williams, manager, was home with an attack of the flu, and the store's assistant manager, John E. Ebbard, is a patient in the Miners' Hospital, Spangler. On top of that the store's three department heads were also confined to their homes with the flu.

And who kept the store operating? The staff of course, the clerks who so courteously wait on the customers.

## M. E. Swope Veteran Lumberman



By CYRIL R. STEVENS

M. E. Swope, of Patton R. D. 1, has spent most of his life as a lumberman. For a number of years he operated a saw mill, but he sold that in 1947.

Logs and paper wood are the main products of his lumber business. The paper wood is handled to Williamsburg and Tyrone, and he sells the logs to J. V. Hammond in Spangler to be used for furniture wood and plywood.

This spring, Mr. Swope also plans to operate the Swope farm in Chest Township. He bought it in 1932. At one time, Mr. Swope also worked in Ohio.

M. E. Swope was born on the farm he owns on November 10, 1896, a son of Harry and Holena (Farabough) Swope. They were old-time residents of Chest Township.

He and the former Gertrude Neidinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Neidinger of St. Lawrence, were married on April 25, 1922, in St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

They have three children living—William, Barbara, Helen.

One of the darkest incidents in their lives was when their home burned in 1925. After they were married they lived on what was called the Swope Mill farm. This was the old Council place in Chest Township, the name of Glen Council, which was an early name for St. Lawrence. They lost their home and possessions in the fire on Dec. 15, 1925.

Mr. Swope's favorite hobby is hunting. Every year he goes hunting for deer and bear. Another pastime is playing piano, and occasionally he goes fishing.

In the past he served as fire warden in Chest Township. He is a member of St. Lawrence's Catholic Church, Patton, and belongs to the Holy Name, Sons and Daughters and the Sons of the American Revolution.

## Liquor Sale Permit Lifted for Violation

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board last Wednesday announced lifting of one area dispensing permit, effective on April 2.

Munson Beverages, Dymart, will receive 15 days suspension for failing to keep complete and truthful records and credit purchases according to the Liquor Control Board release.

## Not Wise Policy To Speed in Patton

Warning was issued today by Burgess Robert Ferryette of Patton that all speeding and reckless driving within the borough limits will not be tolerated.

The Burgess this week instructed the Patton Borough Police to rigidly clamp down on the reckless and fast driving within the borough. He also instructed policemen to arrest those violating any other borough ordinance.

These enforcement will become effective immediately.

## County Educators To Meet, Patton

The annual spring meeting of District 6, Cambria County Education Association, will be held at the Commercial Hotel, Patton, on Thursday, March 25, at 6:15 p. m.

Information on legislation will be given by Dr. Hess, member of state PSEA committee on legislation.

The price of the dinner is \$1.50. All reservations must be made by March 22.

## 28 Dogs Destroyed

Chief of Police Edward Donahue of Patton, reported this week that since February a total of 28 dogs have been destroyed within the borough, for either running at large between sundown and sunrise or for not being licensed. Dogs found to be without a new 1954 tag are being destroyed anytime.

## CAMBRIA CO. HYMN SING

The Cambria Co. Hymn Sing Association will hold its monthly sing on Sunday, March 21, at 2 p. m. in the Church of God, Garmantown. Songbooks for the congregational singing are furnished.

## Patton-Chest School Contracts Are Let

At a meeting of the Patton-Chest Township School Board on Tuesday evening, a contract was awarded to Keller Strittmatter of Patton R. D., for the sum of \$7,750.80 for plastering in the First Ward School, and Benjamin A. Stutzman of Johnstown was contracted for the electrical work for the Shop and Storage, for the sum of \$2,522.00.

## Five Cars Involved In Highway Mishap At Carrolltown

A blinding snowstorm and a slippery highway late last week resulted in a major five-car crash on Route 219 in Carrolltown.

The big pile-up sent three young girls to the hospital and caused damage to \$1,500.

According to Carrolltown Chief of Police Paul Bauman, the big smash up occurred about 5:10 p. m. on Sunday in a rather innocent way.

The start of the major mishap began during a blinding snowstorm at the intersection of Route 219 and Legislative Route 11049 (Sunset Road) in the northern section of Carrolltown. Chief Bauman said that an auto operated by Steve Chernisky, Carrolltown, traveling east into Carrolltown, and an auto operated by James Donald Peles of Glen Campbell, traveling west on Route 219, sideswiped on the icy curbs at the intersection of the two highways. Mr. Chernisky pulled his auto onto the large island in the middle of the intersection and Mr. Peles stopped about 200 yards away along the highway.

After surveying the slight damage that occurred in the minor mishap, both operators were getting back into their autos when the major crash started like chain reaction.

After getting into his auto, and before he could get started, a car operated by Walter J. Kanisiel of Wilmore, traveling east, rammed into the rear of the Chernisky machine. Almost immediately, a fourth car, driven by David Chisholm of Ashville, also traveling east, piled into the rear of the Kanisiel auto. A few seconds later the Chiverechko machine was rammed in the rear by a fifth automobile driven by an unidentified woman.

The three girls, who were admitted to the Miners' Hospital in Spangler, were all passengers in the Kanisiel machine, which was almost completely demolished by the sudden impacts. Taken to the hospital in the Stevens Ambulance of Carrolltown were Faye Watkins, 18, and Georgyanna Brown, 16, both of Ebensburg. A third girl, Naomi Roberts, 16, also of Ebensburg, was given dispensary treatment and was discharged.

An emergency crew of the Carrolltown Volunteer Fire Company were called to the scene of the accident to set up aid in directing traffic on the highway due to the

## N. C. Ebensburg Kiwanians Hear Of Delinquency

"Juvenile Delinquency" was the topic of Attorney Vasil Pisanick as chief speaker at an inter-club meeting of North Cambria and Ebensburg Kiwanis Clubs held on Monday evening of this week at Ebensburg.

Nine members of the Northern Cambria unit attended, with the North Cambria group also in charge of the program. The Barnesboro layover was introduced by Fred J. Hagan, N. C. president.

Mr. Pisanick told of recent visits to schools in New York City and Philadelphia, and of spreading rather appalling conditions of vandalism and delinquency prevailing. He said that in some instances teachers find it necessary to travel in groups for protection from students.

He brought up the question, "What is the cause?" He also suggested some possible solutions for the problem of delinquency.

The N. C. club will meet in Patton this week, but will convene here again on Thursday, Mar. 25.

## W. L. Whiteford Is New President Of Firemen In Area

William L. Whiteford Jr. is the new president of Zone 1, Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity.

Mr. Whiteford, president of the Patton Volunteer Fire Company, was elected to succeed Leob Parabaugh of Carrolltown, at a meeting Monday evening of this week in the Clymer Fire Hall.

Harvey J. Mulligan, chief engineer of Patton Fire Company, was retained as the secretary-treasurer of Zone 1.

Firemen discussed a fire school to be held in Ebensburg in May. It was noted by the firemen that the opening of Luxenberg's Boys' Shop will be held tomorrow evening, Friday, March 19.

The new Boys' Shop is located in the basement store room formerly occupied by Greenwood's on 10th Street, and will feature a complete line of boys clothes in the very latest fashions. Mr. Bonner said there is two entrances to the new Boys' Shop, one on 10th Street and the other in the Men's Shop on Philadelphia Ave.

The grand opening of this new Boys' Shop will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. tomorrow and parents may register for Boys' \$25.00 outfit to be awarded during the opening.

## HUDSONS WIN STOCK RACE

Five Hudson Hornets were among the first 19 cars finishing in the 100-mile Grand National Circuit Stock Car race at Jacksonville Speedway, Fla., in an event held early this month.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 17 in Cherry Tree.

Zone 1 is comprised of fire companies in Ashville, Patton, Spangler, Carrolltown, Barnesboro, Cherry Tree, Coalport, Clymer and Hastings.

Chief Bauman estimated damage to the Chernisky machine at \$800; to the Kanisiel auto at \$125; the Peles car was damaged to the extent of about \$15, and the fifth machine operated by the unidentified woman at about \$50.

## When Sterling Changed To Motors Half Century Ago



Here's a picture over 50 years old of 30 employees of Sterling Coal Company's No. 6 mine at Ashville. Can you identify any of the men in the picture? This photo, submitted by Thomas G. Spangler, assistant superintendent of the mine, is owned by Ed (Doc) Lory, former resident of Ashville and Johnstown, now residing in Patton. Although there is no caption, it is believed to be a group of the 30 men who were employed at the mine at the time it was first opened. Can you pick them out?