

Closing of "Little Red Schoolhouse" At St. Boniface to Mark End of Era

Elder Township To Shut Down Old Landmark

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"Still stands the schoolhouse by the road... But the final knell has been sounded for the famous "Little Red School" of St. Boniface.

The small handbell which summons eager youth through the portals for over three-quarters of a century will tomorrow ring for the last and final day of classes there.

The little school which has always been red, even before being faced with red shingles a number of years ago, has not changed much since it was built back in the 19th century.

The stone steps leading to its entrance may be chipped a little at the edges, the wide-board flooring may show some depressions from the trodding and the shuffling of restless feet, but, basically, it is the same.

A small entry leads from the front door to the classroom; the platform with facing blackboard occupies the front, with a supply cupboard on either side. One holds school supplies while the other is for lunch boxes and paraphernalia.

Of course the old pot-bellied stove has given way to a furnace with protective shield; the tin-paneled windows replaced by more modern ones; electric lights installed; the indoor coalhouse and woodshed is now attached to the back of the building; single desks replace the original "double masters" and a water cooler supersedes the old water pail.

The Red School, which originally handled all grades, has many years been seat of two grades only. The White School, also in St. Boniface, built in 1891, has accommodated all grades. However, this is the final year for the Red School, which were the only school in operation this term and last in Elder Township.

With the Hastings-Elder Joint school system now in successful operation, and with St. Bernard's School, Hastings, also handling all grades, the Elder Township schools no longer need to function. All students will be transported by bus to Hastings next term.

Oldest residents now living in the vicinity recall that the Red School was built about 1875, some 79 years ago. It replaced the first school which had been moved to this site from the spot where the Regis Hotel now stands along the St. Boniface-Patton highway, according to 82-year-old Peter Yeager.

Mr. Yeager in concrete proof of the old quotation: "Old men's eyes are like old men's memories—the best when a long way off." He recalls some of the interesting happenings of the bygone days. Hearing him tell



Several former pupils and teachers are pictured as they visit the "Little Red School" in St. Boniface which will be closed tomorrow after a 79-year existence. They are (l. to r.) Mrs. Anna McKiv...

AMONG THE OLDEST AND YOUNGEST



Peter Yeager, 82-year-old "student" who attended the "Little Red School" away back when the wolves were "just about cleaned out in the surrounding woods," looks over the shoulder of a grand-daughter, six-year-old Audrey Yeager, who is a student during the last term of the almost-100-year-old school.

of "woods all around, and the wolves and coyotes howling all over the place" is enough to make one's hair curl.

Although Mr. Yeager says he did not attend the Red School after it was built, Mrs. Yeager, 76, emphatically says he did. "He was in the older group while I was a first-grader," she declares.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeager are parents of 19 children, 18 of them attending the little school. One died in infancy.

As far as we can ascertain Mrs. Elizabeth Holtz is the oldest student. She will be 97 in August. Henry C. Anna is 83

present and last teacher; Mrs. James Lyan, Peter Yeager, 82; Mrs. Fred Boyle, Frank Hahn, Mrs. Mary Huber, and Mrs. Gertrude M. Honck, a former teacher at the Elder Twp. school.

2 Traffic Mishaps Sunday On Rt. 219, Carrolltown Boro

Truck Wheel Breaks At Main Intersection

Two different auto mishaps last Sunday morning in Carrolltown Borough caused damage exceeding \$500, according to reports made by Chief of Police Paul Bauman.

Chief Bauman reported that the first accident occurred at about 7:45 a. m. on North Main Street at the intersection of Route 219 and the Sunset Road. The Carrolltown officer said Bernard W. Bogus, St. Benedict, Pa., was operator of an auto traveling north on Route 219 toward Spangler, when the vehicle, according to Bogus, slid on some cinders on the berm at the intersection and crashed into the rear of a parked car owned by Donald Gormish of Carrolltown. No one was injured.

James Hahnke, Barnesboro R. D. 1, operator of a truck was traveling south on Main St. and as he attempted to make a left turn onto East Carroll St. toward Patton, the spindle of the left front wheel of the truck broke, causing it to come to an abrupt stop. The mishap occurred just as the 9:00 a. m. Mass in St. Benedict's Church was over. No one was injured.

Cambria VFW Auxiliary To Reorganize Sunday

The Cambria County meeting of the VFW Auxiliary will be held at Scalp Level this coming Sunday, May 23, at 2 p. m. Included will be nomination and election of officers and memorial services for deceased members. This meeting originally had been scheduled for May 30.

North Cambrians to Honor Dead Next Monday

Memorial Day Services to honor deceased veterans of all wars will be held in most Northern Cambria communities Monday of next week. In addition graves of all veterans will be decorated with flags and firing squads will salute deceased at each cemetery in this area.

PATTON AREA

Memorial Day services in Patton will be sponsored jointly by John White Post 778, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Walter McCoy Post 614, American Legion.

Church Services will be held at 7:00 p. m. this coming Sunday, May 30, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rev. Father Rupert Stadtmiller, OSP, pastor, will be in charge.

Veterans and students of the Patton Public Schools and of St. Mary's Parochial School will participate in a parade beginning at 9:00 a. m. next Monday, May 31. Veterans are asked to meet at the corner of Fifth and Magee Aves. and pupils asked to go to their respective schools.

for participants will be held in the St. Lawrence picnic grounds. The program is being planned by a committee headed by Lawrence Volk, commander of the VFW Post and James Smith, the commander of the local Legion Post. The committee reminds all veterans that it is their civic and patriotic duty to take part.

CARROLLTOWN, BAKERTON, ST. BENEDICT

Memorial Day services in the Carrolltown and Bakerton communities will be held jointly this year by Carrolltown American Legion and Bakerton Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts.

There will be no formal services scheduled for St. Benedict. The services will open at 9:00 a. m. Monday with a High Mass celebrated in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bakerton, by Rev. Father Mathias Becker, pastor. Following the Mass, all veterans, school children and the John Carroll High School Band will form a parade at the Bakerton VFW Home and march to the community's Honor Roll where brief services will be held. Rev. William Karas, pastor of Bakerton Methodist Church, and Father Becker will give brief addresses at this service.

The entire group will then proceed to Carrolltown where Memorial services will be conducted in front of the Honor Roll at that community at about 10:30 a. m. Rev. Father Victor Ling, OSP, pastor of St. Benedict's Church will give the invocation. The welcome will be given by Andrew Caschini, post commander; selection by John Carroll Band. The

Recreation Park, Pool At Patton To Open Sunday

New Merry-Go-Rounds Made By M. M. Nuss

A number of improvements will be completed at the Patton Recreation Park and Pool by its 1954 opening day—this coming Sunday, May 30.

Included have been the installation of several new type merry-go-rounds for children. These were constructed by M. M. Nuss of Patton, R. D., and are noted for their strength.

The pool itself will boast of a brand-new aqua coat of paint, and all the buildings also have been repainted white.

Several experimental shelters covering a single fireplace have been added, and if these prove successful, more will be added. A new fence along the old bed of Cheat Creek has been constructed to eliminate any hazard of children falling over the steep bank.

In addition, the swings, slides, see-saws, tables and other equipment have been repaired after the rigors of winter.

Steve Hovan, manager of the Patton Park, has announced that both big pavilions must be reserved for Sunday use by groups who desire to use them for picnics and reunions.

He also has announced that beginning July 6 the annual two-week "Learn-to-Swim" campaign of Cambria County Chapter, American Red Cross, will be held at the park pool. This is free of charge for anyone in the North Cambria area who desires to learn how to swim.

Season tickets for the pool are now on sale at the Patton Boro office and at the park office. The 1954 prices will be as follows:

Season—Grade school, \$1.00; high school, \$1.50, and adult, \$2.00. A 15-swim ticket for use by adults or husband and wife is \$3.25. Single admissions are 15c and 50c.

Swimming hours are from 1:00 p. m. to about 8:00 p. m. daily. Make up a picnic party and come to the park. It is the only free community venture of its kind in the district.

Mrs. Marie Parrish Again President Nicktown PTA

Mrs. Marie Parrish was re-elected president of St. Nicholas' Parent-Teacher Association at a meeting Monday in the parochial school.

Other officers are Mrs. Herman Weiland, vice president, and Mrs. Robert Farion, secretary-treasurer.

Luncheon was served following the business session. Next meeting will be held Sept. 13.

Rickard Home Destroyed In Blaze At Hollentown

A untimely tragedy occurred in Hollentown last Saturday evening when the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Rickard was hit by fire and was completely destroyed.

Living in the home were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rickard and three sons, Dale, Jimmie and Richard, who were unable to save any belongings from the burning building. They now are making their home at Tyrone Hill.

PATTON'S SPRING PAINT-UP

Parking stalls and restricted zones on Patton streets this week are receiving a new coat of paint.

Scan-A-Graver Handy For District Merchants

Another use for the Union Press-Courier's Scan-A-Graver will be found this week in the G. C. Murphy Co. ad printed on Page 1-C.

The Murphy firm had photos taken of employees in memorial dresses they are featuring, and by means of the "Courier's" new equipment they were converted at low cost into "cuts."

W. A. Farabaugh To Mark Golden Wedding Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Farabaugh of East Carroll Township will celebrate their golden wedding on Saturday.

The couple lived in East Carroll Township all their married life. Just after their marriage they went to housekeeping on a farm on the old Ebersburg Road.

About 35 years ago they moved to their present home at Strittmatt's Corner in East Carroll Township.

Parents of 16 Children

Mrs. Farabaugh, the former Adaline McConnell, was born on June 1, 1881, in Chest Springs, a daughter of Daniel and Agnes (Miller) McConnell. She is a member of a family of 16, 13 of whom are living yet.

Her husband was born on Feb. 26, 1877, in what is now East Carroll Township, a son of Joseph and Anna (Conrad) Farabaugh. He spent a long career as a farmer.

The couple are the parents of ten children—Ruth, wife of Blair Stoltz, Ebersburg R. D.; Rosanna, wife of Gust McNulty, Patton; Lucy, wife of Charles McNulty, Carrolltown; Ed; Herman, Somerset; Marie, wife of Paul Farabaugh, Chest Springs; Grace, wife of Gerald Sherry, Carrolltown; Dolores, wife of Paul Weiland, Hubbard, Ohio; Doris, wife of Anthony Rieg, Carrolltown; Faber of Carrolltown, and Janet, wife of Paul Buck, Carrolltown. There

Barbers to Close On Memorial Day

All barber shops belonging to the Northern Cambria Barbers' Association will be closed next Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

This was announced following a meeting of the unit Monday at the Ebersburg Moose Home.

Also agreed upon was that barbers in both Spangler and Barnesboro would take a 4-day vacation, beginning this Sunday and continuing through Wednesday of next week, June 2.

Information was read in reference to the new Blue Shield plan to go into effect July 1.

ASHVILLE COUPON

Ashville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post will conduct Memorial Day Services in the Ashville and Coupon area next Monday.

A parade will form at the Ashville VFW Home at 8:15 a. m. on Monday with servicemen requested to report at 8:00 a. m. The parade, with the VFW Junior Drum and Bugle Corps participating, will proceed to St. Thomas' Catholic Church. Bouquets will then be given Old Star Mothers and a High Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Father John D. Hackett, pastor at 9:00 a. m.

Following the Mass the group will hold services in St. Thomas Cemetery in Ashville.

The group will then go to Coupon where services and memorials are scheduled for both St. Joseph's and the Methodist Cemeteries and Richard Cemetery. A parade will be held in Coupon at about 10:00 a. m.

At the completion of the services and the parade, refreshments will be served at the Ashville VFW Home.

A soft-ball game is planned in the afternoon at 1:30 o'clock between army and navy veterans. A dinner will be held in the evening from 9:30 to 1:00 at the Post Home.

The program is being planned by a committee headed by James F. Burgeon and Joseph Lippie, co-chairman, and Lynn McConnell, George Bender, Louis Dacanico, Glenn Chidson, Frank Lato and Joseph Lemlich. The committee reminds all local veterans that it is their civic and patriotic duty to take part in Memorial Day activities.

Dr. Hoxsey to Visit Patton Next Friday

Plan Reception At Legion Home

Dr. Harry M. Hoxsey, founder and owner of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic at Dallas, Texas, will visit Cambria County, including a stay at Patton, on Friday and Saturday of next week.

This was announced by State Sen. John J. Hahnke of Patton following the receipt of a telegram from Dr. Hoxsey Tuesday morning, in which the Texas revealed that he will be accompanied by Dr. H. R. Mueller of Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Mueller said to be one of the outstanding medical doctors in the nation, happens to be one of the 10 doctors belonging to the American Association for Medical-Physical Research which investigated the Hoxsey Clinic on Apr. 10, 11 and 12 of this year.

Dr. Mueller was so impressed with the Hoxsey Treatment that he has decided to join the Hoxsey organization as of June 1.

Tentative plans are for Sen. Hahnke to meet Dr. Hoxsey at the airport in Johnstown next Friday afternoon, June 4, and then for the group to motor to Patton where a reception for the visitors will be held in the Legion Home on Mellon Ave.

Shot Hunting Rats In Hastings Area

A Portage R. D. man was accidentally shot Sunday while visiting at the McGlynn home near Hastings. He is Thomas E. Friedhof, who is a patient in the Minerva Hospital, Spangler, with a gunshot wound of the left leg.

The shooting occurred reportedly while Mr. Friedhof, 25, and a companion, James McGlynn, were hunting rats in a barn on the McGlynn farm.

Friedhof told hospital attendants he accidentally got into the line of fire as McGlynn fired at a rat. The slug, lodged in the Portage man's left leg and was removed on Monday. His condition was listed as satisfactory.

G. R. Lovette, Nicktown, Able Teacher

There's one thing about the community of Nicktown that immediately strikes the motoring traveler in a most commendable manner in which most every resident has taken pride in the upkeep of his surroundings. It is evident, of course, that good civic-minded citizens live in Nicktown. And they are just that, and among them is the subject of this sketch, G. R. Lovette, who is called by his neighbors — "Superintendent of Parks," because he takes care of the small "park" in the town. And his own premises, in the heart of the town, also is proof positive of his love of flowers and shrubs.

Prof. Lovette is a school teacher, and he's been teaching in Northern Cambria Schools since 1915. He was graduated from the Lock Haven Teachers' College, on June 26, 1912, where he was active in both football and gymnastics. He was first engaged in public instruction as principal of the Eagles Mere High School in 1912-13. From 1913 to 1915, he was principal of the Straight

Sen. Hahnke's "As I See It" Column On Editorial Page

On Saturday afternoon, June 5, a mammoth rally is scheduled at the Portage High School Auditorium, and then Dr. Hoxsey will be available for a meeting in Johnstown on Sunday, June 6, if time will permit making such arrangements.

The senator declares that this is not only the greatest moment of his life, but also that the visit of Dr. Hoxsey will be red letter days for Cambria County and for all residents of Eastern United States.

Dr. Hoxsey will survey the district to determine the advisability of setting up a Hoxsey Cancer Clinic somewhere within Cambria County.

Sen. Hahnke also states that three doctors from the state of Virginia are coming up to meet with Dr. Hoxsey, along with a number of doctors from Cambria, Somerset and Blair Counties.

It is quite apparent, now, he says, that there will be sufficient doctors to join the Hoxsey movement so that a clinic can be set up in Cambria County.

The public is invited, along with all the doctors in the county, to meet with Dr. Hoxsey at Patton and Portage and possibly at Johnstown, on Sunday, June 6, if time permits.

Dr. Hoxsey himself about his method of treating cancer.

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S. J. Burkeys, Patton, Married 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian J. Burkey, one of the best known couples residing in Patton, on Monday of this week rounded out a half-century of married life. They will be celebrating the anniversary at their home on Lincoln Avenue next Monday, May 31, at which time a dinner will be held for the immediate members of the family, and a reception and open house for friends and neighbors will take place from 2 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkey were united in marriage in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Patton, on May 11, 1904, by the late Rev. Father James Brennan, O.S.A. Their entire married life has been spent in Patton.

Mr. Burkey was born in Patton, a son of Augustine and Mattie Burkey. Mrs. Burkey, the daughter of Charles and Mary

in Chest Springs, daughter of Joseph and Eda Burke. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burkey are enjoying good health.

Mrs. Burkey, a carpenter by trade, had much to do with the construction of many of Patton's residential and business buildings during his lifetime. He assisted in the construction of both St. Mary's Church and Parochial School Buildings; the old silk mill, to mention just a few projects.

Present last Monday when the couple will formally celebrate, will be their attendants of fifty years ago: Mrs. Angie Meloy, of Lattrobe, sister of Mr. Burkey, and Frank Burkey, of Chest Springs. Mr. Burkey's principal hobby is fishing, and Mrs. Burkey is a bingo fan.

Born to the couple were ten children, all of whom are living. (Please turn to Page 2-A.)

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