

Patton, Carrolltown Residents Elected By County Fire Units

William Whiteford, Ann Bearer New Presidents; 111-Unit Parade

William (Bud) Whiteford of Patton is the new president of Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County & Vicinity.

Top auxiliary office for the coming year goes to Mrs. Ann M. Bearer of Carrolltown.

Nominations and elections were held during last Wednesday's business sessions at the 34th annual county firemen's convention.

Approximately 700 delegates from 45 companies and 359 delegates representing 33 auxiliary units attended.

Mr. Whiteford, who is presi-

dent of Patton Volunteer Fire Company, and an officer in the Zone 1 of the county unit, was unopposed for the presidency in balloting in Capitol Theater.

He succeeds Joseph Barr of Nanty Glo. Mr. Whiteford also serves as president of Zone 1, Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County & Vicinity.

Mrs. Bearer succeeds Mrs. Katherine Newman of Barnesboro as auxiliary head. The auxiliary session was conducted in Nanty Glo VFW Home.

Other officers of the men's organization are: Grant Lybarger Sr., Oakland, first vice president; Paul Johnson, Gallitzin, second vice president; Robert Allison, Ebensburg, elected to this term as the secretary and Richard P. Logue, Portage, re-elected treasurer.

Two veteran auxiliary officers were retained—Mrs. John Whalen of Spangler for a 27th consecutive year and Mrs. Katherine Klugger of Barnesboro to a 26th term as treasurer.

Mrs. Whalen has held the post since the organization of the county unit.

Also named to auxiliary offices were Mrs. Geraldine McQuillen, Portage, first vice president; Mrs. Joseph Barr, Nanty Glo, second vice president, and Mrs. C. E. Davis, Nanty Glo, Mrs. Sara Horn, Nanty Glo and Mrs. Sara Mook, Dale, directors.

Wednesday's convention session opened at 10:30 a. m. with a joint memorial service in the Capitol Theater, Thomas Woodring, Nanty Glo fire chief, was in charge and Attorney John Taylor of Nanty Glo delivered the memorial address.

There were no bids submitted for next year's convention. Firemen agreed that selection of the site will be made by county officers.

The annual joint meeting with Somerset County Volunteer Firemen's Association will be held Thursday, May 24, 1956, at a site to be announced.

Firemen also agreed that future meetings will be held at 8:00 p. m., regardless if Eastern Standard Time or Daylight Saving Time are in effect.

There was general discussion about the hazards of cars following too closely behind fire-bound apparatus. Member companies

were urged to press for stricter enforcement of the law prohibiting such practices.

The auxiliary presented a gift in appreciation of services to the outgoing president, Mrs. Newman Bulk of auxiliary business was taken up in revision by-laws.

Following the business meetings, the firemen and women attended a banquet, held in several buildings in the borough.

Wednesday evening's program featured a darktown and bet parade in which \$105 in cash prizes were awarded, and the battle of the barrel competition.

A total of \$430.00 in prizes was awarded to youngsters with the prettiest, funniest and most unusual pets in the line of march. Winning companies in the darktown competition were Conemaugh, first, \$250; Ebensburg, second, \$15; and South Fork, third, \$10. Nanty Glo High School led the procession.

An unexpected guest Wednesday evening was the Du Bois Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps. The group informed officials that by mistake it came Wednesday night to compete in the big firemen's parade—which was held Thursday evening. The musical unit was given a \$25.00 award.

Results of the battle of the barrel competition Wednesday evening were Conemaugh over Gallitzin and Carrolltown over Portage.

Musical organization from Crescon, Patton and Tyrone copped top \$100 awards Thursday evening of last week at the convention's mammoth parade.

A total of 111 units, representing fire companies, auxiliaries, veterans organizations and high schools throughout the area, paraded before thousands of spectators who thronged to Nanty Glo for the event.

The big parade closed out the fourth-day activities in the week long 34th annual convention.

Crescon American Legion Band took the \$100 first prize as the best senior band in the line of march. Another \$100 went to the Patton-Chest Twp. High band as the best junior band.

Recognition as the best senior drum corps in the parade was worth \$100 to the Tyrone American Legion outfit.

Other musical winners were: Junior band—BCI, second, \$50; senior drum corps—Johnstown Blue Devils, second, \$50; best junior drum corps—Ashville, \$75; Winber, \$35.

Winners in competition for member companies and auxiliaries only: Best-appearing company (20) or more men in line of march—Oakland, \$75; Upper Yoder, \$50; Franklin, \$25; company coming the longest distance—Coalport, \$15; most men in line of march—Conemaugh, \$25; best-appearing pumper—Conemaugh, \$25; the best-appearing apparatus other than pumper—Ebensburg, \$15; and best-appearing auxiliary—Upper Yoder, \$35.

Winners in non-member competition: Best-appearing company—Hoo-verville, \$50; company coming longest distance—Norvelt, \$25; and best-appearing auxiliary—Hooversville, \$35.

Joseph Barr, outgoing county firemen's president, served as the parade marshal.

Winners in Thursday afternoon's efficiency contests were: Single line—Patton, \$50; Gallitzin, \$20; Carrolltown, \$15; double line—Gallitzin, \$35; Patton, \$15; Mrs. and Mr. John R. Sponasky of Patton, \$25; Carrolltown, \$15; and Patton, \$10.

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS: William L. Skirsky, Bakerton, and Sarah A. Lacey, Carrolltown; John E. Pavlick, Barnesboro, and Martha J. Reffner, Spangler; Joseph Flewa, Cassman, and Louise Petterick, Coupon; Henry P. McNichol, Philadelphia, and Anna M. Lezniak, Ashville; Patrick E. Adams, Cleveland, Ohio, and Donna L. Zanoni, Patton.

Recent Deaths

August Shrenkle

St. Benedict—August Shrenkle, 66, of this place, died Friday, Aug. 5, in Mercy Hospital, Spangler. He was born in Brockway on March 29, 1889.

Mr. Shrenkle is survived by his widow, the former Victoria Kerfonta, Mrs. William Baird and Robert, all of St. Benedict, and one grandchild.

He was a brother of John Shrenkle of Barnesboro and Victor Shrenkle of Kearney, N. J.

A veteran of World War I, he was a member of St. Benedict VFW Post, Ebersburg, and of the UMWA and St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Hart's Sleeping Place.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 9:00 a. m. in St. Joseph's Church and interment was made in the church cemetery. St. Benedict VFW Post, Arrangements in charge of Stevens Funeral Home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lipple

Mrs. Elizabeth Lipple, aged 68, of St. Benedict, died on Monday at the Ebersburg home of her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Spangler. She was born Dec. 4, 1886, in Altoona, a daughter of Andrew and Barbara (Shero) Huber. Her husband, Andrew Lipple, died in 1951.

Surviving are these children: Harold, Mrs. T. R. Herrick, Altoona; Mrs. Ralph D. Conrad, Jr., Pittsburgh; and Mrs. Robert Whalen, Spangler. There are two grandsons, Mrs. Lipple was a member of the St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Carrolltown. Friends were received at the late home, and funeral services took place this Thursday morning in St. Benedict's Church. Interment was made in St. Monica's cemetery, Chest Springs, in charge of Stevens.

The deceased was a member of the Altar-Rosary Society of St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Carrolltown. Friends were received at the late home, and funeral services took place this Thursday morning in St. Benedict's Church. Interment was made in St. Monica's cemetery, Chest Springs, in charge of Stevens.

Nicholas Krynick

Bakerton—Nicholas Krynick, 64 of this place, died Friday, Aug. 5, in the Mercy Hospital, Johnstown. He was born in Twereny Galicia, Austria, Dec. 19, 1890.

He is survived by his widow, the former Mary Wabersky, and a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Polites of Akron, Ohio and one granddaughter.

Mr. Krynick was a member of Local 126 UMWA and St. Peter & Paul's Greek Catholic Church in Bakerton. Services were held on Monday at 10:00 a. m. and interment was made in the church cemetery. Arrangements in charge of Stevens Funeral Home.

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Ebensburg Woman Drowns At Patton Recreation Park

Body of Margaret McAllister, 28, Found Last Wednesday Night; First Death in Pool's History

The fatal fatality in the four-year-old history of the swimming pool at the Patton Recreation Park, occurred on Wednesday evening of last week, shortly before 7 o'clock, when an Ebersburg girl, 28-year-old Miss Margaret McAllister, drowned.

Her body was removed from the pool about 8:15 and her companions became alarmed at her absence.

Efforts by the Patton Volunteer Firemen to revive the victim proved fruitless. She was pronounced dead at 8:15 by a local physician.

Richard P. Wilkinson, Cambria County Deputy Coroner, listed her death as an accidental drowning. He was assisted in his investigation by Police Chief Edward Donahue.

It was learned Miss McAllister, daughter of Mrs. Winifred McAllister, of Ebersburg, had gone on a picnic as a chaperon for members of the Ebersburg unit of Junior Catholic Daughters of America.

The group, including other chaperons, went swimming in the afternoon, the coroner learned, leaving the pool about 4 o'clock to eat supper.

About 6 o'clock, Miss McAllister and her companions went back into the pool.

Mrs. Francis K. Shields of Ebersburg, a chaperon, told coroner Wilkinson she was talking with Miss McAllister in the pool about 7 o'clock and that she informed the victim she intended to get dressed.

Mrs. Shields said she saw Miss McAllister swim a 3 1/2-to-4-foot section of the pool.

Margaret P. McAllister was born Feb. 24, 1927, in Nettleton, Pa. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Winifred McAllister, and sister: Russell, Roy, Reynold, Paul and Joe, all of Ebersburg, and Mrs. Mary Agnes Evon, Gallitzin. She had worked for the Telephone Company for the past nine years.

Funeral services were held at nine o'clock on Monday morning in the Holy Name Catholic Church, Ebersburg, and interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mike Ward to Be Installed By 40 et 8 At Patton Sept. 3

Unit to Elect Delegates To National Convention

Four men officially will represent Cambria County Vulture 1370, 40 et 8, at the national convention to be held at the Waldorf Astoria, New York, on Sept. 3 and 4.

Two delegates and two alternates will be chosen from a list of four nominees named last Wednesday night in the home of Ebersburg Legion Post 363. They are Paul J. Willis, Loretto; Fred George and Paul R. Jones, both of Ebersburg, and Adrian J. McGonigle, Crescon.

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Cambria County's Jail Gets Clean Bill of Health

Cambria County Prison, Ebersburg, has received a clean bill of health from the bureau of penal affairs of the State Department of Welfare.

The prison was classified as "good" following an inspection by the bureau warden John McHugh and the county prison board were commended for the jail's general condition and efficient management.

The district comprises Lodges from Altoona, Barnesboro, Crescon, Coalport, Hastings, Patton, Gallitzin and Ebersburg.

Other officers elected at the session were C. Duffield of Altoona, junior governor; John Carasani, Coalport, secretary-treasurer; F. Rodgers, Ebersburg, prelate, and Frank Perone, Barnesboro, as past governor.

Following the election a luncheon was served to the delegates and their wives.

The installing officer was past governor of District 15, Pat Flynn of Crescon.

The next meeting of the District will be held in Gallitzin this Sunday, Aug. 14, which will be a joint meeting of Districts 15, 14 and 4, with District 15 as host.

Action will be taken on resolutions that will be presented at the National Convention which will be held in Philadelphia Aug. 28 to Sept. 1. The National event will draw some 1,700 Lodges from the U. S., Canada and England represented, with a combined membership of over one million.

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