

31 of State's Top First Aid Teams to Meet in Fair Finale

Competitive Event to Start At 10 Saturday

Thirty-one of the state's top first-aid teams will compete for honors at the 12th annual first-aid meet of the Pennsylvania State Bituminous Safety Association at 10 a. m. this Saturday at Ebensburg Fairgrounds.

The event will be a feature of the last-day activities at this year's Cambria County Fair.

Three outstanding figures in Pennsylvania and national bituminous circles will be guest speakers. They are Charles Ferguson of Washington, D. C., director of safety for United Mine Workers of America; J. J. Forbess of Washington, D. C., director of U. S. Bureau of Mines and Wm. J. Clements of Harrisburg, secretary of Pennsylvania Dept. of Mines.

An array of awards and trophies are in line for winning teams. Cash awards include \$350, first; \$175, second; \$140, third; \$105, fourth, and \$35 to all other teams. They will be presented by W. G. Thomas of Colver, state deputy secretary of mines.

Other awards, and names of those who will present them, are: Mine Safety Appliance trophy, George H. Deike of Pittsburgh, president of Mine Safety Appliance Co.; National Coal Association trophy, Harry Gandy Jr. of Washington, D. C., safety director of National Coal Assn.; United Mine Workers trophy, Mr. Ferguson; Johnstown Tribune-Democrat Award, John F. James, executive editor and Pennsylvania Dept. of Mines awards, Mr. Thomas.

Address of welcome will be given by H. T. Laing of State College, executive director of the Central Penna. Coal Producers Association. Response will be made by Dennis J. Keenan of Spangler, general chairman of this year's event and president of Central Penna. Safety Assn.

Judge McCann Dies

(Continued From First Page) Surviving are his widow, the former Sara Jane Hartman; two sons and four daughters to his first marriage to the late Blanche Snyder; John H. Jr., Cresson; Patrick H., Ebensburg; Ann, now Sister Mary Jean of the Order of Mercy, St. Matthew's Convent, Tyrone; Mrs. Margaret Yocknick, Phoenixville; Mrs. Frances McGuire, Indiana, and Blanche, at home, and eight grandchildren.

He was a member of many religious, social and fraternal organizations and served as president of Western Pennsylvania Moose Assn. in 1951.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. this Thursday with Rev. Rousien Mass in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Cresson. Burial was in Holy Name Cemetery at Ebensburg.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gill and son of Buffalo, N. Y. are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Hollingsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bratton and family of Indiana visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bratton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kitchen of Akron and Edward Drass visited over the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Moyer.

Miss Oregon

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Administrative costs climbed from \$3,853,721 to \$4,011,205 in the same period.

3 Spangler Young Men To Attend Army School

Three Spangler youths who volunteered for Army service have qualified for specialist schools. They are Larry V. Hammond, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond; John D. Checkon, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Checkon; and George W. Gudson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gudson. Checkon and Gudson graduated this year from Spangler High, while Hammond is a 1954 graduate of Pennsylvania Military College.

Following basic training, they will attend the finance procedure school at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., for specialized instruction.

\$1 Million Surplus In UMWs' Welfare, Retirement Fund

Pulls Out of Deficit Reported Last Year

The United Mine Workers Welfare and Retirement Fund, bouncing back from a 7 1/2 million dollar deficit last year, had reported a million surplus for the year ended June 30.

This excess of income over outgo for the year boosted the fund's reserves to 93 1/2 million dollars on June 30. The fund is financed by royalties on coal production.

Helping the fund move into the black this year was the discontinuance April 1 of two emergency programs which in nine months had cost nearly 10 million dollars for temporary maintenance of miners' widows and orphans, and special maintenance for families of miners undergoing rehabilitation.

Royalty Increase Is Cited Helping also was a \$2,300,000 increase in receipts from the 40 cents a ton royalty on coal production. The rate went up from 30 to 40 cents Nov. 1, 1952, but the past fiscal year was the first full year in which it was effective for the full 12 months.

The fund's \$100 monthly pensions to retired miners cost an added five million dollars last year but the total of all benefit payments declined \$5,800,000 from the preceding year.

The fund aided 276,763 persons during the year, compared with 266,421 the year before.

The UMW said the benefits reached into every bituminous coal mining community. Hard coal workers are not under this fund. From its start in 1946, the trust fund climbed steadily to a peak balance of 99 1/2 million dollars on June 30, 1952. But the 7 1/2 million deficit in 1952 cut it to 92 million June 30, 1953.

New Gains The new gain of \$1,540,312 brought the fund up to \$93,565,044 on last June 30. At that time, 54,937 aged, retired miners were receiving \$100 a month pensions. Miners are eligible to retire at 60 provided they have worked 20 of the preceding 30 years in the mines.

Fifty three per cent of the 7,130 miners who retired in the last fiscal year did so because no work was available for them and 37 per cent because of physical disabilities, the report said. The other 10 per cent retired because they were eligible and wanted to.

Almost a million coal miners and their families have shared more than 641 millions in benefits since UMW President John L. Lewis won contract provisions for the welfare program in May, 1946.

During the eight years since then royalty revenues have totaled more than 735 millions.

Benefit payments during the eight-year period have amounted to 260 millions for pensions, 203 1/2 millions for hospital and medical care, 105 millions for cash aid to disabled miners and 72 1/2 millions for cash aid to widows, orphans and other survivors of coal diggers.

Administrative costs of the program since 1946 amounted to more than 18 millions, or 2.8 per cent of total expenses, the report said.

In the year that ended June 30, 1954, the fund's revenues—mostly from coal royalty payments—jumped to \$324,847,719 from the preceding year's \$131,847,786.

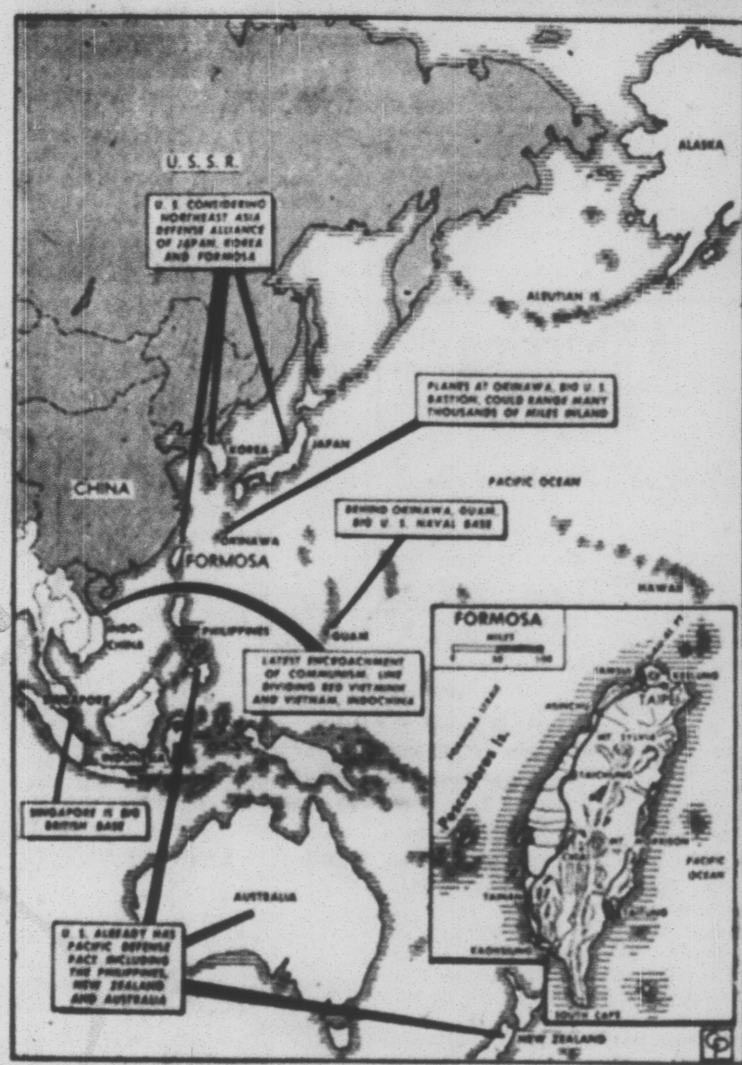
Total benefit payments dropped from 135,110,228 in 1952-53 to \$129,296,261 in 1953-54.

Pension Outlay Increases Pension payments increased more than five million dollars from \$58,945,707 in 1952-53 to \$64,092,309 in 1953-54.

But the report showed declines of four millions in the amount spent for hospital and medical care, from \$56,444,29 to \$52,209,012; of 3 1/2 millions for cash aid to disabled miners, from \$9,158,816 to \$5,469,554 and 2 1/2 millions in cash aid to miners' widows and dependent children, from \$6,890,401 to \$4,395,373. The cash aid programs were those stopped on April 1.

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REPORT U. S. READY TO DEFEND FORMOSA



THIS MAP ILLUSTRATES part of what the United States has for use in the event Formosa is invaded by the Chinese Communists. Washington reports are that if this happens, the U. S. is ready to defend the Chinese Nationalist bastion. Activity of Reds along the mainland of China has been reported increasing lately.

Issue Being Taken With Fees Charged By Prothonotaries

Laws can be pretty hard to understand sometimes. Especially when they don't seem to agree.

Take an issue raised recently by the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce. Its spokesmen claim that some public officials are charging too much for certain services.

Although he's not mentioned by name, Joseph C. Dolan is one of those officials referred to. He's Cambria County's prothonotary.

Mr. Dolan charges \$3 for filing certain legal papers in his office. They are called financing statements and are rather common.

The State Chamber says the fee should be only \$1.50. They say it says so in the commonwealth's new Uniform Commercial Code.

On the other hand, Dolan can point to an even newer law which says the fee for filing chattel mortgages is \$3. And a chattel mortgage is the same as a financing statement, under the Uniform Commercial Code.

Faced by two apparently conflicting laws, Mr. Dolan didn't make an arbitrary decision. He asked the court.

The court told him to charge \$2. The \$3 law was passed after the Uniform Code, the court said, and therefore, was the one to follow.

This stand apparently has majority support among public officials. At least only 12 counties are following the \$1.50 fee set by the code. All others charge more, says the State C. C.

The state organization wants something done about it. The Uniform Code was approved April 6, 1953, to go into effect July 1, 1954.

The law which sets the \$3 chattel mortgage fee was passed four months later—Aug. 21, 1953. It went into effect last Jan. 1.

Mr. Dolan said it is difficult to believe that the Legislature intended to raise the fee to \$3 in January, only to reduce it in July back to its former price of \$1.50.

Miss Sara Trovato Summer Bride

Miss Sara Trovato of St. Benedict and Sam Valenty of Barnesboro were married Monday morning in St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Trovato and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Valenty.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Bonaventure Middle of Hollidaysburg, cousin of the bride. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Miss Grace Trovato, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

Pete Sgro was best man. Miss Marina Valenty, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid and Perry Trovato, brother of the bride, was usher.

Mr. Valenty, a former member of the U. S. Navy, is owner of Valenty's Gift Shop, Barnesboro and is employed by Sealest Ice Cream Company.

Following the wedding, a reception and dinner were held in Barnesboro Veterans of Foreign Wars Home. The couple will take a honeymoon trip in eastern states and will reside in Barnesboro.

You have more friends when you let other people get the best of you and keep the worst of yourself.

\$1 1/2 Million School to House Cresson High School Pupils

Joint Board Gets OK for New Building from State School Authority; Meeting Set for Friday

The Pennsylvania State School Building Authority has approved and allocated \$1,675,920.42 for the erection of a new secondary school for the Cresson Joint School District.

Announcement of the approval was made by Dr. F. K. Shields, supervising principal of the district Friday of last week, the day the district received word of approval from the state.

Dr. Shields said the structure will be amortized over a period of 38 years at 4 percent interest and a reserve of 20 percent. The estimated annual rental of \$103,837.18.

The supervising principal said a delegation of local school authorities will confer with the state officials in Harrisburg at 10 a. m. tomorrow will include the members of the joint board, the president and secretary of each of the five member boards, the solicitor, the architect, the supervising principal in addition to any other personnel the joint board may desire to have at the conference.

He added that special meetings of the five member districts—Ashville, Cresson, Cresson Township, Dean Township and Sankertown—will be called to authorize

Order Dr. Hoxsey To Pay Court Costs

Dr. Harry M. Hoxsey of Dallas, Tex., this week was ordered to pay \$5,500 in court costs arising out of his fight with the government over his cancer treatment in a ruling by Federal Judge W. H. Atwell at Dallas Tuesday.

In the case, the government obtained an injunction forbidding shipment of Hoxsey's medicine across state lines.

The order, issued last fall, also has been served on Sen. John J. Halliwell, a backer of the Hoxsey treatment, in an attempt to forestall establishment of satellite Hoxsey clinics outside of Texas. A clinic has been promised for this section.

However, apparently the ruling does not say anything about the manufacture of the medicine in this state for use here.

Use Rye for Pasture Many Pennsylvania dairymen are using rye to extend their pasture season at both ends—fall and spring. Frank Bamer, Penn State extension agronomist, reports two varieties are being used. Balbo has been accepted by many Pennsylvania dairymen. Tetra Petkus, a new German variety, shows promise.

School is open. Drivers are urged to "watch" the kids.

The supervising principal said the project represents two years of planning by the faculty and non-member, secretary, and Joseph P. Roberts, Sankertown, the treasurer.



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DAVE CARMAN, 19, of Millville, Ore., who has had nine years of training as a ballist dancer, has been selected to represent her state in the Miss America pageant at Atlantic City. A sophomore at Brigham Young University, Utah, Miss Carman hopes to become a teacher. (International)