

On the West Side

Maltby Colliery

The last of the coal companies

The former Maltby Colliery and Breaker was located between Owen and Dennison Streets on the back road in Swoyersville. This was one of the best kept breaker and colliery yards around these parts in the late twenties and early thirties. Mules and the steam shovel can be seen in the photo.

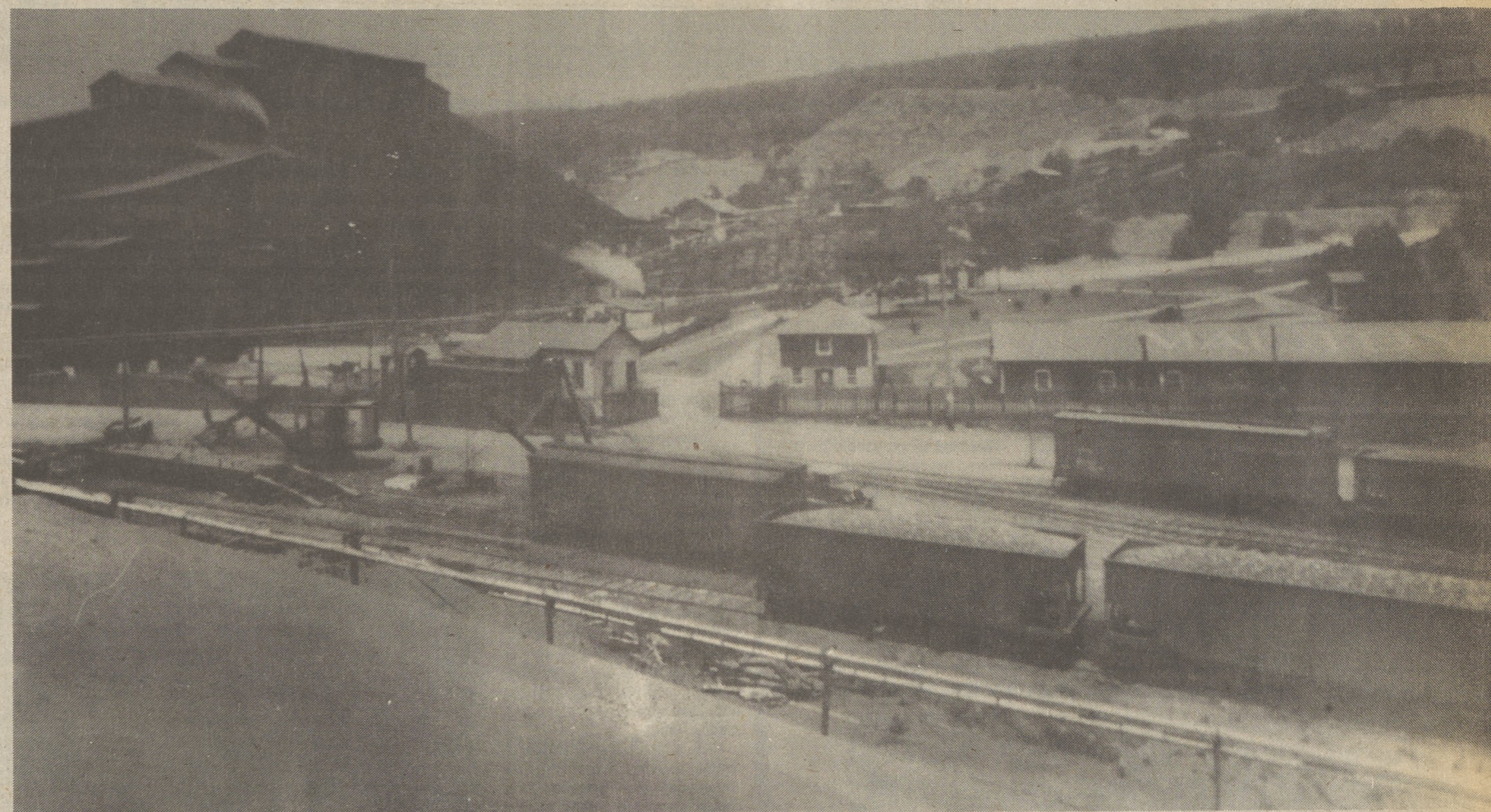
St. Patrick's Day was a big day at the colliery as the workers would bring up the mules from the mines. They painted the mules green for the celebration.

The small lokies are missing from this photo but the following information was given by the well known photographer and historian of Swoyersville, Paul Biele from the "Atlas of Luzerne County, Pa.," from actual Surveys of D.G. Beers, 1873, Engineers of Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties. The book was published by A. Pomeroy and Company of Philadelphia. Paul stated that the lokies ran from the

Maltby Mines through Lackawanna Ave., along the creek where Joh Dzurek lives on Townend Ave., over Noyes Ave., which was then Walnut St., going over Wade St. to Park Ave. across Maltby Ave. and Lackawanna Ave. to the Bloomsburg-Lackawanna Railroad between Owen and Dennison Streets in Forty Fort.

The coal was hauled from the Maltby Mines to the Maltby breaker. The coal was mined at the Maltby Mines which was the present breaker until its demolition. Before it became Lehigh Valley Coal Company, it was Houghton and Wilmer Coal Co. and later was taken over by C.S. Maltby, Pioneer and it was called Maltby Mines.

After a few years, Maltby incorporated with the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. and it became the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Preparations were made to make one breaker. Workings were then abandoned on Wyoming



Ave. and the lokie tracks. After the breaker was built, it went back to the old name of Maltby Colliery, which was then the largest in the Anthracite Region. Farther north, still on the Back Road, at a point of Kozlek's Sand Pit was

the Fuller Shaft that became a working of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. Here the coal was dumped from a tippel into a gondola, (coal car) and brought to Maltby Colliery. The excess workings of the Fuller Shaft were sent to the

Westmoreland Colliery in West Wyoming located off Fairview St. The additional coal from Westmoreland Colliery was sent to the Exeter Colliery located on Penn Street. The three collieries, Maltby, Fuller Shaft and

Westmoreland were supervised by George F. Miller, pioneer mining engineer and later taken over by his son, Jacob Miller, who now resides with his daughter and son-in-law Arlene and Andy Gomba on Maltby Ave., Swoyersville.

One oddity is that the senior Miller was never given any recognition for having the cleanest workings at his collieries. In private life, Mr. Miller was a great sports backer, supporting the old Maltby All Star Baseball Club.

The mine worked 24 hours around the clock and was the main source of employment in this vicinity. This is the last of the coal companies of which Swoyersville Borough was one of the largest supporters in the U.S.A.



Members of the Maltby Drug bowling team, first and second half champs of the Swoyersville Businessmen's Bowling League bowled at the Colonia Lanes in Nanticoke. The same team took the championship two years ago. The team was formerly sponsored by Ted Fischer and the for the past two years, the new owner, of Maltby Drug, Joe Rainelli has continued to sponsor them. Pictured above Joe Rainelli, sponsor, receiving the trophy from league secretary Phil Perzia. Second row left to right, Jerry Mizenko, Eddie Mizenko Jr., co-captain; Eddie Mizenko Sr., Steve Galanda, co-captain; Steve Ulichney, Rick Mizenko. The men have bowled together for several years.

Boy Scout Troop 144 attends Spring Camporee

Boy Scout Troop 144, Rawhide Patrol, sponsored by St. Mary's Church, Swoyersville attended the Spring Camporee at Moon Lake sponsored by Mountain Pathfinder District, Penns Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Scouts campout in tents and increase their camping skills and scouting knowledge in preparation for summer camp at Camp Acahela.

Rawhide Patrol members are the youngest scouts in Troop 144. Robert Coniglio is Senior Patrol Leader, Michael Hanusin is Patrol Leader, and David Schwenk is Assistant Patrol Leader. Other scouts participating were Rocky Jones, Robert Krull and James Brennan. Scoutmaster is Russ Jones and

Scouting Coordinator is Bill Coniglio.

Rawhide Patrol participated in eight competitive events and were awarded first place for first aid skills; first place for trail signs and second place for knot tying. They also received a participation award and a winning unit award for Scout Enrollment in 1981. Nineteen patrols competed in the event.

Rawhide Patrol also joined in a Good-Turn Conservation Project for Moon Lake Park.

Troop 144 welcomes any boy at least 11-years-old or in fifth grade who wants to become a boy scout. Meetings are held each Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Hall on Shoemaker Street, Swoyersville.



The Jacobs Brothers of Dillsburg, will appear at the Luzerne United Methodist Church on May 27 at 7:30 p.m. The group is comprised of Mike Jacobs, Mike Lawver, standing Dick Jacobs, Bob Jacobs four talented young men dedicated to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Since 1962 the group has produced numerous albums, traveled over a million miles, and hosted many international tours. Presently the Jacobs Brothers' weekly television ministry is aired over many commercial stations and is beamed by way of satellite to various parts of the world. A well-known trade paper has described the group as being one of the "most versatile groups in existence, singing every style of gospel music, each with the same exacting competence..."

West Side Anniversaries

MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND PODSKOCH of 1031 Main Street, Swoyersville will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this coming Tuesday. They were married on June 1, 1957 by Rev. Clement J. Podskoch, CFC, cousin of Mr. Podskoch, at St. John's Church in Luzerne.

Mrs. Podskoch is the former Bernardine Spirko, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Spirko of Swoyersville. Podskoch is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Podskoch, also of Swoyersville.

Their attendants were Anita Spirko Rakus, Ralph Kudela, Dolores Spirko Saduski, Edward

Begosh, Patricia Sobek Nowicki, Raymond Chimock, Rose Cocci Uter and Robert O'Donnell. Starosta and Starosti were Mary Scripp and Martin Podskoch Jr.

The Podskoches are the parents of three children, Margaret who was recently married to Thomas Semanek Jr. on May 22; Marlene and Raymond Jr.

Mr. Podskoch is a vice president of the United Penn Bank and is the West Side Regional manager which takes in Kingston, Forty Fort and Dallas Branches.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN "ROCKY" NAWROCKI

of 24 Valley View Drive, Swoyersville will celebrate their 36 wedding anniversary this coming Tuesday. They were married on June 1, 1946 by the late Rev. Andrew Klobuscucky at Holy Trinity Church, Swoyersville.

Mrs. Nawrocki is the former Evelyn Krakosky, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Krakosky. Rocky is the son of Mrs. Edna Novroski and the late Jacob Novroski all of Swoyersville.

Their attendants were Emily Krakosky Goliash, Edward Novroski, Rita Saxon Trester, the late Daniel Novroski, Steve and Helen Gulla Gaydos, Lillian Munley, Michael Krakosky, Estelle Gavlick Stofko and George "Zeke" Vozniak.

The Nawrockis are the parents of three children, Charlotte, Clinton, Conn.; Joyce and Jamie. Nawrocki is associated

with the Sommerville Construction Co., Forty Fort, and is the accordionist for the Henry Charles Orchestra.

MR. AND MRS. JACK BURNS of 108 Maltby Ave., Swoyersville will celebrate their 29 wedding anniversary this coming Saturday. They were married on May 29, 1953. Mrs. Burns is the former Theresa Shemanski of Plymouth.

The Burns' are parents of two children, Mrs. Marilyn Delaney, Baltimore, Md. and John Jr. of Plymouth. They also have two grandchildren.

Burns is an installer for the Western Electric Company.

MR. AND MRS. JOE GULA of 20 Frederick Street, Swoyersville will celebrate their 31 wedding anniversary next Wednesday. They were married on June 2, 1951 at

St. John the Baptist Church, Pittston by the late Rev. John J. Bednarcik.

Mrs. Gula is the former Johanna Yarina, daughter of Joseph Yarina and the late Mary Yarina of West Wyoming. Gula is the son of Anna Gulla, a guest at Valley Crest and the late John Gula Sr. of Swoyersville.

Their attendants were Theresa Levitsky Maholic, Walter Lopko, Dave Jones, Helen Hudanick Dennis, Joseph Petrsek and Rose Marie Yarina Rosencrans.

The Gulas are the parents of two children, Ronald, Plymouth, associated with Nabisco Brands, Wilkes-Barre and Marianne Gula Maticic of Kingman, Ariz., where she is a nurse at Mahavy General Hospital in Kingman. The Gulas also have three grand-

children: Christopher and Stacey Marie Gula, and Benjamin John Maticic.

Mr. Gula is associated with the Dallas Post. Mrs. Gula is employed at Flory Fashions Inc., Swoyersville.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD LEVENOSKIE of 105 Park Ave., Swoyersville will celebrate their 27 wedding anniversary this coming Sunday. They were married on May 30, 1955 at the Holy Rosary Church, Duryea by Msgr. Peter P. Niebrzdowski.

Mrs. Levenoskie is the former Frances Marie Gorrick, daughter of Mrs. Isabel Gorrick and the late Stanley Gorrick, Duryea. Levenoskie is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Levenoskie, Pittston.

Their attendants were: Christine Micnicoski,

Charles Andrewscavage, Regina Osowsky, Yolanda Castner, Dolores Kulas, Jane Levenoskie, Dorothy Gorrick, Carol Mesorek, Genevieve Clark, Frances Eve Jacobs, Robert Luce, Patrick Triano, Michael Yager, Charles Morgan, Joseph Kridgen, George Orenich and Arthur Orloski.

The Levenoskies are the parents of four children: Mrs. Kevin Erdman, Bloomsburg; Richard Jr., Lisa and David.

Levenoskie is owner and operator of R. Levenoskie Signs at his residence.

MR. AND MRS. STERLING RUSH of Zerby Ave., Edwardsville, formerly of 15 Clinton St., Swoyersville will celebrate their 19

wedding anniversary this coming Tuesday. They were married on June 1, 1963 by Rev. Aloysius Boylan at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Swoyersville. Mrs. Rush is the former Barbara Niewinski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Niewinski, Forty Fort. Rush is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rush of Plains Twp.

Their attendants were Nan Dynakowski, Marlene Strecker, Carol Newcombe, Diane Gadowski, Sam Guilano, Bob Mitchell, Paul Sarokas, Ed Niewinski.

The Rushes are the parents of three children, Michael Jr., Douglas and Amy. The Rushes are the owners and operators of Rush's Inn, Edwardsville.



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