Notes of Carrolltown

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4 In Wentz Family Hurt In Auto Crash Sunday Afternoon

Four members of the R. J. Wentz family, well-known local folks, were injured last Sunday afternoon in an automobile accident near Saxton, Pa., Huntingdon County.

The one-car accident occurred at about 2:30 p. m. on the Cove Mountain as Mr. and Mrs. Wentz and two sons, Tim and Tommy, were enjoying a Sunday afternoon drive. While descending the grade at a slow rate of speed, the vehicle, for no apparent reason, swerved out of control and crashed into an embankment and then overturned several times. In the process of overturning, all four occupants of the machine were thrown out of the car. Timmy Wentz, operator of the car, was thrown to the pavement and Mr. and Mrs. Wentz and son, Tommy, were tossed into a ditch. All were knocked unconscious.

The victims of the accident were picked up by a passing motorist and taken to Saxton where they were treated by a physician. They were than returned to their home here.

Timmy received a severe laceration of the head and possible concussion. Mrs. Wentz suffered severe shock and body bruises and Mr. Wentz and Tommy also suffered bruises about the body. All are recuperating at their home on St. Benedict Street and are improving rapidly.

The auto was almost completely demolished.

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Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mohler were Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Miller of Braddock, F. C. Lantzy of Spangler, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimes of Hastings.

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Gets Nurse's Cap

Miss Bernie Bender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bender of Carrolltown, received her cap at exercises Sunday, April 25, at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. Miss Bender, is a student of the Class of 1956 in which there are 104 students.

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Mary Ann Ludwig Home Ec. Head

Mary Ann Ludwig was elected as president of the Carrolltown R. D. 4-H Home Economics Club at a meeting held Friday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clerus Kirsch. The group also planned activities for the coming summer.

In addition to Miss Ludwig, other officers are Marie Kirsch, vice president; Bernadette Brawley, secretary; Mary Venesky, treasurer; Doris Krumenacker, reporter; Cecelia Venesky, song leader, and Alberta Brawley, game leader.

Mary Ann Linsky and Doris Krumenacker will attend County Council.

Sewing again will be the project for the coming year. Next meeting will be held the evening of May 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kirsch.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burtox of Florida were recent callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mohler. Mrs. Burtox is a cousin of Mrs. Mohler.

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Night Hike, Bake Sale Planned By Local Boy Scouts

Discussion of a second in a series of night hikes, the coming summer camping trip and other important items featured a meeting of Boy Scout Troop 71, Carrolltown, Monday evening of this week in the Scout Rooms of St. Benedict's Parochial School.

Michael Michrina, scoutmaster, announced that several plans were made at the session for the summer week's camping trip to the Roaring Run Scout Reservation. He also said that the members of the troop will participate in a night hike this Friday evening, May 7, to the 17-acre plot of ground donated to the Holy Name Society in East Carroll Twp. The hike will begin at the school at 7:00 p. m., and the scouts will return home at 10:30 or 11:00 p. m. A camp fire is planned for the night outing.

Mr. Michrina also said that the Court of Honor of the Northern Cambria District has ben postponed to a future date. He also said discussion was held on the two over-night camping trips to be held by members of the troop as a means of preparing for the spring camporee of the Northern Cambria District at the end of this month.

The troop will hold a bake sale this Saturday at 1:00 p. m. in the basement of the church. The patronage of the general public will be appreciated.

M. J. Cicero, local high school instrucior, and an authority on first aid, finished a series of first aid instruction classes given to members of the troop at Monday's session. Mr. Michrina, the scouts and the members of the 10-man Troop Committee, wish in this way to publicly thank Mr. Cicero for his fine support of scouting in the help he has rendered the local boys in the fine first aid instruction course.

It was announced at a meeting of the Green Bar that election of leaders for the troop's patrols will be held this week. The scoutmaster urged the patrol leaders to have all members participate in Friday's hike, and also noted that Anthony and John Gwizdak, members of the troop had placed the first coat of varnish on the new scout cupboard installed in the meeting room.

One new boy, Joe Bradley, was taken into the troop at the meeting.

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Nine Safety Patrol Boys to Leave for Washington Today

Nine members of the Safety Patrol of St. Benedict's Parochial School, Carrolltown, will be numbered among hundreds of area patrol boys and girls who will make the annual trip to Washington, D. C., this week end.

M. J. Strittmatter, director of Johnstown Motor Club, AAA, of Carrolltown, was in charge of raising funds so that the local boys could make the trip.

Boys going to Washington this week end are Albert Malloy, John Gwizdak, Robert Shero, William Flynn, Don Koterwas, James Hite, Alfred Lieb Jr., Danny Keenan and Robert Sharbaugh.

The local boys sold tickets for a ham recently to help raise the money for the trip. The ham was awarded to Mrs. Nora Boslet. The boys also secured donations form the following local business establishments:

Lieb Hardware, C. A. Sharbaugh Store, Clem Farabaugh Merle Kirsch Market, Paul P Kelly Store, Kraft Cheese Co., R. J. Wentz Hotel, Mrs. L. A. Sharbaugh, W. Earl Sharbaugh Distributors and Carrolltown Amusement Company.

Mr. Strittmatter, who arranged for the boys to make the trip announced, that $20.00 donations were received from the Carrolltown Fire Club and Fox-Peale Post 506, American Legion, or enough to sponsor two boys or the trip. The First National Bank of Carrolltown and Dr. Donald Sharbaugh, local physician, donated monies enought for one boy's sponsorship. Local donations were enough to sponsor one boy and chance money, received was enough to sponsor two boys on the trip.

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Fete Charlie Sharbaugh On Fifth Anniversary

A birthday party was held in honor of the fifth anniversary of Charlie Sharbaugh, Saturday, April 17, from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Sharbaugh of Main St., Carrolltown. Games were played and a luncheon was served.

Attending the event were Dickie Sharbaugh, Patrick Flynn, Jimmy Boslett, Bobby Lapena, Jimmy Bradley, Joe Sharbaugh, Billie Serafin, Jimmy Serafin, Dickie Strittmatter, Suzi Bender, Linda Holtz, Ann Barnicle, Ginny Boslett, Jean Lapena, Jo Lapena, Fanny Bradley, Marilyn Thomas, Jane Sharbaugh and Betsy Biller.

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WILL RECEIVE SUNDAY

Next Sunday morning at the 9:00 o'clock Mass in St. Benedict's Catholic Church, the children of the second grade of the Parochial School, will receive their First Holy Communion. Parents of the children will also receive the Sacrament at the same time. The list of names of the First Communicants will be published in this column next week.

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BAKE SALE SATURDAY

Boy Scout Troop 71, Carrolltown, will hold a bake sale this Saturday, May 8, in the basement of St. Benedict's Church. All proceeds will be used for the summer camping program. The patronage of the general public will be appreciated.

Miss Prindible Is Retained As Head Of Area CDA Unit

Miss Loretto E. Prindible, Ebensburg, was elected to another term as grand regent of Court 722, Catholic Daughters of America, Monday evening of this week at a meeting in the St. Benedict Parochial School Tuesday evening of this week.

Miss Prindible, well-known area resident, has served as grand regent of the court for a number of years.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Margaret Shortencarrier, Barnesboro, vice regent; Mrs. Marie Cromer, Johnstown, lecturer; Miss Emily Bush, Barnesboro, treasurer; Mrs. Marie Lieb, Nicktown, financial secretary; Miss Helen Hayes, Carrolltown, historian; Miss Rose Farabaugh, Patton, monitor; Miss Mary Hanvok, Patton, prophetess; Mrs. Mary Weakland, Hastings, sentinel; and Mrs. Winifred Owens, Carrolltown and Mrs. Ruth McNelis, Hastings, trustees for three years.

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Holy Name to Sponsor Card Party Wednesday

On Wednesday, May 12th, the Holy Name Society of St. Benedict's Church, Carrolltown, will sponsor a card party in the basement of the church. Play will begin at 8 p. m. Cinch, pinochle and bridge will be played. There will be card prizes, door prizes and lunch. The general public is cordially invited to come.

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PREPARE RECREATION AREA

During recent days a bull-dozer has been working on the 17 acres of ground donated to the Holy Name Society. When completed it will afford an excellent recreation area for the Boy and Girl Scouts. Volunteer labor is needed to complete the task, and it will be welcomed by the organization. Call Fred Sharbaugh at FI-4-8822, or Bill Buck, at FI-4-8833.

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Mrs. W. Earl Sharbaugh, daughter, Peggy, Mrs. U. A. Stolz, James Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Owens Sr. attended the testimonial dinner in honor of Judge Ivan J. McKenrick and Joseph Roberts at Oriental Ball Room, Gallitzin, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bede Bender and daughter, Susie, and Mrs. Blanche Hipps and son, Jerry, visited St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa., Sunday.

Ladies who attended the quarterly meeting of the Fire Company Auxiliaries, held at Scalp Level last Wednesday were: Mrs. W. Earl Sharbaugh, Mrs. George Lane, Mrs. Ann Bearer, Mrs. Flo Stolz, Mrs. Corrine Cymbor, Mrs. Lieb Farabaugh, Mrs. Mary Gwizdak, Mrs. M. J. Farabaugh, Mrs. Rose Callahan, Miss Catherine Lacey, Mrs. Frances Kane, Miss Hattie Lehmier, Mrs. Rose M. Shank, Mrs. Geraldine Parrish, Mrs. Gregory Fuck, Mrs. Liguori Lacey, Mrs. Herman Karlheim, Mrs. Mildred Zirn, Mrs. John Feighner, Mrs. Esther Blum, Mrs. Ray Farabaugh, Mrs. Bernard Panaro, and Miss Bernetta Farabaugh.

James Lacey, who is employed in Pittsburgh, is spending a vacation of a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ligouri Lacey.

Chaplain Major Cornelius Sharbaugh, TOR, and his mother, Mrs. Ella Sharbaugh, have returned from a three weeks' visit in California. They spent some time with Dr. and Mrs. Charles Wagner in Pasadena, and also visited the National Parks, Yosemite and Sequoia, as well as other points of interest. Mrs. Wagner is a daughter of Mrs. Sharbaugh.

Maj. Cornelius Sharbaugh left Wednesday for Sheppard Air Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, and will serve as Chaplain there.

Mrs. Annie Hogue of Cresson, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Melvin of Johnstown, visited Sunday with Mrs. Hogue's sister, Mrs. Ella Sharbaugh.

Mrs. Ann Kaylor returned last Wednesday after a month's vacation in the East. Mrs. Kaylor and her daughter, Mrs. Agatha Clements, of Bethlehem, Pa., attended the First Solemn Mass of Father Woodrow Wilson Jones at the Cathedral in Harrisburg. She then visited in Bethlehem with her daughter, and in Chester with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kaylor.

Mrs. Rose Callahan, Mrs. Catherine Dowey, Mrs. Helen Wensel, and Mrs. Geraldine Parrish spent Sunday in Harrisburg where they attended a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Moose. They also witnessed the Academy of Friendship degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stefanik and family of Cleveland, Ohio, visited over the week end with Mrs. Stefanik's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Svidergol.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Sharbaugh and sons, Charles and Tommy, were recent visitors at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sharbaugh announce the birth of a daughter May 1, at Miners' Hospital, in Spangler.

A birthday party was held on April 28th in honor of Mrs. James Weakland. Entertainment was cards and bingo.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Volk moved last week to Jamestown, N. Y., where Mr. Volk is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thomas and Miss Marcella Maucher spent the week end in Norfolk, Va., where they attended the wedding of Charles Gehart Thedieck Jr., and Mary Martha Lea, who were married May 1 in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Mr. Thedieck is a cousin of Mrs. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Owens and children, Freddie, Jackie, Ann and Rebecca, spent Sunday at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport.

—More than half of the entire population of Cameron County is contained in the community of Emporium.

Last Indians In North Cambria

This is another in a series of articles on the history of Carrolltown.

Very little factual or even legendary history is recorded of just what habitation of Indians took up the present scenes of the North of Cambria County, about Carrolltown and elsewhere before and during Colonial times. However, there are some quite authentic historical recordings that Indians did inhabit this area, probably at one time in quite large numbers. Hart's Sleeping Place, site of St. Joseph's Church, furnishes most direct evidence of Indians, possibly because it was along the famed Kittanning trail, established about 1756 by the white man—but long before that date by the Indians.

While there doesn't seem to be any evidence that Indians ever had a village in what would be the Central portion of Carrolltown, it is rather definitely established that they inhabited points all about it — at Hart's Sleeping Place, at Patton, in the vicinity of Foxburg, and at Eckenrode's Mills. Mostly this has been established through Indian graves and cemeteries, as chronicled in the Union Press-Courier some months ago, in a reprinting of the late Rev. Father Modestus Wirtner's "Indians of Cambria County."

The last Indian encampment of importance was made at Hart's Sleeping Place in the Spring of 1781. Two government spies reported to Col. Albright at the Frankstown post that they saw a number of bark huts at Hart's Sleeping Place and that the Indians must have numbered 25 to 30. It must be remembered that the Indians then were hostile to the whites. Capt. Moor, of Scotch Valley, led the rangers and volunteers on Sunday, June 2, 1781, and started for mountains in this vicinity. The path was close along the river before they crossed the mountain, and the men marched in Indian file, as the path was narrow. When they reached a point in what is now Blair county, near the mouth of Sugar Run, the loud warwhoop was heard; a band of Indians rose from the bushes on the left hand side of the road, firing a volley at the same time, killing seventeen, wounding five, and the others escaping.

The nearest Indian Village to Carrolltown is indicated by a cemetery that was located near the present Henry Shero farm, at Foxburg, or rather off to the South of it, lying between the driftmouths of the former Brawley and Snyder mines, on the flatlands. A number of older folks, living at the time of the boyhood of the writer, could well point out the Indian graves, and the spot, at least, although it disclosed no surface indication of graves—to us.

There also are many indications that Indians were frequent residents of Upper Chest Creek, from Patton toward the headwaters near Bradley Junction, and especially in the Eckenrode Mill region. The Kittanning Trail led through the latter area. St. Augustine, or "The Loup," was so called after one of the Delaware Indian tribes. Father Wirtner discoursed at some length on the Indian settlement there.

A Clear Field in these pioneer woodlands always was an indication that Indians had at some time in the past been present and had spent some time there. The field was cleared both for habitation, and to plant the maize or Indian corn. This being the case, then, too, Carrolltown also at one time must have had an Indian habitation, but no approximate date can be determined. The Rev. Demetrius A., Prince Gallitzin, Pioneer Priest of Loretto and the Allegheny Mountains, in 1814, sent some of his parishioners to accompany the five Trappist Monks to their future Monastery at Carrolltown, where they located in the forest, on a small Indian Clear Field, about the size of a large potato field. The men helped the Monks build a wooden house. A. A. Lieb owns the property, located East of where Alvin Fees now resides.

Brubaker Creek is said to be named for an Indian. Behind the barn on the Frank Westrick farm to the north of Baker's Cross Roads there is a strong flow of water arising from a spring, the source of the creek. Here lived Brubaker, the last Indian in the Northern part of the county. Several other Indians lived with him and they were accused of killing a white man. All were arrested, but at the hearing or trial, were found innocent, and acquitted.

By word of mouth, during the boyhood of the writer, and as related to Father Modestus Wirtner, several older men and legend, stated that the charge of murder was placed to the credit of several white renegades. The late Anselm Weakland, Jake Kirkpatrick and Squire Paul Fahner knew the Indians and always spoke well of them. On account of the ill will shown on this occasion the Indians left the mountains; however the late Joseph Bender claimed that Brubaker remained and died in the wigwam at the Brubaker Spring.

Patton stands out strongest as an Indian town location. Long before the white man set foot in Cambria County, Indians were there. Early settlers tell of seeing the cornstubbles and large heaps of clams on both shores of Chest Creek. An Indian cemetery, later washed away by flood waters of the creek, definitely was here. Likely, at different intervals, the Redmen located most everywhere throughout this area—particularly along the streams.

There were settlers here long before the pioneer white folks—the Indians, of course!

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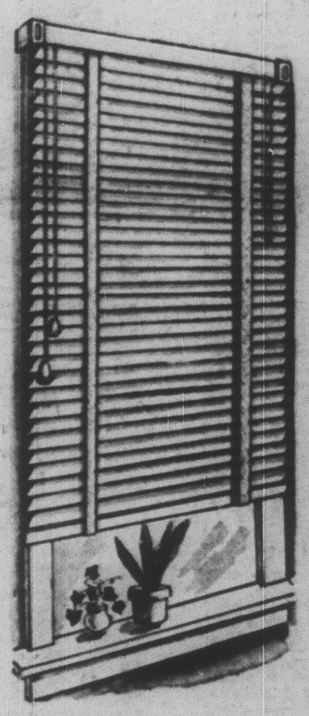

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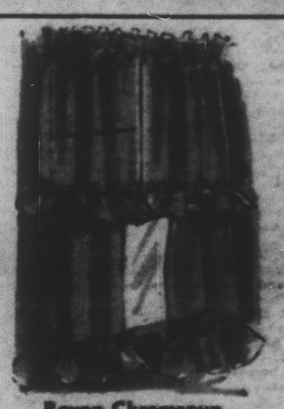

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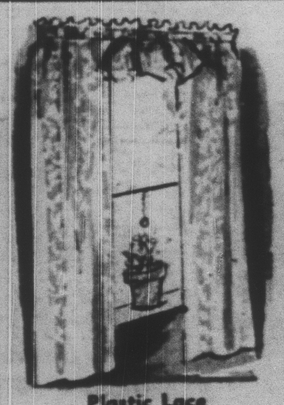

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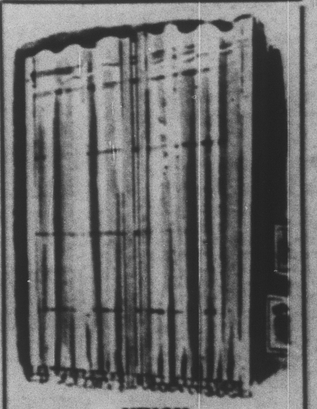

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