

Homes Increase Over 100%

Harrisburg — An upswing of nearly 100 percent was noted during the past month in new homes placed under construction in Pennsylvania.

Basically the increase was due to seasonal factors. Home-wise it represented the start of 3204 dwelling units - up from the preceding month by 94.7 per cent, but down 21 per cent from 1947 at the same time.

Insofar as the cost or value of the new residential units is concerned, the past month's value exceeded \$34 million, which was 77 per cent more than for the preceding month - but again, just 21 per cent under last year at this time.

On the other hand non-residential building throughout the state took an upswing of 35 per cent on the construction side over the previous month.

The cost of such projects, involving new commercial, industrial and public buildings at nearly \$17 million was less than a one per cent gain.

A glance at the overall picture in the state showed that residential and non-residential building operations combined were estimated at costing better than \$60 million, up around \$18 million over the preceding month, or almost 50 per cent.

But - compared with a year ago at this time the volume was down roughly 20 per cent.

Church Fire Extinguished With Holy Water

Pueblo, Colo. — When a small fire broke out near the altar of St. Patrick Church, Mrs. Patrick Coudy was Johnny on the spot. She doused the flames with holy water.

Firemen said children playing with vigil lights apparently started the blaze.

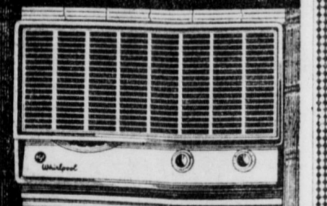
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Banquet Attended By 300

Landisville-Salunga — 300 alumni and teachers attended the Twenty-seventh Annual Alumni Banquet of the Hempfield High School held last Saturday night at the high school cafeteria. Landisville Speakers for the event were the Rev. Paul Kahn, and the Rev. Harry Kahn, twin brothers, of Fleetwood.

Toastmaster for the banquet was Christ Greider, Class of 1928, and also president of the alumni group, Mr. Amos Herr, class of '24 and also a teacher at Hempfield, presented three members of the graduating class of 1956 with the Alumni Scholarship awards. They were Miss Sherry D. Kennel, \$400; Paul Wilbur Risser, \$400; and Miss Sandra S. Shroll, \$225. Leroy M. Nisley, presented the classes of 1935 and 1936 to the alumni group. Two classes were presented this year due to the postponement of last year's meeting because the new building at Landisville was not yet completed.

N. L. Bowers, Class of '24, paid tribute to Miss Ethel R. Steinkomph, member of the high school faculty, who will retire on June 7 after 46 years of teaching in the district. Miss Steinkomph is a 1908 graduate of the Landisville High School. She was also presented with a gift by the alumni.

Following the meeting, the group were given a tour of the new high school, and were entertained at an organ recital by Mrs. Geraldine Getz, high school vocal teacher, in the auditorium. Dancing in the gymnasium concluded the alumni meeting.

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Gebhart Reunion Is May 27

The annual Gebhart Reunion will be held this year at Hoffer's Park in Middletown, Pa. on May 27, 1956. This is earlier than usual but because we are unable to get the park at a later date we feel maybe more may attend now because there are fewer vacations at this time.

Will each family kindly pass the word to those who perhaps may not be on the mailing lists? We would like to have a larger number of people this year than we had last year.

There are plenty of tables and picnic space provided. Also a playground for the children.

If there were any deaths this year and you perhaps may not be able to attend please send a card to me so that I can give it to the Memorial Committee.

Another important thing to do as soon as you arrive is to register we find that some failed to do so last year so we do not have up to date addresses.

In case of rain the pavilion is large and is also enclosed so don't stay home if

\$4,000,000 Paid For Unemployment

Harrisburg -PNS- Nearly \$4,000,000 was paid out during the past week in unemployment compensation to Pennsylvania's jobless.

A breakdown of this figure shows that \$3,740,908 went to 143,843 unemployed workers of the Keystone State on the regular jobless rolls, while \$744,118 went to 3256 unemployed veterans.

Interesting in the fact that continued claims - or those remaining on jobless rolls and not new during the past week - increased almost 14 per cent.

On the other hand new claims totaling 24,419 for the week, dropped almost 7 per cent, with a decline in layoffs in a number of industries causing the initial claims drop.

Industries causing most of the decrease were construction, food processing, stone-clay-glass, primary and fabricated metals, electrical

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COUPLES CLUB ORGANIZED

Richard Martin was elected president of the newly organized Christian Couples class of the St. Mark's EUB church at the first class meeting of the local group Tuesday night. Glenn Forney was elected vice president; Mrs. Glenn Forney, secretary and Earl Stahl, treasurer. Seventeen attended the first class meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

Glady's H. Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Weaver of Chocolate Ave. Florin was elected President of the Pi Kappa Delta and chosen Editor of the year book for 1956-57 at Upland College, California.

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