

Hastings and Vicinity

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D. L. Westrick Submits List Of "Red School's" Teachers

Controller "Digs Up" Missing Information

We've always found Dennis L. Westrick, Cambria County Treasurer, unusually cooperative and friendly. And now we highly appreciate his efforts in connection with the story about the "Little Red Schoolhouse" teachers in general. Dennis undertook quite a task to "dig up" for us a list of teachers who had taught in the township district away back since the year 1875, and up to the 1953-54 term. A few names may be missing on the recorded files, but the list is as complete as could possibly be obtained.

Names are missing on the list for 1881 and from 1885 to 1891. For Mr. Westrick's help we are truly grateful.

Mr. Westrick himself, has the most number of terms in his credit as a teacher in the District with a total of 18. He also taught in Hastings Borough.

In addition to a list of teachers, Dennis also submitted to us a complete list of Cambria County School Superintendents from the year 1854. Of the 16 men who held this office, Martin S. Bentz served the greatest number of terms—from 1911 to 1936.

The list at hand shows the following to have taught in the Elmer District schools, some for a number of terms:

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Native Son Sings First Solemn Mass Here On Sunday

Father Arthur J. Holtz Ordained Week Before

Another "Native Son" who was ordained a priest on May 22, sang his first Solemn Mass in his home church—St. Bernard's of Hastings last Sunday, May 30.

He is Father Arthur J. Holtz, O.S.B., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Holtz of Beaver Street, and celebrated his first Solemn Mass at 10:30 a. m. Sunday.

Assisting him were Rev. Father Cecil J. Donahue, O.S.B., a cousin who had sung his first Solemn Mass in St. Bernard's Church the preceding Sunday, as Deacon; Rev. Father Ronald Gorske, O.S.B., of St. Vincent Archdiocese, as Sub-deacon; Rev. Father Adalbert Knoch, O.S.B., pastor at St. Bernard's, assisting priest, and Rev. Father Augustine Schueitz, O.S.B., of St. Vincent's, as Master of Ceremonies.

Rev. Father Omer Kline, O.S.B., of St. Vincent, also a native of Hastings, delivered a wonderful sermon for the occasion, choosing as his text: "I have not chosen this; yet have chosen me."

Also in the Sanctuary were: Father Camillus Long, O.S.B., of St. Lawrence; Brother Marcellus Neisner, O.S.B., of Loretto, and Brothers Patrick Leacy, O.S.B., and Joachim Noel, O.S.B., both of St. Vincent. The latter is a former Hastings resident. Brother Patrick, a native of Carrolltown.

Little Judy Yandow of Johnstown served as bride for her cousin, the celebrant, while attendants were Terry Padock, another cousin, and Peggy Waltz, both of Hastings. Richard Gieson, a cousin, acted as fly bearer. The beautiful cushion on which the pall was borne was made by Mrs. Mary Thomas and hand painted by her sister, Miss Doris Gieson. The altar flowers were donated by the celebrant and his family.

Following services dinner was served in Messrs Hall here, with St. Bernard's Cantata. Contrarily in charge of entering, a reception took place that afternoon at the church social rooms. Many relatives and friends, some from distant points, were in attendance.

Hastings Ladies Go to Luncheon Wednesday

A group of Hastings ladies "lively entertained" at a luncheon Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. L. Binder at her home in Patton. A delicious luncheon was served. The ladies were most pleasant, heartily arranged, added much to the gala affair. At bridge, lovely prizes were awarded, the lucky ones being Mrs. D. A. Westover, Mrs. H. B. Hedy and Miss Naomi Binder.

Others in the group were Mrs. C. J. Foster, Mrs. C. L. McCoy, James C. McClellan, Mrs. George Hedy and Mrs. J. E. Hedy.

LOCAL MOORE THEATRE
A Double Feature will be on the program of the Moore Theatre, June 3 and 4. The pictures are "Anna" and "Confidentially Yours." A short, "Northwest Bound" will also be shown. The feature, "An Affair to Remember" will be shown on Wednesday and Thursday.

There will be only one show-

M. Camilla Houck Lieut. Commander

A Hastings girl in one of 15 Regular line WAVES selected this Spring for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. She is Mary Camille Houck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Houck of Fourth Avenue.

The 15 new Lieutenant Commanders were picked by a selection board which first convened April 27. The board went through the records of 94 eligible officers to pick the fifteen.

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