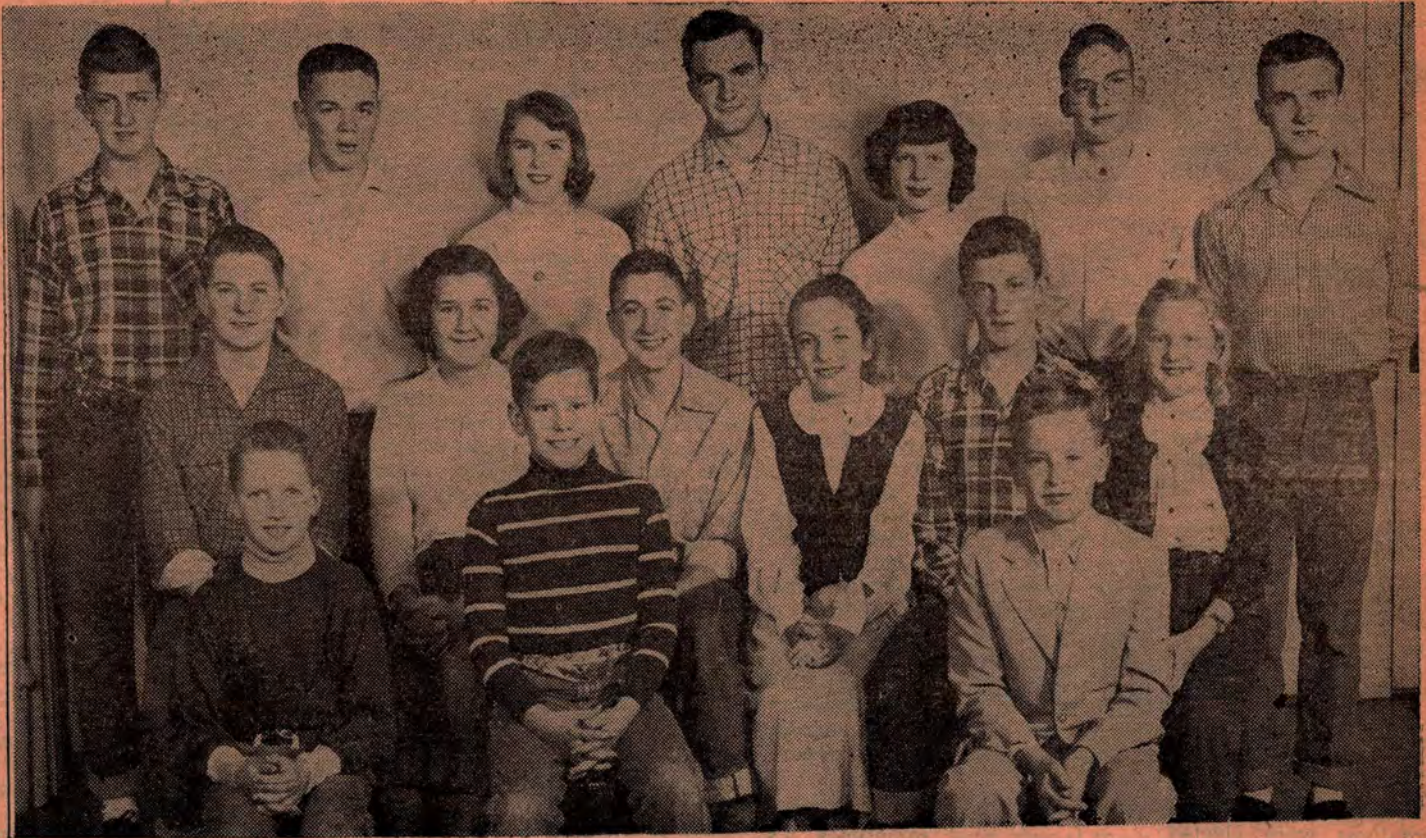


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COUNTY 4-H BOYS AND GIRLS EXHIBIT CATTLE AT STATE FARM SHOW



These young boys and girls, members of 4-H Clubs in Washington County, took their cattle projects to the State Farm Show at Harrisburg, Jan. 10-14, competing in the 4-H and open classes. Pictured, left to right, are: bottom row-Robert Ewart, Glyde; Robert Robison, Pike Run; William Hutchinson, West Alexander. Second row-Richard Wonsettler, Glyde; Glenda Grace Lusk, Eighty Four; Thomas Hopkins, Pike Run; Betsy Haywood, Ginger Hill; Ronald Lusk, Eighty Four; and Peggy Jo McNelly, Cross Creek; Third row-Donald Lusk, Eighty Four; Paul Cowden, Hickory; Beverly Robison, Pike Run; James Woodward, Ginger Hill; Gail Griffith, Cecil; Charles Wilson, West Middletown; and Eugene McHugh, Cross Creek.

County 4-H Boys and Girls Exhibit Cattle at State Farm Show
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1955 Edition

Clever Clovers Hold Round-Up

"Oriental Fantasy" was the theme of the Clever Clovers 4-H Club Round-Up held recently at the Center U. P. Church, in Midway. Guests received hand-made invitations in the form of fans.

To begin the evening, the members modeled their sewing projects. Commentators for the fashions were Kelly Bail, Karen Carlton and Rita Dowler. Each model was presented to the audience by means of a rickshaw ride. The stage was adorned with a pagoda, a willow tree and a lotus tree. The runway resembled a cherry blossomed pathway.

For entertainment, an oriental dance was performed featuring Japanese lanterns and silk scarves. The dancers, dressed in Oriental costumes, were Heather McCuen, Benita Robson, Christy Vosnick, Kim Polasko, Shannon Bail, Sherri Banko, Tracey Banko, Angie Campbell, Loretta Collins and Deana Froats. A comedy skit entitled "Samurai Cook" was presented by Mary Springer, who played the cook, and Amy Snatchko, who played the interpreter.

Chinese fans were featured in another dance performed by Judi Phillis, Kelly Bail, Mary Springer, Lisa Black, Karen Carlton, Rita Dowler, Michelle Curtis, Heather Johnston, Robin Kapp, Dana Hallam and Amy Snatchko.

The "Ho" family was also introduced to the guests. The family included Garden Hoe, Tally Ho, Westward Ho, Idaho, etc.

Each guest was served a fruit cup decorated with a tiny Oriental parasol, sweet and sour pork on chow mein noodles, homemade fortune cookies, jelly filled sugar cookies and iced tea. Chop sticks were the utensils used. The tables were decorated with tablecloths, napkins held by cherry blossom twigs, and flowers and candles floating in cut glass bowls.

Following the entertainment and luncheon, members were presented with ribbons for their projects. The members' projects had been judged earlier in the afternoon by Becky Michalka. Projects included sewing, Oriental cooking and jams, jellies and preserves. Leaders of the club are Emma Johnston, Marge Bail and Kay Snatchko.

Grande Opening

Wabash Railroad Station

Avella, Pennsylvania
A.D. White Research Society
Center for Regional and Family History

11 a.m., Saturday, May 19, 2007
Avella Presbyterian Church, Campbell Street

Dedication Program

The Star Spangled Banner.....Soloist: Emanuel Alexander Paris IV.

Dedication Prayer.....The Reverend Robert Gracey, Board Director.

***Opening Remarks...James Northcraft, Vice President, Wheeling & Lake Erie
Railway Company.***

***The Story of the Station Renovation.....William N. Poellot, Jr.,
past president of the Society & chairman of the Renovation Project.***

A Tribute to A. D. White.....June Campbell Grossman-Welch.

Memories of A.D.'s Life:

Lee Liggett, M.D.

Eugene Painter

Dr. Robert Loughry

Frank Muzopappa

Frank Rotunda

Memorial to deceased members of the Board of Directors & Advisory Board.

Lighting of the Candles by Alix L. Powers.

***The Dedication of the Wabash Station for the purpose of housing the Center
for Regional & Family History of the A.D. White Society.....the Congregation.***

***The Dedication Prayer in Song.....Soloist: Mr. Regis Brozier, Board Director.
Accompanist: Rita Miller Painter.***

The Benediction.....The Reverend Robert Gracey.

Burgettstown Legion To Observe Birthday

The forty-second birthday of the American Legion will be observed by Burgettstown Post 698 with a dance to be held Saturday, March 4. All ladies attending will be presented with a corsage.

Burgettstown Post is one of the 17,200 Legion posts and was formed in 1939. The late Dr. George L. McKee served as its first commander. The membership has grown from 15 charter members to 400. Robert Robinson is the present commander. The Legion gives awards each year to outstanding students in the public and parochial schools in the area.

**American Legion to Observe Birthday
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 2, 1961 Edition**

Glen Conklin Wins Event



Glenn E. Conklin, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Conklin, of Langeloth, is shown above holding his 52 Winchester .22 calibre rifle and trophy he won at a junior outdoor shooting contest held June 20 and 21 at Orwell, Ohio.

The competition attracted 45 shooters and was sponsored by the Amco Rifle Club, of Orwell.

Young Conklin, who is a sophomore at Union high school, finished first in the prone position firing with a perfect score of 100. Included in his ten bullseyes

were six shots within the inner circle.

Conklin fired his score from 50 yards, using metallic and peep sights.

His father, who is well known in national rifle shooting circles, recently competed in a National Rifle Association contest at Washington which drew a total of 2,501 entries from across the country. The elder Conklin, competing in small bore rifle classes, tied for 9th place with a score of 790 out of a possible 800.

(Enterprise photo)

Glen Conklin Wins Event
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 19, 1964

Fourth annual Christmas craft and vendor show to be held

AVELLA — The Avella Public Library will hold the fourth-annual Christmas craft and vendor fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Avella Community Center located on Avella Heights.

Available items will include Avon, Home-Grown Tie Dye, grave blankets, Stiltner woodcrafts, embroidery, primitive woodcrafts, jewelry, crochet items, Highland Candle Co., decorated Christmas trees, hand-painted ornaments and Cookie Lee. The event also will include food and drawings.

Crafters and vendors are still being accepted. The cost is \$20 for the first table and \$15 for each additional table.

Library officials asks those with overdue items return them or risk not receiving the new, county-wide patron card. The library can't afford to replace overdue items.

Library hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday.

For information, call (724) 587-5688.

Avella Public Library
Fourth Annual Christmas Craft and Vendor Show to be Held
PA Focus-November 7, 2013 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

POWER Library unveiling new look

The Pennsylvania POWER Library, unveiling a new look, is now all on one website — powerlibrary.org — and allows users to chat with a librarian, search e-resources, or find a book or photo from a library across the state.

POWER Library is the online portal to all Pennsylvania libraries. Users have free access to newspapers, magazines, journals, historical documents and photos, online databases and eBooks at all hours of the day. Librarians are on call to direct users to websites and e-resources and recommend keywords and search terms.

POWER Library gives Pennsylvanians access to authoritative, subscription-only information not available through free search engines or web directories.

Most of the site is open for browsing, but to use the online e-resources, users must have a library card issued by a Pennsylvania library or obtain an eCard that allows access to the POWER Library e-resources.

Information on obtaining a library card or POWER Library is available at the Avella Public Library, Burgettstown Community Library and Heritage Public Library.

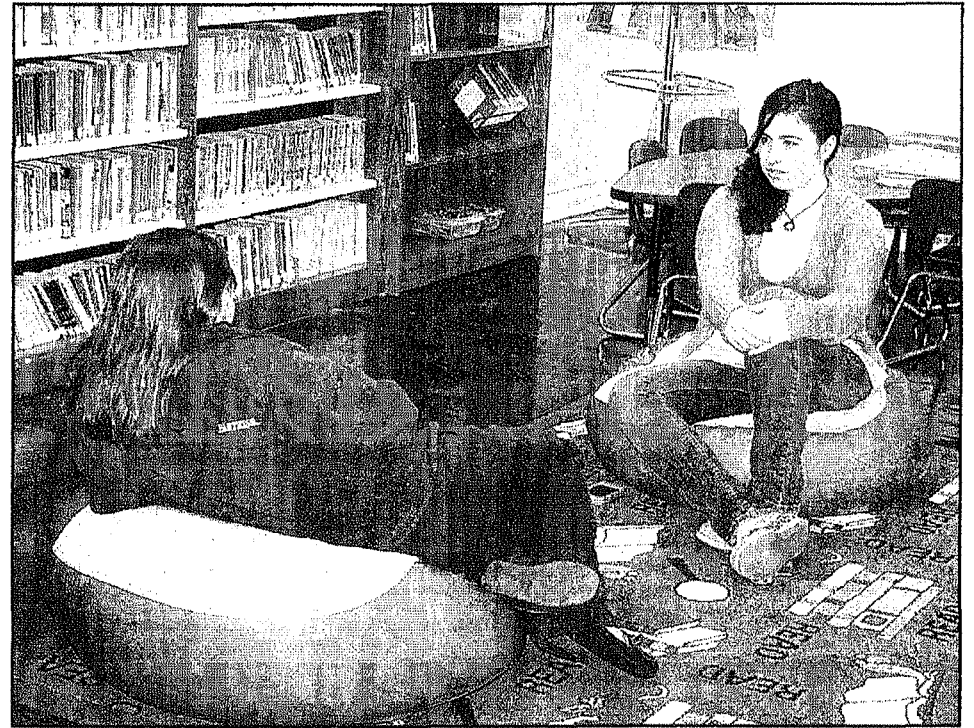
The Avella library is open from noon to 5 p.m. Mondays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. It is closed Fridays and Saturday. It is located at the Avella Community Center at 11 School Court. For information, call (724) 587-5688.

The Burgettstown

library is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays; 9 a.m. to noon Fridays; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. The library is closed Sundays. It is located at 2 Kerr St. For information, call (724) 947-9780.

Heritage library is open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. It is located at 52 Fourth St., McDonald. For information, call (724) 926-8400.

POWER Library is an integral part of Information Literacy, a component of the PA Forward initiative of the Pennsylvania Library Association, promoting the value of libraries in the 21st Century. Libraries help all Pennsylvanians learn how to use online resources and current technology to fully par-



Staff Photo

NEW FEATURE – The Avella Public Library, located at 11 School Court, Avella, is one of three local sites, also including Burgettstown Community Library and Heritage Public Library, where residents can receive more information about Pennsylvania POWER Library.

participate in a digital society. POWER Library is a service of Common-

wealth Libraries, a Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Educa-

tion. It is supported by the taxpayers of Pennsylvania.

Power Library Unveiling New Look
PA Focus-November 7, 2013 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Avella Street fair Ends With Parade

Fifty units from the Tri-state area participated in the street parade at Avella, held Saturday, August 1, as a closing feature of the fair which continued nightly at the Firemen's Field. The entire event was termed as successful, by Secretary, Dale Robinson. Prizes were announced as follows:

Majorette drill team, The Donee Debs, of Penn Hills, Verona, Pa.; Drum and Bugle Corps, Vern Acklin Drum and Bugle Corps, of Verona; Drill team, the North Side Decaders, of Pittsburgh; Best apparatus, Weirton, West Virginia; Best appearing squad car, East Bethlehem, of Fredericktown; Most comic, Richeyville; Longest distance, Bunola, Pa.; Most men in line, Claysville American Legion Post 639.

Other marching units included the Avella high school band; Avella Girl Scout Cadettes and honor guard; Avella Girl Scout Brownies; Jacks and Jills, of Penn Hills, Verona; Rollettes majorette drill team, North Braddock; Lone Pine Twirlettes Drum and Bugle Corps, Washington; Bridgeville Drum and Bugle Corps; Vella School of Dancing, Canonsburg.

May Queen Donna Curtis, and Joyce Patton, her Maid of Honor, and Homecoming Queen, were also present for the parade. Attendants were Nancy Ermacoff, Beverly Carter, Karen Andrews, Barbara Mlatnik and Joan Kendlick.

The Avella Volunteer Firemen express their thanks to all those from Avella and the surrounding community, who helped to make the street fair a success. Proceeds from the fair will assist in the purchasing of new fire-fighting equipment for the department.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAY TURNER

Firefighters battle a blaze Tuesday night that heavily damaged a home in Cross Creek Township.

Cross Creek home damaged by fire

By KATHIE O. WARCO
Staff writer
kwarco@observer-reporter.com

A Cross Creek Township man and his child are looking for a place to stay after a fire Tuesday night heavily damaged their home, just a day after they moved into the residence.

Avella fire Capt. Jim Rankin said he could see the fire from his home after getting the report of the blaze at the home of James

Crouser, 90 Donahoe St., about 9:30 p.m.

Rankin said there was no one in the two-story frame house when the fire started, although there was an initial report that a dog was inside the residence. Rankin said there was no animal inside the house.

The fire started in a back bedroom, demolishing it, the fire captain said. A space heater may have started the fire.

Firefighters had the fire under control in 10 or 15 minutes and were on the scene until about 11:45 p.m., Rankin said.

Rankin said a friend of Crouser's had reportedly driven past the house about 15 minutes before the fire was reported and saw smoke, but thought it was coming out of the chimney. Neighbors reported the fire.

Crouser told Rankin he recently purchased the house

and just moved in the day before. Crouser did remodeling work to the house before moving in, the fire captain added. The American Red Cross was called to assist him and his child.

Assisting at the scene were firefighters from Slovan, Mt. Pleasant Township and West Middletown. Canton Township firefighters responded with an air truck to refill the bottles on the firefighters' breathing apparatuses.

**Avella Volunteer Fire Department, Cross Creek Home Damaged
Observer-Reporter-March 31, 2016 Edition**

THREE FIRE COMPANIES BATTLE FLAMES THAT DAMAGED HISTORIC CROSS CREEK CHURCH

The bell tower of historic Cross Creek Presbyterian Church was completely destroyed and the surrounding roof burned Sunday afternoon in a fire which threatened to consume the entire brick church.

Fire companies of Burgettstown, Slovan and Avella fought the blaze for more than two hours. Neighbors and volunteers of the congregation hauled water in milk cans and other containers to supply water to fight the blaze.

Cause of the fire has not been determined.

A fire alarm was sent out at 1:30 p.m. The interior of the main auditorium was not damaged but the ceiling was badly water soaked. The church carries insurance but the extent of damage has not yet been estimated.

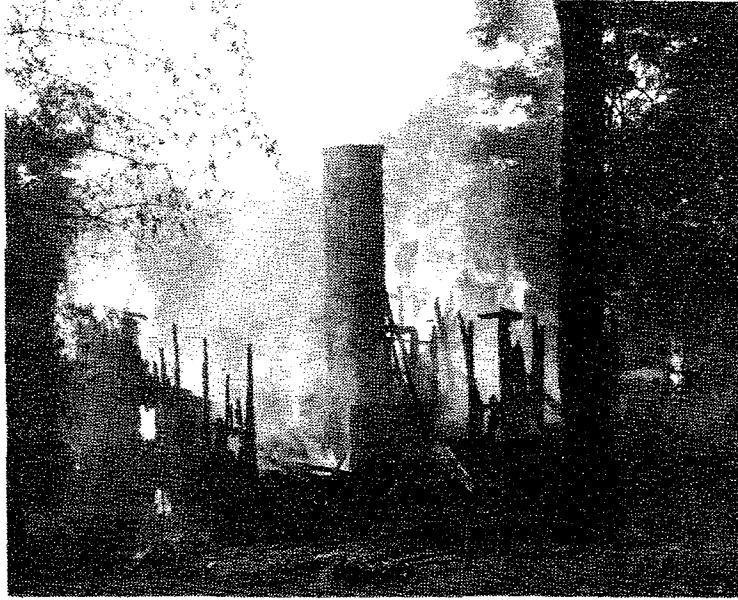
The bell in the tower is operated by hand and the entire tower structure fell from the church roof as it burned.

The Cross Creek congregation is one of the oldest in Washington County, having been organized in 1779. The present church building was erected in 1878. The congregation was formed when the Cross Creek and Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Churches extended a call to Rev. Joseph Smith to serve both congregations. At that time a log church was built. The two congregations had promised to pay Mr. Smith 75 pounds a year and at one time were three years behind in payment. It was necessary to have flour milled and shipped to New Orleans, a hazardous trip in the pioneer era, to raise money for the minister's salary.

Mr. Shane announced Sunday night that the Thanksgiving service scheduled for Wednesday evening will be held

**Three Fire Companies Battle Flames that Damaged
Historic Cross Creek Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 28, 1946 Edition**

Fire Destroys Home In Eldersville



A home was destroyed by fire in Eldersville last Friday evening, when a kerosene stove used for cooking exploded. The home was recently purchased by Al Bailey, and was located down the hill toward what formerly was known as Shinnstown. The frame house, owned for a number of years by Mrs. Elizabeth Gillespie, contained eight rooms.

It was occupied by Mr. Bailey, and another family, Mrs. Glendenning and two of her four children. The other two children have been staying with relatives. Mrs. Glendenning and her two boys, and Mr. Bailey, lost all of their belongings.

They are in need of almost anything in the line of wearing apparel, but the main need is for bed clothing. Some furniture has been promised them, as soon as they can locate another house nearby. They are presently living in Penowa with friends.

The children are Mike, age 9, and Eddie, a little over one year old. Mrs. Glendenning can use clothing from the 14 to 16 size,

with a size 7 shoe. Mr. Bailey, who was at work at Sutherland Lumber Company, Burgettstown, when the fire broke out, wears size 44 trousers, and 17 shirt. Mrs. Glendenning ran from the house with her baby with only the clothes they had on.

Volunteer firemen from Burgettstown, Avella and Hanover Township answered the call with no less than seven trucks and pumpers, in an attempt to prevent the fire from spreading through the heavily wooded area, into Eldersville.

Anyone with clothing or other articles to donate may call 587-5401 evenings.

**Eldersville Home of Al Bailey Destroyed
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 31, 1968 Edition**

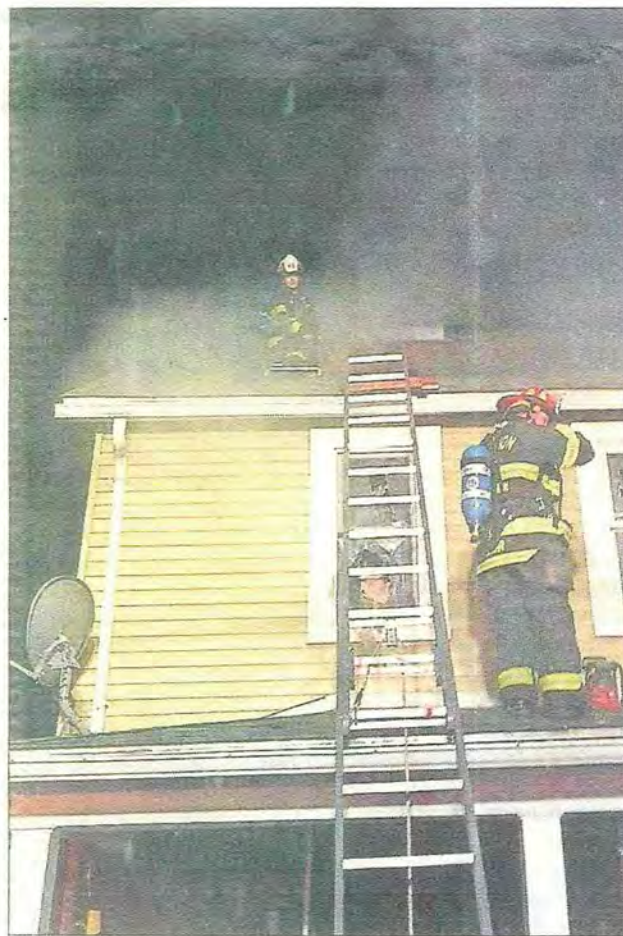


PHOTO COURTESY OF JAY TURNER

Firefighters work to extinguish a blaze early Saturday at a duplex on Cross Creek Road.

Fire damages duplex in Cross Creek Twp.

Two Cross Creek Township families were displaced when a fire early Saturday heavily damaged their duplex.

Avella fire Chief Eric Temple said the call came in about 1:45 a.m. for the blaze at 469-A Cross Creek Road. He said the back of the structure was burning when fire crews arrived on the scene.

"They did a heck of a job knocking it down," Temple said.

The house had been converted into two apartments. Crews were on the scene until about 5:30 a.m. Temple said a

fire marshal is investigating the cause, but it did not appear to be suspicious.

There were no injuries, Temple said. Assisting were firefighters from Slovan, West Middletown and Jefferson. Canton Township brought an air truck, and Washington County's Department of Public Safety provided a cooling tent for firefighters. Firefighters from Franklin, W.Va., were on standby.

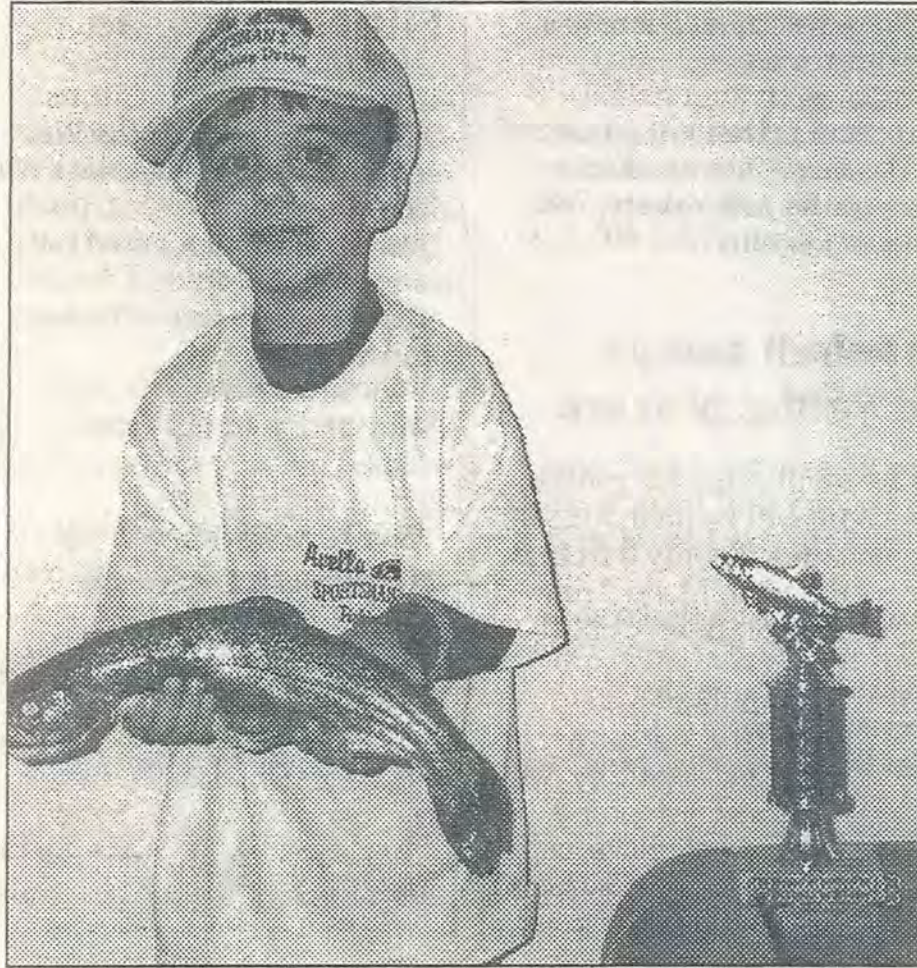
Temple said the residents, whose names were not available, were staying with family members.

Fire Damages Duplex in Cross Creek Twp
Observer-Reporter-August 16, 2016 Edition



Avella Volunteer Fire Department

Courtesy of A.D. White Research Society



Top catch

Four-year-old Levio Robert Corgnati of Midway won first place in the boys' division for the largest trout caught at the Avella Sportsmen Club Inc. Children's Fishing Tournament held April 25. His trout was 15 5/8 inches long. He is the son of Mark and Beth Corgnati of Midway, and grandson of Gig and Vee Jay Cochran of Midway and Levio (Peachy) and Dorothy Corgnati of Avella.

Levio Robert Corgnati
The Enterprise-May 20, 1998 Edition



Barto VFW-Slovan, PA



New Honor Roll



VFW Veterans at Parade Rest

Slovan VFW-Dedication of new Honor Roll

Bavington 4-H Club In Meeting

The Bavington Blenders 4-H Club held a meeting on Monday, June 20, in the Burgettstown Grange Hall. The officers of the club are:

President, Denise Kropf; vice president, Luke Snatchko; secretary, Christie Duran; treasurer, Sara Bugay; game and song leaders, Jeanne Nicksic and Nancy Roberts; news reporter, Sara Snatchko.

The members working on cooking projects, under the direction of Helen Kramer, prepared tuna dip with vegetables and orange juice. Sara Snatchko presented a demonstration on measuring.

Members participating in sewing earned how to thread a needle and ~~how to thread a sewing machine~~. Sewing demonstrations were presented by Sara Bugay, Kami McCutcheon, Sara Snatchko, Christie Duran, Denise Kropf, Mary Ellen Snatchko, Amy Glass, Beth Nabon, Rachel Nabon, Brian Jendart and Jeanne McCutcheon. Leaders for the sewing projects are Mary Kay Sapowich and Pat Kropf.

Members not participating in sewing enjoyed a lesson on tractor safety presented by Tom Duran. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 27, at 1 p.m.

Named President Of Boys' Club Of Western Pennsylvania

Kenneth Windsheimer, a former resident of Burgettstown, was elected President of the 5,000 - member Boys' Club of Western Pennsylvania at the spring Board of Directors' meeting.

Windsheimer is Vice President and District Manager of the Pittsburgh National Bank.

A 1955 graduate of Union High School, Windsheimer attended Duquesne University and is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Graduate School of Banking.

He is the son of Mrs. Alma Windsheimer, of Langeloth.

Ken, his wife Judy and two children reside at 4929 Roberta Drive, Whitehall Borough.



**Kenneth Windsheimer Named President of Boys Club of Western PA
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 19, 1979 Edition**

Surprise Farewell Party.

A surprise farewell party was held on Thursday evening, April 16th, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Panzica, Main street, in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Marina Basile and small daughter Louise, by the Briscoli Club, of which Mrs. Basile is a member. There were 35 guests present. Out of town guests were: Mrs. A. Rinella, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. S. Leonardi, Mingo, O.; Miss Ida Callery, Finleyville. The club presented Mrs. Basile with a beautiful leather purse. The evening was spent in games and impersonations. At a late hour a bountiful lunch was served by Mrs. J. S. Hogue, Mrs. S. Shearson, Mrs. I. Panzica and Mrs. J. Schneider. Mrs. Basile and daughter left on Saturday for San Diego, Calif., where they will join Mr. Basile who is employed there. They will reside in San Diego.

**Surprise Farewell Party for Panzica Family by Briscoli Club
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 23, 1936 Edition**

Bulger Civic Club Membership Drive

The Bulger Civic Club held a meeting Monday, Nov. 26, in the Civic building. Warren Remmert presided. Treasurer George Martin read the financial report which was approved. Thursday night, Nov. 29, was selected to continue repair work on the building.

The annual drive for membership will begin in Bulger this week end. Younger members of the club will make a house-to-house canvass in an effort to procure more members. In the event some people are not contacted and wish to join the club, they are urged to attend the next regular meeting Monday, Dec. 10, at 7 p. m.

Gus Leunis, Chief Observer of the Bulger Ground Observer Corps expressed thanks on behalf of the Civic Club to the many people who so willingly gave of their time and effort to work on the building.

Bulger Civic Club Membership Drive
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 29, 1956 Edition

BULGER SPORTSMEN ELECT OFFICERS

Officers elected by the Bulger Sportsmen's Club at a meeting in Bulger hall, Sunday, January 19 included John Penderville, president, Pete Dellapina, vice president, George Martin, Sr., secretary-treasurer and Steve Mihalich and Leo Dellapina, county delegates.

The club has purchased eight dozen rabbits to be released in the Bulger vicinity.

Carl Stainbrook of Washington was the principal speaker of the evening, and movies were presented by Mr. Stainbrook and Elio Nencioni of Bulger.

Door prizes were awarded to Martin Davis and Gino Dellapina of Bulger. Refreshment were served by the social committee to the 200 members present.



Memorial Day 1957
Bulger, PA



Memorial Day 1957
Bulger, PA



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Auxiliary Party

The Bulger V.F.W. Auxiliary sponsored a party for the veterans of Mayview on November 13, 1965. One hundred and fourteen patients were present.

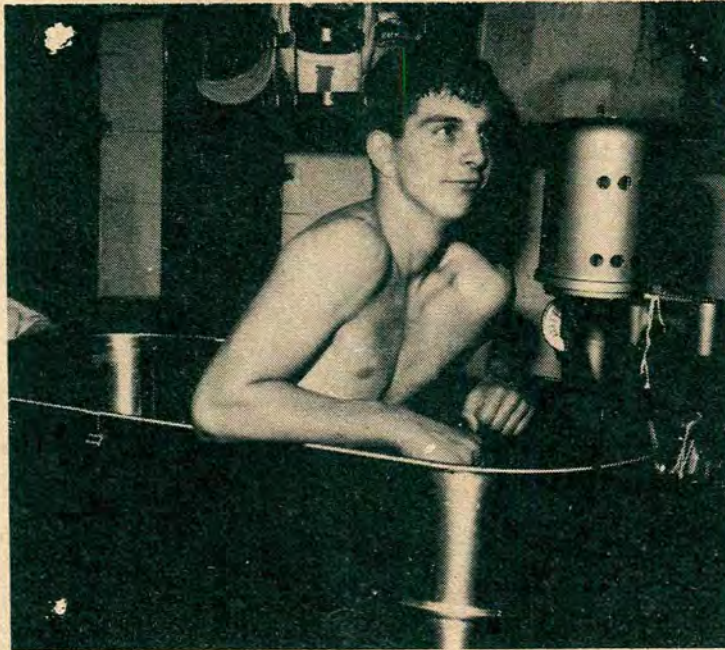
Auxiliary members attending were: Sara Orga, 24th District President; Irene Bianchi, Mary Restanio, Irene Penderville, Betty Fratini, Auxiliary president; Esther Elsweth, Mayview hospital director; and Marcella O'Brien, Southwestern County Council president and Hospital deputy.

A birthday cake was presented to all the veterans who had birthdays in November.

The Southwestern County Council will sponsor another party on December 11.

Bulger VFW Auxiliary Party
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 17, 1965 Edition

Whirlpool Bath Bought by Boosters



The Burgettstown Area Boosters Club has completed its project of buying a whirlpool bath for Union high school athletes.

The emergency first aid hydrotherapy unit arrived at the Hill Stadium Monday evening and will now be used by the Blue Devil football players.

The Boosters will present the unit to the school board to be used at the high school for all athletes and gym classes.

The Boosters have been

Lou Schooles, a member of the Union high school football team, is one of the first athletes on the squad to use the whirlpool bath bought by the Boosters Club.

planning to buy this unit for the past 18 months. Much of the money used to purchase the whirlpool bath came from proceeds of the highly-successful dance at Langeloth Saturday night, featuring the music of Kenny Bass and his Polka Poppers.



**Burgettstown Community Task Force
Community Day Parade-1988**

Burgettstown Friday Club Closes Year With Welcome Of 16 Members; Name Committees

A delectable covered dish luncheon featured the final meeting of the club year for the Burgettstown Friday Club at the Legion home on Friday, with hostesses Mrs. F. H. Illig, Mrs. A. H. Kunkel and Miss Celestine Stievenart in charge. They were assisted by Mrs. Harry Rankin and Mrs. E. S. Wheeler. Covers were laid for 50 guests at tables beautifully decorated with spring flowers.

Mrs. F. G. Pope completed a very successful 2 year term as president. Mrs. Pope and Mrs. J. R. Culley, secretary were commended by installing officer Mrs. Henry Hellmers for having a perfect attendance record for two years.

Incoming officers presented by Mrs. Hellmers are: President, Mrs. J. R. Culley; First Vice President, Mrs. B. L. Hughey; Second Vice President, Mrs. R. E. Fulton; Third Vice President, Mrs. Donald Downer; Secretary, Mrs. Monte L. Scott and Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Wilson.

Entertainment was an informal skit written and directed by Mrs. Harry McCormick and assisted by Mrs. Monte Scott, Mrs. T. Bradley Stevenson and Mrs. John Linn.

New members, formerly of the Junior Women's club were introduced by the Senior Adviser Mrs. Sonnhalter and are: Mrs. George Bish, Mrs. Dwight Cook, Mrs. Noel Freville, Mrs. George Grimes, Mrs. R. W. Hemphill, Mrs. A. L. McCoy, Mrs. Harold McElhaney, Mrs. W. P. Miller, Mrs. Ralph Organ, Mrs. Baur Russell and Mrs. James Walker.

The following were also welcomed into membership: Mrs. A. D. Bigger, Mrs. H. L. Buckwalter, Mrs. E. F. Bywaters, Mrs. G. C. Hemphill and Mrs. E. E. May.

In a brief welcoming president's address, Mrs. Culley announced appointment of the following department chairman and committees:

Department Chairmen

Fine Arts-Mrs. Van Inwegen
American Home-Mrs. Helene Tope

Welfare-Mrs. Dickson
Citizenship-Mrs. W. M. Culley
International Relations - Mrs. Illig

Conservation and Gardens-Mrs. E. E. May
Executive Board Member-Mrs. Pope.

Program

Mrs. Hamill, chairman; Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Noy, Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Buckwalter, Mrs. H. C. Cooke, Mrs. Harry McCormick.

Social

Mrs. C. S. McCormick, chairman; Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Mc-

Kinney, Mrs. Durst, Mrs. Tennyson, Mrs. Westlake, Mrs. Bish, Mrs. Baur Russell, Mrs. J. L. Culley.

Music

Mrs. Sonnhalter, chairman; Mrs. Luttrell, Mrs. W. M. Culley, Mrs. Haines, Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Bell accompanist.

Finance

Mrs. Dickson, chairman; Mrs. Kenney, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Addington, Mrs. Hindman, Mrs. Bywaters, Mrs. Downer, Mrs. Wilson

Girl Scout

Mrs. Stevenson, chairman; Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. J. W. Linn, Mrs. R. W. Hemphill, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. McCoy.

Publicity

Mrs. Vosburg, chairman; Mrs. Kirsch, Miss McNary, Mrs. R. A. Russell.

Membership

Mrs. Rankin, chairman; Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Purdy.

Telephone

...Mrs. M. B. Scott, chairman; Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Kunkel, Mrs. Ulmer, Mrs. Fulton.

Flowers and Cards

Mrs. Welch, chairman; Mrs. Carmen, Miss Cox, Miss Stievenart.

Library

Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. Mester, Mrs. McGee, Mrs. McElhaney, Mrs. Organ, Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Freville.

Civics

Mrs. Hellmers, chairman; Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Parham, Mrs. G. C. Hemphill, Mrs. Meisenhelder, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Dwight Cook, Mrs. T. C. Linn

Burgettstown Friday Club

Burgettstown Enterprise-May 27, 1948 Edition

Ball Games Scheduled.

The big event of the B. I. C. picnic to be held at the picnic grounds on the Bavington road on July 4th will be double-header baseball game between the Burgettstown A. A. team and the Slovan semi-professionals. Many other features will mark the day, including an ox roast and excellent refreshments. Dancing afternoon and evenings, beginning evening of July 3rd. Good music and good order. Everybody is invited.

**Ball Game Scheduled Burgettstown Italian Club Picnic
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 19, 1935 Edition**

Big Time Planned.

Eugene F. Petrucci, secretary of the B. I. C., popular local club organization, announces the program for the big picnic at the picnic grounds on the Bavington road near town, on July 4th, is completed. The outing will fill the entire day with an ox roast as a special feature. Two baseball games, between the Burgettstown A. A. and the Slovan semi-professionals are scheduled for the afternoon. There will be dancing afternoon and evening and numerous other attractions. The general public is invited to attend.



Bocce Champion Again-1992

Front Row, L-R: _____, Frank Sabo, Dave Hook and Bob Loranski. Second Row, L-R: Denny Thomas, Dean Baker, Larry Cox, _____, and _____.

Fort Vance Historical Society

THE POLICE WHO HELPED WITH THE PARTY



In this photo, the Enterprise camera shows you the Burgettstown Auxiliary police who functioned so splendidly and handled the crowd at the park and the vast array of automobiles, with efficiency and ease.

First row, left to right, John Ceresa, Ed Krzeczowski, Sara

Proudfit, Virginia Stewart, Lillian Bernola, Ruth Bland, Anna Lee Hulick, Ted Testa. Second row H. Vega, chief, R. M. Johnson, Ralph Scott, George Bish, George Smith, James Riddle, asst. chief, Eto Maroni and Tony Yacoviello.

**The Police Who Helped with the Party
Burgettstown Enterprise-1966**



Burgettstown VFW Bocce Champions

The Burgettstown VFW has won the local men's bocce championship for the third year in a row and for the sixth time in the past eight years. Captain Frank Sabo is flanked by team members Dave Hook, left, and Tom Wolanski. Not pictures: co-captain Larry Cox, Lloyd Cox, Dean Baker, Bob Wolanski Jr., Clark Cox, Chuck Wolanski, and Rudy Chastulik.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

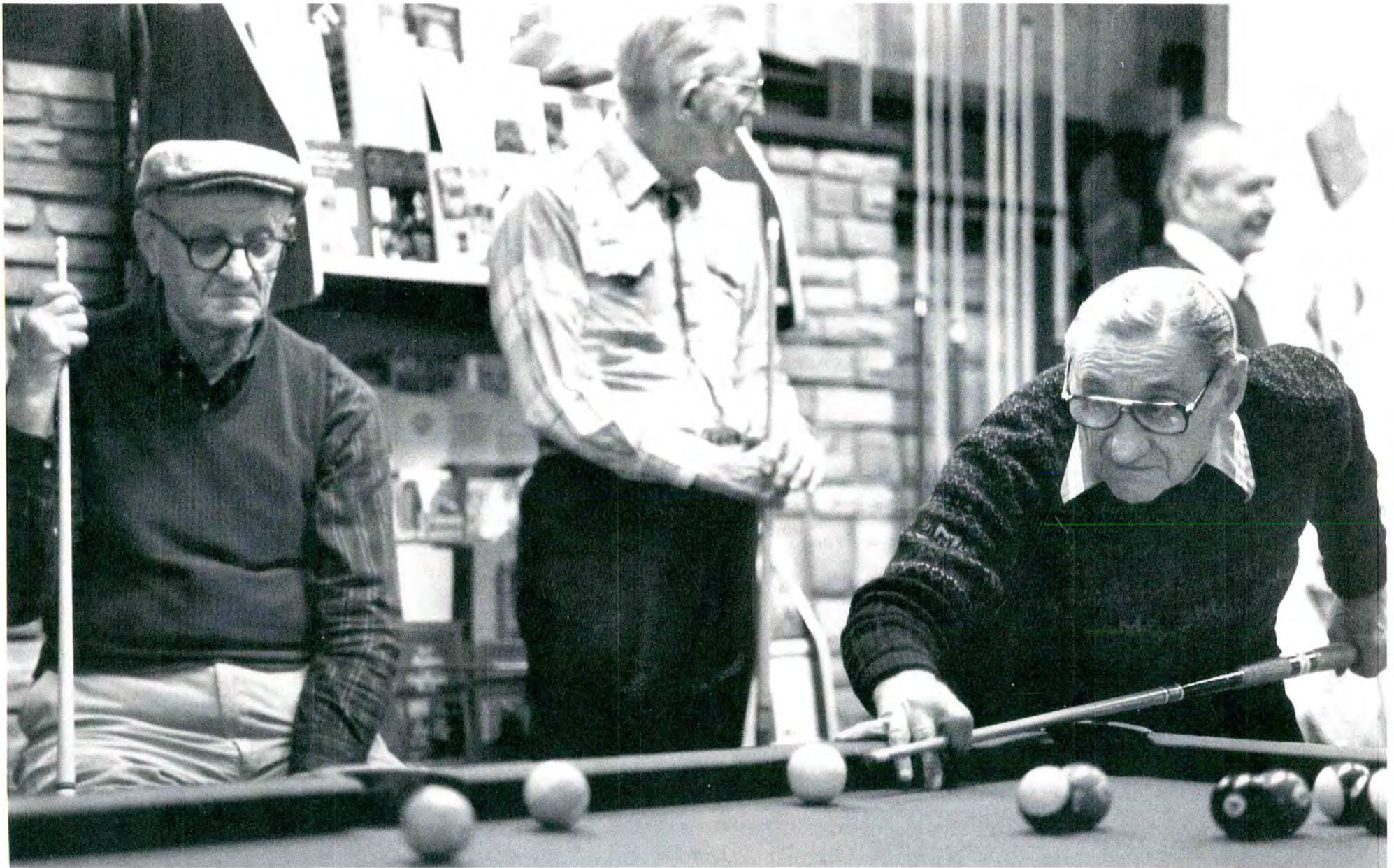
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Kucher VFW Post is Installed
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Bruno Thomas takes dead aim with the cue stick at a recent Burgettstown Senior Citizen Center gathering. Playing partner is Joe Ferbezar, left, looks on, while Glenn Conklin, center, is distracted from the action on the pool table.

The Enterprise-January 22, 1992 Edition

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PARTY

**KUCHER - SASKA POST No. 6955
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1958

10:00 P. M. — 2:00 A. M.

DANCING — FOOD — REFRESHMENTS

All Regular & Social Members are Urged to Attend

**Kucher-Saska Mortgage Burning Party
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 3, 1958 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Memorial Day To Be Observed With Parade And Service At Honor Roll

Memorial Day in the Burgettstown Community will be observed with a parade and a service on Main street Monday, May 31. Under the sponsorship of the American Legion Post 698 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6955, the community celebration has been designed to present as fine a program as possible in honor of those who offered their lives for their country.

A parade which will form in South Burgettstown near the former ice house or the present Davies' Farm Supply Building, Race street, has been scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. The organizations participating have been requested to assemble at 12:45. The parade will proceed down Main street to the honor roll where services will be held at 2 p.m. The program has been arranged as follows: Union high school band; Invocation by

Rev. R. C. Sutton, Introduction of Master of Ceremonies; Women's Choral of the Tuesday Music Club; Commanders' addresses: John Sloan of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eugene Petrucci of the American Legion; Memorial Day Address by Rev. W. J. McCashin, Soloist; Military Salute and Taps; Placing of Memorial Wreath; Benediction by Rev. J. Herbert Cruickshank and Band Selection.

Among the organizations to participate in the parade are: American Legion Post 698, V.F.W. Post 6955, Slovan Veterans, Barto Post; Burgettstown Fire Department; Slovan Fire Department; Boy Scouts of Burgettstown and Slovan; American Legion Auxiliary to Post 698; Francis Mine Local and Harmon Creek Local.

Committeemen are Blake Miller, chairman; Arthur Simpson, William Craig, Alfred Bundy, and John Harshall.

V. F. W. POST ENTERS TEAM IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT



Kucher-Saska Veterans of Foreign Wars crack bowlers who will participate in the National Bowling Tourney in St. Louis, Mo., this week end. The Vets raised the money to send their favorites to the tourney by holding a spaghetti supper last week. They were ably assisted by the women of the V.F.W. Auxiliary. Shown above l to r are: George Beard, Eto Maroni, James Petrucci, Lou Maslyk, John Gelestor, Capt. Tillie Nap, and Spredie Rodriguez.

Enterprise Photo

**VFW Post 6955 Enters Team in National Bowling Tournament
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 23, 1950 Edition**



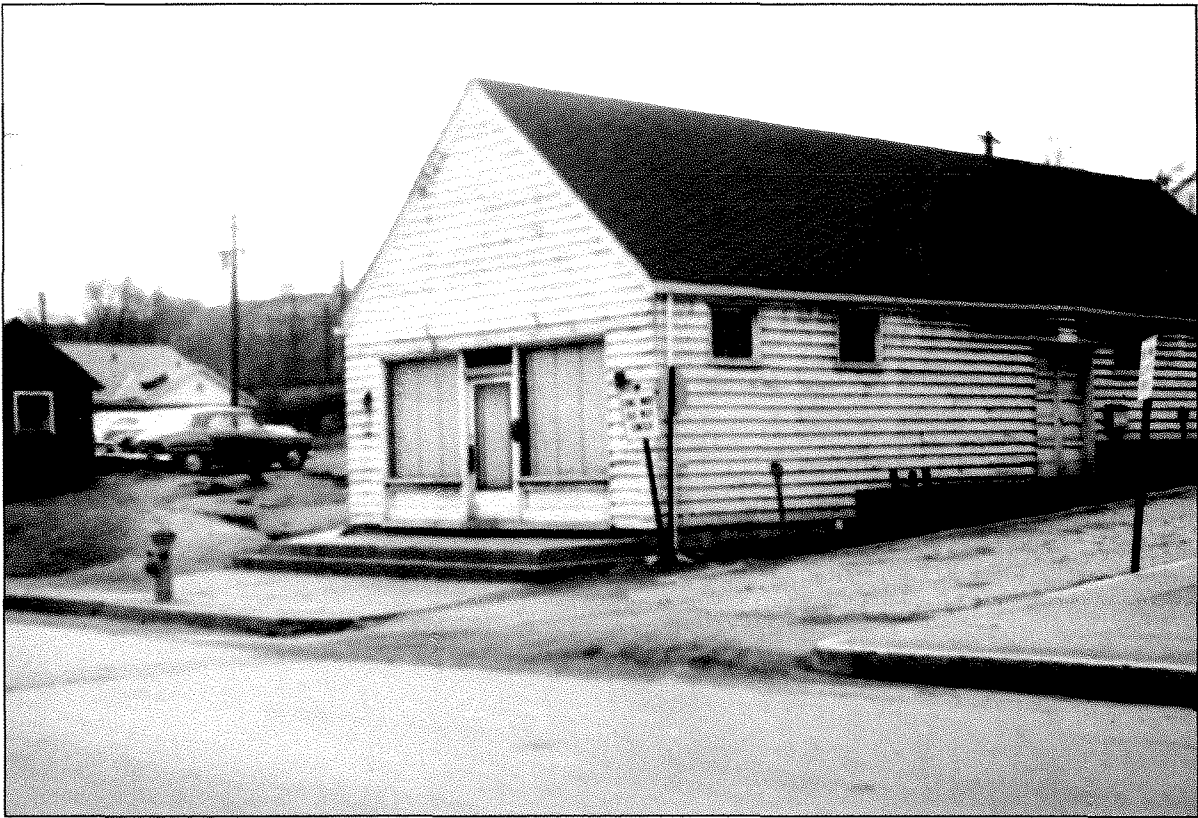
James F. Hillman Named Man of the Year by Burgettstown VFW-Post 6955

L-R: Unknown, Joe Wos, James F. Hillman, Blake Miller, Stud Sabol, Mike Kranyk



Burgettstown Kucher Saska VFW Post 6955-1950's

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Yukevich Building, first home of the VFW



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Pvt. Joseph Rash, Jr., is spending a 15 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rash of Langeloth. Pvt. Rash is stationed at Camp Swift, Texas, where he is assistant gunner's mate.

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SOME VERY GOOD REASONS TROUT FISHING IS AVAILABLE IN KINGS CREEK & AUNT CLARA'S FORK



(Photo taken & submitted by Warren M. Columbia)

Trout fishing has become available to Anglers of this District and to South Western Pennsylvania through the ground work being done by Sportsmen's Clubs of the Washington County Sportsmen's & Conservation League placing this Stream's "Trout Qualifications" before the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. Sportsmen in the above picture are Members of Florence-Burgettstown, Canonsburg, Canton Township Rod & Gun Club, Langeloth, Raccoon, Wolfdale & Washington Sportsmens Clubs.

Local enthusiasts may be identified in the Picture as Mr. Ralph Bell local P. M. Mr. Enos Smith, Mr. Earl Petrucci, Mr. Louis Ceresaa, Secretary of the Florence-Burgettstown Sportsmen and Mr. Vance Hulick past Pres. of the F-B Club. Mr. Paul Morgan, Mr. Wm. Morris, Mr. Harry L. King District Fish Warden and many others.

These men all give unstintingly of their time for the betterment of Wildlife conditions — *What are you doing for your Sport?*

**Some Good Reasons Trout Fishing is
Available in King's Creek and Aunt Clara's Fork
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 13, 1946 Edition**

BUSINESS WOMEN PROCLAIM NATIONAL BPW WEEK OCT 11 - 17



Pictured above are executive board members of the Business and Professional Women's Club at their last meeting Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the home of President, Mrs. Ralph Organ of Center ave. Burgess James R. Canning was present to sign a proclamation declaring Oct. 11-17 as National B. P. W. C. week.

Seated are: Mrs. Organ, Burgess Canning and Mrs. Elva Cummins. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Ila Malone, Mrs. Edna Luttrell, Mrs. Pearl McConnell, Mrs. Betty McCoy, Mrs. Ethel Sonnhalter, Miss Irene Merlino, Mrs. Delcie Sanders, Mrs. Elizabeth Garcy and Mrs. Elizabeth Whalen.

**Business Women Proclaim National BPW Week Oct 11-17
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 24, 1953 Edition**

Need of Business Men's Organization Felt

In every department of human activity the need of organized and properly directed effort is felt. According to an old saw "there is strength in numbers," and the greatest commonwealth the world has ever known early adopted as its motto the phrase "United we stand, divided we fall." Both adage and motto express self-evident truths.

The first great requirement of any movement for protection and welfare is efficient organization of forces. Without organization an army would practically be helpless, but by intelligent co-operation through order and discipline, campaigns successfully are waged. This is true also of the social and business affairs of life, as was proved by Moses when he transformed a horde into a nation, and is daily demonstrated by the success of modern business.

In each individual link of a chain lies the strength of the bond; likewise in the integrity of each in-

dividual of any organization—religious, social or business—is found the power that spells success. In these requisites lie the condition of survival of any movement, and all organization depends upon the faithfulness of the membership.

Prominent business men of Burgettstown feel a chamber of commerce, a board of trade, or at least a business men's association is not only highly desirable, but is a community necessity. These men believe the time is at hand when certain business conditions should be inquired into and some action taken looking toward the solution of problems which confront all smaller towns.

The Enterprise is vitally interested in everything which will promote the prosperity and happiness of the people of the community, and gladly will co-operate in any movement which may be launched in the interest of public welfare.

Need of Business Men's Organization Felt
Burgettstown Enterprise- April 23, 1931 Edition

**Cameo Club of Slovan
Entertains Mothers**

The members of the Cameo club of Slovan honored their mothers at a dinner held at Pompe's dining room on Wednesday evening, May 9. The table was attractively set with a center piece of beautiful flowers and a cleverly designed program at each place.

Toastmistress for the evening was Miss Amalia Sciamana. The Mothers were welcomed by the President, Miss Juliette Medved and a Gay Nineties Musical Revue was presented by the members, who were attired in costumes of that period.

The honored guests for the evening were: Mrs. Caroline Novak, Mrs. Miluan Yalaca, Mrs. James Martin, Mrs. Joseph Bertini, Mrs. Carl Gaia, Mrs. Ralph Filipponi, Mrs. Tony Stura, Mrs. Nick Vujanick, Mrs. Steve Dugas, Mrs. Joseph Yadrick, and Mrs. Louis Boake.

Slovan Cameo Club Plans Heart Hop

At the January meeting of the Cameo club plans were completed for the annual Heart Hop to be held Friday, Feb. 11, at the Knights of Columbus hall, Burgettstown. Jay Michael, WCAE disc jockey, will be featured.

The highlight of the evening will be the selecting and crowning of the King and Queen of Hearts. Crowning will be in charge of Jay Michael, assisted by George Rollage and Alice Marie Brunner, King and Queen of last years Heart Hop.

Misses Irene Yadrick and Shirley Delfrate are co-chairmen and will be assisted by Mrs. Michael Beharry, Misses Dorothy Yadrick and Josephine Borio.

Mrs. Edward V. Sciamanna, club president, presided at the meeting, held in the club house. A resolution was passed urging the Governor and General Assembly of Pennsylvania to enact necessary legislation making mandatory the removal of doors, hinges, and lids from unused refrigerators or ice-boxes immediately upon discarding same in order to prevent the recurrence of tragic child fatalities. It was also decided to send four packages of food through the CARE committee, to the needy families of Europe. The members of the club will assist with the Polio Drive to be held January 27.

Following the meeting a program was presented by Mrs. E. V. Sciamanna. Her subject was "The Responsibility of Industry to Education."

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. John Matesic and Mrs. Michael Beharry. The next meeting will be held Feb. 1.

Slovan Cameo Club Plans Heart Hop
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1955 Edition

Highest Camp Fire Awards Presented

The Wohelo Medallion, the highest honor that can be earned by a girl in the Camp Fire Program, has been earned by two graduating seniors of Union High School. The girls are members of Horizon Club 22 of the Lauretta B. Mill-sop Council of Camp Fire Girls. They are Linda F. Milom and Debbie Harlan.

The Wohelo Medallion is a special recognition award given by the National Council of Camp Fire Girls, Inc. It is a symbol of personal growth and signifies that each girl earning the honor has related herself and her life to others and to her community and country.

The Wohelo Medallion is based on the idea that each girl accepts certain challenges and achieves certain goals. Achievement of the Medallion requires a minimum of two years' work and a girl must be in her senior year of high school to be eligible for the award.

Miss Milom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walt J. Milom, of Burgettstown, R. D. 4, is a member of the Senior GAA, FHA and is vice-president of the Secretarial Club of the high school. She will attend Jefferson Technical Institute.

Miss Harlan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harlan, of Burgettstown, R. D. 4, is a member of the Union High Devilette Drill Team, Biology Club and Art Service Club. Upon graduation she will attend Duff's Institute for secretarial training in Pittsburgh.

**Highest Camp Fire Awards Presented to Linda F. Milom and Debbie Harlan
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 31, 1972 Edition**

C. D. OF A. MEETING

Court Burgettstown of the Catholic Daughters of America held its business meeting on Monday, January 10, in the assembly room of the rectory of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Mrs. Ernest Williams, grand regent, presided.

Miss Irene Yadrick reported that her committee had presented Christmas gifts of a typewriter table to the Sisters of Mercy and a desk set to Father John Boslet, Court Chaplain.

A donation of \$100 was made to the Burgettstown Community Library. Mrs. Thomas Mika, co-chairman of the Ways and Means committee reported that awards were made last month of a Westinghouse Roaster to Jack Gilbert; a Corey coffee-maker to Mrs. Tony Homitz; and a Telechron clock to Mike Schooles of the Farm Restaurant. The committee is planning to hold a card party early in February.

The Ways and Means committee will meet on Thursday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the assembly room to make final plans for the card party.

The social meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, in the assembly room at 8:00 p.m., in charge of Mrs. Ben Ozimek and Mrs. Ralph Farulli, co-chairmen.

Local Catholic Daughters Meet

The Catholic Daughters held their regular monthly business meeting and social hour Monday, Jan. 11, following Mass at 7 p.m. in church with Rev. Edward Burns as celebrant.

The meeting was called to order by the Regent, Mrs. Betty Smutny. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read by recording secretary, Rose Marie Angelo.

Apostolate chairman Clara Lanczak read correspondence received from the Adopt A Child program and also from the sponsor of the program, Monsignor Nolan, expressing his appreciation for assisting in the monthly program with a monetary contribution. Priest Brother chairman Wilma Toth read the monthly letter from the Trinity Missions for the contribution toward the Priest Brother. Greeting cards were received from former Priest Brothers serving the Trinity Missions throughout the world.

Regent Smutny announced that delegates and alternates for the state convention must be elected at the January meeting. The convention will be held in Pittsburgh in April 1988.

The following court members were elected: delegates - Rose Marie Angelo, Mary Jo Manion; alternates - Helen Kovach and Shirley Bebo. Regent Smutny also plans on attending the convention.

Fr. Burns was the guest of the evening. He announced that he would become parochial vicar of Immaculate Conception Church, Washington, on Feb. 5. The Regent presented Fr. Burns with a monetary gift from the members of Court Burgettstown # 1659.

Betty Walters announced that the plans for the annual dinner-dance are under way. The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters are sponsoring the event on Saturday, Feb. 6. Dinner will be catered and served by Rita Bendick. Tickets are available from the K of C officers and CDA dinner-dance committee. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and dancing to the John Tasz Orchestra will be held from 8 to 12. For further information, call Betty Walters at 947-3118. Reservations will be taken until Feb. 1.

Members present were reminded by the Regent that the parish is holding a Monte Carlo Night on Jan. 23 in McCashin Hall from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Food and setups will be available. Tickets will be available at the door. This is a parish benefit.

A social hour followed with social committee members Betty Walters, Jennie Donovanitch, Lena Mavrich, Julie Yaco, Stella Fuller, Margaret Latella, Mary Serrini, Bianca Dellaria and Cathy McBee in charge.

The next Catholic Daughters meeting and social hour will be held Feb. 8 in McCashin Hall.



**McConaghey's Pool Room and Ice Cream Parlor
1915 Cherry Valley**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

FOX HUNT HELD

Over 130 hunters from the Tri-State area joined local nimrods in search of the fox Sunday when the Cherry Valley Sportsmen's Assn. conducted its annual fox hunt.

Hunters came from fifty miles away and from Ohio and West Virginia, in addition to many from the Raccoon Valley area.

The group hunted morning and afternoon and concluded the day's activities with food and refreshments at the Sportsmen's club in Cherry Valley.

Total bag for the day was three red fox, two gray fox and one great-horned owl.

Citizens Library begins strategic planning process

By KAREN MANSFIELD

Staff writer

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Citizens Library began its strategic planning process, which will help determine the program and service direction, and infrastructure needs of the Washington institution.

Stu Wilson and Nick Dimassis of Library Strategies, a consulting firm, were hired to help spearhead the process.

Librarian Diane Ambrose said the planning process will include gathering data – including a community survey that will be available online and in paper form, stakeholder interviews, sessions with library staff and a daylong retreat.

The strategic plan will set the course of the library for the next three to five years.

Nationwide, libraries are experiencing significant

changes, and planning is an important process to match service opportunities with community needs, Ambrose said.

Public libraries are being used more than ever, but depending on specific local needs, the use is evolving. Nationally, print books and other hard copy materials are still in heavy demand, but libraries have also become important centers for technology learn-

ing and access, providers of critical early literacy and teen services, hubs for lifelong learning for all ages, and important community gathering sites that are free and open to everyone.

At the same time, many libraries struggle with adequate funding and other resources. Planning helps determine which new and traditional services and resources are required to be effective.

A new plan is expected to be approved by the end of the year.

Citizens Library was founded in 1870 by Dr. Francis J. LeMoyné, a leading citizen of the area in the 19th century. Today, the library building also serves as the headquarters of the Washington County Library System, and the District Library Center for Washington, Greene and Fayette counties.

**Citizens Library begins Strategic Planning Process
Observer-Reporter-September 30, 2016 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

David Haines Directs Community Civic Chorus



Members of the Community Civic Chorus, formerly known as the Panhandle Chorus, will give a concert in Union high school auditorium, Thursday evening, Oct. 28 at 8 o'clock, with Rev. David Haines as director. Members of the chorus are, row one, left to right; H. Hall, A. Freville, A. Remmert, R. Malone, D. Haines, H. Haines, G. Cummings, N. Moore, Row two, L. Inglefield, J. Lawson, D. Kosovec, D. Truax, M. Hanlin, M. Harrington, M. Daudet, J. Rankin. Row three: K. Zollars, H. Ramsey, L. Berthold, J. Truax, D. Bainbridge, E. Daugherty, E. Smail, B. Bigger and M. Harris. Row four: J. Powell, R. Malone, R. Haines, S. Wright, J. Wright, G. Cooke, H. Vance, M. Cassidy. Row five: J. Scott, Z. Bollinger, P. Duran, J. Schofield, G. Cochran and G. Malone.

David Haines Directs Community Civic Chorus
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 21, 1954 Edition

—Committee Members, Burgettstown Area Churches

CMC Auxiliary Extends Thanks

Editor
The Enterprise

There are so many people involved with the success of the Community Medical Center of Northwest Washington County. The Covered Bridge Festival is sponsored by the CMC Auxiliary, and is an important benefit event for the Medical Center.

On the top of our "thanks" list is you, the editor of this newspaper, for printing weeks of articles promoting our event.

We would also like to publicly thank the hard-working Auxiliary members, even though they prefer to quietly serve in the background: Cheryl Hulick, Betty Blaine, Nancy Pienkosky, Lisa Foltz, Nancy Dias, Marilee Foltz, Rose Massengill, Sue Bender, Colleen Wojcik, Jodi Wojcik, Martha McCreight, Patty Blankenship.

Board members: Bill Stewart, Jack Caldwell, Frank Doumont, Jean Roberts, Marcia Haught, Rich Horvath and Andy Ralston. Employees Linda Evers, Margaret Lee, Henry Levith and Connie Alvin.

Friends: Mary Foltz, John Baker, Joe Karas and sons, Lloyd Ferguson, Ken Linkish, Bob and Betty Tidball, Bill Dias, Rich Delprato, David Doumont, Jerry Caldwell, Elaine Caldwell, Dave Miller, Josephine Krenn, Future Farmers of America, Mrs. Wilson and students, Jack and Hazel Cunningham, Kathe Dvorsak, Rhonda Ferguson, Toni Jo Billie, Danny and Larry Griffith, Ralph Vigliotti, Dick Burgoon, Mr. Starr, Bob Kidd, the Cook children, Independent Mountain Men, Betty and Michael Moore, Sam Santek, George Ray, Betsy Clark, Donna Litwin, Dr. Dian Veale, Mrs. Arletta Zelenko, Susan Gilbert, Ray Karas and son, Jim and Dave Vanier, Lillian Dently, Eric Fasnach, Flo Doumont.

Businesses: McDonald Giant Eagle Market, Petrucci's Market, Sutherland Lumber, Hayden Funeral Home, Lee and Martin Funeral Home, Stefkovich Funeral Home, Fuller Distributing, McDonald Library, Mt. Pleasant Township Road Department, Midway Fire Department, Mt. Pleasant Fire Department, Robertson Fruit Farm, Nabisco Company, Burgettstown Library, H.J. Heinz Co., Cameron Coca Cola Company, Washington City Humane Society, Burgettstown Pharmacy, American Specialty Foods, Gateway Clipper, Accutrex Products, Pittsburgh Pirates, Blackwell Stevenson, Pittsburgh Penguins, White's Country Kitchen, Hartman's Flowers, Showcase Cinema West, Dairy Dell, Taylor Rental, McDonald's Corporation, Northwest Ambulance Company and Co-op Ambulance.

Entertainers and Demonstrators: Appalachian Folk Group, Independent Mountain Men, Sunshine and Wee Willie, David Koin, The Insana Family, Vella School of Dance, Crimson White, Spinning Gears, Western Pa. Button Box, Bob Kidd, Ed Ralston, Cheryl Hundzienski, ORRP, Mr. Mungai, Lisa McClarren, Frank Valvo Entertainers, Charles Toth, Mr. Briggs, Charli.

The food vendors: St. Ann's Ladies Guild, Mr. and Mrs. Keating, Noi Megyesy, Fran Stanish, Eastern Star, Tom Alrutz, Joanne Charles, Builders Foundation.

All the 35 arts and crafts people, antique and flea market vendors.

A special thank you to West Penn Water Company for the use of the festival grounds.

As always, there are "silent saints" who are so good at working in the background; they don't even get on the list. For these people, we are especially thankful.

—Marie Ferguson, CMC Auxiliary President

**Community Medical Center Auxiliary Extends Thanks
Covered Bridge Festival
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 19, 1988 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

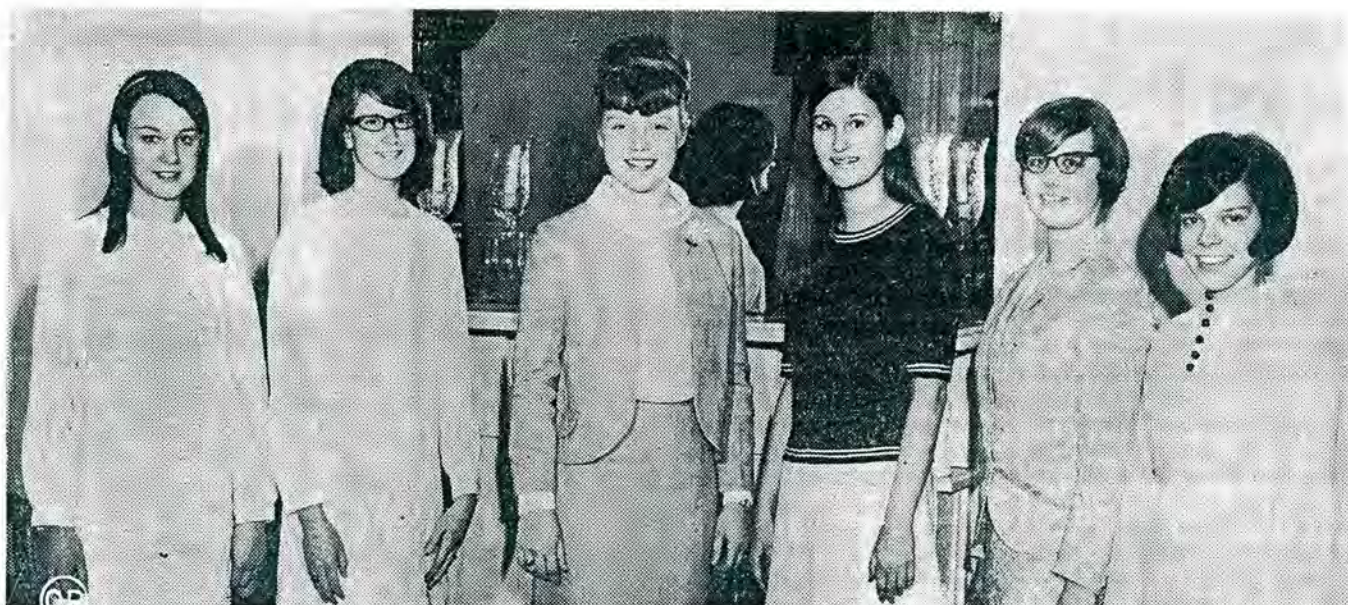
Cross Creek Senior Citizens Elect Officers

The following members have been elected as officers of the Cross Creek Valley Senior Citizen Center for the 1990-91 term:

President, Anne Suhon; first vice president, Anne Banevich; second vice president, Esther Cheverine; secretary, Evelyn Casciola; and treasurer, Josephine Baker.

Sub-Area Advisory Delegates are Josephine Baker and Twila Armstrong, with George Suhon as an alternate.

Site Council members are Marge Mraz, Mary Kuzyck, Julie Gevenosky, George Suhon and Wilma Toth, with Twila Armstrong and Angeline Ondrick as alternates.



NAMED GOOD CITIZENS BY COUNTY CHAPTER, DAR — These girls, all seniors in area high schools, were named Good Citizens by their schools and the Washington County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and were recognized at the meeting the DAR held Saturday, April 8. Left to right in the picture are Margaret McAnallen, Immaculate Concep-

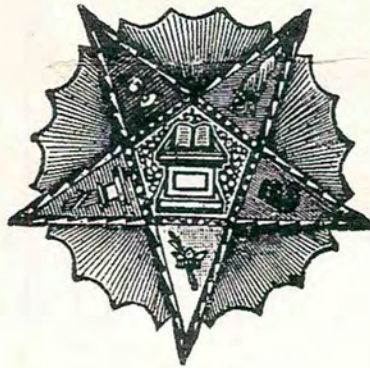
tion; Valerie Bissett, Bethlehem-Center; Victoria Liggett, Avella Area; Jean Eros, Washington; Susan Coakley, McGuffey, and Ruth Campbell, Trinity. Parents and friends attended the meeting held in the Current Events Club House and arranged by Miss Elizabeth C. Day, Historian. The featured speaker at the Saturday program was Attorney James C. McCreight.

**Named Good Citizens by DAR Chapter
Observer-Reporter-April 13, 2014 Edition**

Burgettstown Chapter

No. 215

Order of the Eastern Star



Constituted November 6, 1916

Barbush Hall, Main Street
Burgettstown, Pennsylvania

NOTICE

A Stated Meeting of Burgettstown Chapter No. 215, Order of the Eastern Star will be held in Barbush Hall, Main Street, Burgettstown, Pa., on

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1939

at 7:30 o'clock sharp

Action will be taken on the following petitions for
Initiation and Membership:

Miss Marjorie E. Bertrand, Burgettstown, Pa.

Miss Henrietta M. Bertrand, Burgettstown, Pa.

Mrs. Ruth (Nicholls) Stewart, Burgettstown, Pa.

Mrs. Ora (Nice) Chambon, Burgettstown, Pa.

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CARRIE ATHERTON, Worthy Matron JEAN A. SMITH, P.M. Secretary
Phone 323 J. Burgettstown, Pa. Phone 40, Burgettstown, Pa.

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D. D. G. M. MRS. ANNE STENHOUSE

Washington, Pa., R. D. 4

Phone Washington 2493 J

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Rehearsal of Officers, Wednesday evening May 3rd at 7 P. M.

There will be a penny bingo after the meeting. Have your friends come at 9 o'clock. Lunch will be served.

Mothers will be honored at this meeting.

Please notify your Worthy Matron or Committees of any sickness or distress.

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Sweet as the song which the robins sing,
Pure as the flow of a crystal spring;
True as your faith in the God above,
So deep are the depths of a Mother's love.

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COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR

Finance Committee—Sadie Conrad, P.M., Ada Smith, Hannah E. Stewart.

Examining Committee—Julia Craig, P. M., Blanche Shillito, P. M., Nelle Blaine, P. M.

Welcoming Committee—Dorothy Richey, Alberta Franz, Mary Stewart.

Flower Committee—Agnes Saxton, Iris Kirsch, Jesse Vance.

Relief Committee—Etta Purdy, P. M., Margaret Conrad, Anna L. Puckett.

Educational Loan Fund—Jessie Addington, Julia Hughey, P. M. Margaret Linn.

Visiting Committee—Bessie Shiner, Louisa Hellmers, Josephine Ridgway, Callie Abell.

Music Committee—Helen McCausland, Chairman, Bertha McCormick, Vice Chairman.

APRIL, MAY AND JUNE

Social Committee—Mary Russell, Chairman. Lynette Colteryahn, P. M., Vice Chairman. Bessie Hulick, Marie Bailey, Gertrude Wiegmann, Thelma Bertrand, Bessie Aiken, Margaret Kraeer, Marguerite Deliere.

Entertainment Committee—Alberta Franz, Chairman. Sarah Sacks, Vice Chairman. Otice Wilgocki, Myrtle Reed, Lynette Colteryahn, Hazel Jackson.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS FOR 1939-40

Worthy Matron—Carrie Atherton
 Associate Matron—Dorothy Richey
 Secretary—Jean Smith, P. M.
 Treasurer—Bernice Wray
 Conductress—Alberta Franz
 Associate Conductress—Mary Stewart

TRUSTEES

Margaret J. White Edna Beadling Etta S. Purdy, P.M.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Chaplain—Isabell Myers Esther—Otice Wilgocki
 Marshall—Lauretta Colteryahn Martha—Mary Hunter
 Organist—Ethel Walker Electa—Thelma Bertrand
 Adah—Elizabeth McKenzie Warder—Margaret Aten
 Ruth—Ruth Smith Sentinel—Margaret Hamill
 Color Bearers—Isabell Cooke, Lynette Colteryahn
 Substitute Officer—Mildred Barr, P. M.

PAST OFFICERS

*Mrs. Nelle McM. Glass -----	1916-----	**Mr. Wilmon B. Culley
**Mrs. Bessie Roy Russell -----	1917-----	**Mr. George L. McKee
Mrs. Nelle F. McKee -----	1918-----	*Mr. John P. Linn
Mrs. Jean Smith -----	1919-----	*Mr. John P. Linn
Mrs. Blanche Shillito -----	1920-----	**Mr. Charles H. King
Miss Ann Ackleson -----	1921-----	**Mr. Wilmon B. Culley
Mrs. Anna M. Irwin -----	1922-'23	
Mrs. Ada N. Hindman -----	1923-'24	
Mrs. Sadie E. Conrad -----	1924-'25	
**Mrs. Nancy R. McClure -----	1925-'26	
Mrs. Etta S. Purdy -----	1926-'27	
Mrs. Margaret Bucknam -----	1927-'28	
Mrs. Margaret Purdy -----	1928-'29	
Mrs. Blanche Conrad -----	1929-'30	
Mrs. Bertha Reed -----	1930-'31	
Mrs. Agnes Hibbs -----	1931-'32	
Mrs. Julia Hughey -----	1932-'33	
Mrs. Inabell McGinnis -----	1933-'34	
Mrs. Julia Craig -----	1934-'35-----	Mr. Harden Clark
Mrs. Nelle Blaine -----	1935-'36-----	Mr. Harden Clark
Mrs. Lynette Colteryahn -----	1936-'37-----	Mr. Harden Clark
Mrs. Opal Ridgway -----	1937-'38-----	Mr. Harden Clark
Mrs. Mildred Barr -----	1938-'39	

*Deceased

**Demitted

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. Grace Barthold	Mrs. L. Linderman, P. W. G. M.	Mr. James O. Jones
P. W. G. M.	Mrs. Anna M. Rote	P. W. G. P.
	P. W. G. M.	
	Mrs. Anna W. Paul, P. W. G. M.	

Special Meeting of the Order of Eastern Star The Burgettstown Call-March 29, 1917 Edition

Special Meeting O. E. S.

A special meeting of the Order of Eastern Star was held on Wednesday evening, March 21. The first part of the evening was taken up by the conferring of degrees. Several of the grand officers and past grand officers were present.

Mrs. Jennie E. Werhli, P. G. M., one of the first worthy matrons in the Pittsburgh district, presented the chapter with a lovely gavel. Miss Mand Weaver, of Crafton, a P. W. M., presented the chapter with four Bibles. These sisters, with the worthy matron, were the means of chapter having been organized here.

The latter half of the meeting was used for the installation of officers, which ceremony was open to members of Richard Vaux lodge and their wives. This beautiful work was conducted by Mrs. Adeline W. Barnes, P. W. M., and present grand secretary of O. E. S. in the state of Pennsylvania, as installing officer. and Mrs. Virginia Waltz, D. D. G. M., of Washington, acting as grand marshal. Their work was greatly complimented.

At the close of the ceremony, Mrs. Barnes, in behalf of the Burgettstown chapter, presented the retiring town worthy matron, Mrs. Glase, with a past matron's jewel. Mrs. Waltz, in behalf of Burgettstown chapter, presented to the retiring worthy patron, W. B. Cullley, a past patron's jewel charm. The worthy matron then presented Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Waltz with a lovely corsage boquet as a token of the esteem in which they are held by the members of Burgettstown chapter.

Refreshments were then held by courtesy of Richard Vaux lodge, in their room, after which a cake-walk ended the program. The following officers were installed:

Worthy matron, Mrs. Beesie Roy Russell; worthy patron, George L. McKee; associate matron, Mrs. Nelle M. McKee; secretary, Mrs. Mary W. Stone; treasurer, Anne Ackelson; conductress, Jean Ackelson; associate conductress, Blanche Pyle; Adah, Pamela Scott; Ruth, Mrs. Selma McBride; Esther, Laura Wilson; Martha, Mary Conrad; Electa, Mrs. Ada Hindman; organist, Mrs. Agnes Scott; chaplain, Mrs. Sadie Conrad; warder, Mrs. Secord; sentinel, Mrs. Bildersack.

O. E. S. TO INSTALL OFFICERS FOR 1945

The following will be installed as officers for the ensuing year at the meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star which is to be held in the Haines Hall on Friday evening, March 16:

Linda Bywaters, Worthy Matron; Violet Brunner, Associate Matron; Blanche Conrad, Secretary; Jessie Addington, Treasurer; Elizabeth MacKenzie, Conductress; Winnie Mehalic, Associate Conductress; Verda Stewart, Chaplain; Margaret E. Jones, Marshall; Bertha McCormick, Organist; Frances Darras, Adah; Ruth Malone, Ruth; Florence Cunningham, Esther; Isabel Myers, Martha; Stella McCracken, Electa; Jessie Lee Brabson, Warder; Margaret Jones, Sentinel; and Angeline McCreight and Greta Belle Sumerville, Flag Bearers.

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ELDERSVILLE I. O. O. F. LODGE HONORS COLLIERS MAN



Shown in the Enterprise picture are officers of the Lodge with Mr. Wright of Colliers; 1st. row l. to r.—Louis Weigmann, Financial Secretary; T. A. Pettibon, Conductor; George Wright, Past Grand; Donald Brown, R. Scene Supporter and George Butler, Outside Guardian.

2nd row l. to r.—M. O. Butler, Recording Secretary; Herman La Posta, Past Grand; Edward Robertson, Inside Guardian; P. V. Weigmann, R. S. Noble Grand; Willard Jackson, Vice Grand; Robert Irwin, L. S. Vice Grand; W. M. Truax, Chaplain and Dale Weigmann, Warden.

GEORGE WRIGHT OF COLLIERS PRESENTED WITH JWELED PIN FOR SIXTY YEARS LODGE SERVICE

George Wright, of Colliers, who was 84 years of age June 29, 1949 and who is well known in this district was honored by the Cynosure Lodge No. 805, I. O. O. F. of Eldersville on February 7, when he was presented with a jewelled pin. Mr. Wright has been a member of the Eldersville lodge for sixty years. The pin was given to him at a regular meeting in the lodge hall. Mr. Wright is a Past Grand and has been an active member for many years. He now resides with Mrs. Wright on a hill farm above Colliers, but for 15 years was proprietor of a general store in the village.

Mr. Wright recalled for an Enterprise reporter many incidents of

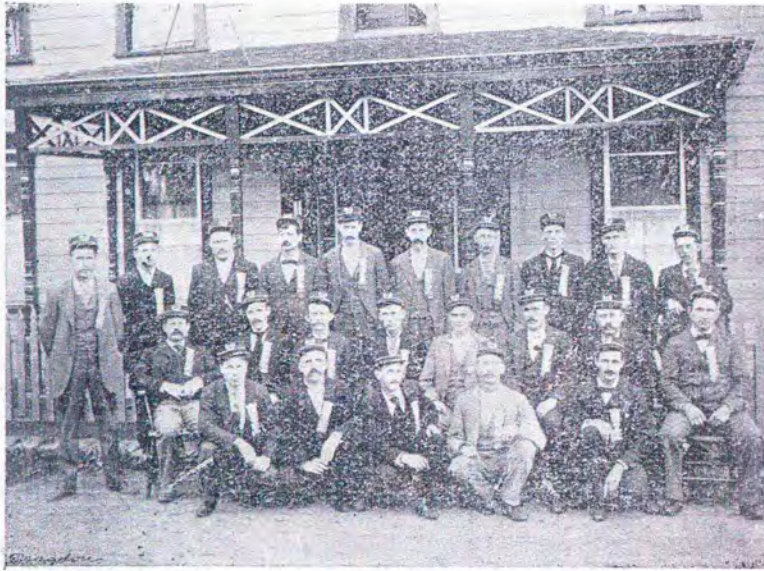
note during his career as a merchant, but the one that stands out clearest in his memory is the time he caught Ed Shafer, colored of Cadiz, O. robbing his store. The second time Shafer paid him a visit, intent on stealing goods, Wright shot him in the face with a revolver. Shafer was tried for robbery in the Brooke County

W. Va., courts and was sent to the penitentiary for robbery.

Wright has been an Odd Fellow almost since the start of the Eldersville Lodge, which was organized in 1874 and today has an active roll of 70 members. The Lodge hall is a Community center for this small village a few miles from Follansbee and provides a meeting place for the Grange, Boy Scouts, church groups and is also the First Election Precinct for Jefferson township, Pennsylvania.

The Wrights have one daughter, Mrs. Martha Truax of Colliers. Their grandchildren are Mrs. James Schaffer and Mrs. Walter Pannett of Weirton and Robert Truax of Nashville, Tenn. They have five great grandchildren.

**Eldersville I.O.O.F Lodge Honors George Wright
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 16, 1950 Edition**



FLORENCE KNIGHTS OF MACCABEES.

The interesting group whose picture graces these columns are members of the above named order at Florence, Pa. The order was incorporated under the laws of Michigan in 1881, and at present has 260,000 members. One year ago T. H. Lowry, of Oakdale, organized a subordinate tent of Maccabees at Florence. From the start up to the present time the officers and members have manifested great interest in the organization and its practical workings, both within the lodge room and without. The tent has prospered and to-day is one of the many pleasant features of Florence. The officers and members are men of well-known character and business standing.

The first officers of the tent were: Past Commander, Jos. A. Hanby; Commander, R. B. Stout; Lieutenant Commander, J. K. Crawford; Record and Finance Keeper, John M. Scott; Chaplain, T. A. McGill; Sergeant, Wm. L. Rayl; Master at Arms, Frank Graham; 1st Master Guards, W. E. Bare; 2d Master Guards, H. E. Fuller; Sentinel, J. A. Thornby; Picket, S. Virtue.

The average amount of life insurance carried by the members is \$2,000, in addition to an accident and sick policy of \$10 per week. This alone is a wise precaution for the inevitable rainy day that comes to every life.

Since the organization was perfected a year ago some little change has been made in the roster of office. The lodge has elected Morgan J. Mosier as Record Keeper. Mr. Mosier is Superintendent of the Forest Oil Company.

SOME VERY GOOD REASONS TROUT FISHING IS AVAILABLE IN KINGS CREEK & AUNT CLARA'S FORK



(Photo taken & submitted by Warren M. Columbia)

Trout fishing has become available to Anglers of this District and to South Western Pennsylvania through the ground work being done by Sportsmen's Clubs of the Washington County Sportsmen's & Conservation League placing this Stream's "Trout Qualifications" before the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. Sportsmen in the above picture are Members of Florence-Burgettstown, Canonsburg, Canton Township Rod & Gun Club, Langeloth, Raccoon, Wolfdale & Washington Sportsmens Clubs.

Local enthusiasts may be identified in the Picture as Mr. Ralph Bell local P. M. Mr. Enos Smith, Mr. Earl Petrucci, Mr. Louis Ceresaa, Secretary of the Florence-Burgettstown Sportsmen and Mr. Vance Hulick past Pres. of the F-B Club. Mr. Paul Morgan, Mr. Wm. Morris, Mr. Harry L. King District Fish Warden and many others.

These men all give unstintingly of their time for the betterment of Wildlife conditions — *What are you doing for your Sport?*

**Some Good Reasons Trout Fishing is
Available in King's Creek and Aunt Clara's Fork
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 13, 1946 Edition**

PHILIP L. BURGETT
ROUTE 2
MONTEZUMA, IOWA 50171

June 13, 1976

Dear Kathryn:

We were pleased to see you at the meeting of the Historical Society but we were sorry that you could not attend the dinner. We realize that you have responsibilities with your grandson.

I think the opening of the historical room in your new library will create further interest in the society. I think its success has probably been due to the active participation of your members. It is nice that you have this new library building. We were pleased to observe the coverage which the Enterprise gave the meeting and our pictures in it.

Our delay in writing you has been due to our being busy in opening up our house. In previous years we have had a couple to do it for us and take care of the mowing but we were unable to secure help this year. We raise largely seed corn and soybeans and while there was some delay in planting, the crops are now well up. We have had a lack of moisture but we have had two rains recently which has helped us.

We are also writing the Whites, Holts, and Charlie Lawson.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,



Letter from Philip L. Burgett to Kathryn Slasor.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Fort Vance Society Discusses Fair

By Katherine Pyle

The Fort Vance Historical Society met Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Burgettstown Community Library for its initial meeting of the new year. Grace Cassidy was in charge of the business meeting. It was announced that arrangements were made to place books in the Community Library in memory of deceased members Charles F. Barr and Wilbert Welch.

It was also announced that the treasurer's accounts had been audited.

Programs for 1987 were discussed, but a committee meeting will be held in the near future to make these plans definite.

Following the business meeting, those attending discussed the old Burgettstown Fair, which was held yearly from 1856 until 1939. A.D. White opened the discussion with a brief history of the fair. He explained that the earliest fairs were held on the Bell Property near what is now Shady Avenue, but that very early the location was moved to the area where Sutherland's Lumber Company is today. It was originally Burgett land.

A race track was constructed on the grounds, which drew thousands of spectators to the fair each year. Among the many horsemen was Alden Miller, who lost his life in the 1930's in an accident on the track.

The purpose of the fair, however, was to display farm produce and livestock, and those in charge formed what was known as the Union Agricultural Association. Serving on the Fair Board were persons from Burgettstown, Smith Township and surrounding townships and areas.

It was estimated that as many as 15,000 persons attended the fair on the third day if the weather permitted. The entrance fee was usually \$1 per family.

By 1939, there were fewer farmers in the Burgettstown area, and the fair gradually disintegrated into a carnival.

Some of the Fort Vance members recalled features of the fair such as the booths with shell jewelry, balloons, cotton candy, ice cream cones, riding whips and other novelties.

All manner of livestock was exhibited, and one member recalled that an ostrich had drawn a great deal of attention at one fair.

During the early days of airplanes,

one was exhibited on the grounds.

Several pieces of glass marked with "Burgettstown Fair" and the dates, 1897 and 1904, were brought to the meeting; also A.D. White had a number of fair directories listing the cash prizes to be awarded for entries. He also displayed some post cards which were advertisements for the fairs. One member told of her aunt's winning first prize for a bedspread which she had made.

Members recalled going to the fair in carriages or by train, and picnicking on the grounds. Some recalled the food stands where soup, sandwiches, pies, etc., were sold by local organizations.

The merry-go-round, the ferris wheel and later the whip were great attractions for young people.

In the early days, almost every couple had a picture taken by the photographer, who made tin-types.

The Burgettstown Fair was probably the greatest social event in this area during the period between 1856 and 1939. Schools were dismissed so that children could attend, and literally everyone looked forward to the first week in October when the fair was scheduled.

Grace Cassidy and Mildred Robert served refreshments at the close of the Fort Vance meeting.

Fort Vance Society To Study McDonald Family

The Fort Vance Historical Society will meet at McDonald Wednesday evening, August 25, to recapture some of the history of the pioneer family of John and Martha McDonald.

Members will gather at 7 p.m. in the driveway of the Kim Darragh residence on West Lincoln Extension. This is the former Edward McDonald home, well known landmark on the left as one approaches McDonald Borough from the west. A visit will be made at the Darragh home, and the group will then drive to Primrose Hill, the former home of the James McDonald family near Primrose Station. This house is presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Dolina and family.

Following a tour of Primrose Hill, the society will hold its regular meeting in the barn of the Dolina property with the president Mrs. Kathryn Slasor in charge. It is suggested that the members take flashlights to be better equipped for the evening's activities. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cauchie of Laurel Hill Road are in charge of the arrangements.

The McDonald family was of Scotch-Irish origin, John McDonald having been born April 3, 1738, in Listravanich, County Fermanagh, Ireland. In 1760, he was living in Baltimore where he was an exporter of flax. About 1773, he purchased a tract of land which he called Mt. Pleasant that encompassed property which now lies at the western end of McDonald Borough.

At thirty-six John McDonald was considered a bachelor; then in four years time he wooed and married Martha Noble red-haired daughter of Coil and Mrs. Joseph Noble. To this couple were born 11 children, the first two being twin boys born within the walls of Beelor's Fort (Candor).

James McDonald, the fourth son, inherited lands west of the Mt. Pleasant tract, and it was here that he established his home, Primrose Hill. He and his wife Julianne Cooke McDonald reared a family of two sons and two daughters as well as a nephew Silas Gault. The James McDonald family is now extinct.

Meanwhile Edward McDonald, the youngest son of John and Martha McDonald married Margaret Nesbitt and lived on the Mt. Pleasant tract. His first wife having died in 1839, he married Margaret Snodgrass. He became a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature and was locally known as "Squire." His son Nesbitt inherited the McDonald homestead. The town of McDonald was named for Edward McDonald's family.

A picture of Primrose Hill as it appeared in 1876 may be seen in Caldwell's Atlas of that year. At the time K. McDonald, son of James, spent much of his time raising horses and a track can be seen in the foreground where K often took the horses for exercise.

The historical society held its annual picnic at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church, Avella, July 28. A covered dish dinner was served to about 75 persons. Following

a brief business meeting the group drove to the site of old Patterson's Mill, to the historic churchyard near the village of Patterson's Mill, and then the members toured the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hefrichter, once the property of W. J. Patterson.

Eugene Painter was in charge of the evening's activities. Mrs. Edith Cole of Steubenville recalled experiences of her early childhood at Patterson's Mill. Several pictures of the mill and village were circulated. History pertaining to the Patterson's Mill church and cemetery was presented by A. D. White, local historian. Mrs. Juanita DeCook, chairman of the refreshment committee, was in charge of dinner arrangements.

Personal Memories Reviewed At Meeting Of Fort Vance Society

by Kathryn Slasor

Members of the Fort Vance Historical Society shared with each other many personal memories at their recent meeting, thus emphasizing even more one of the purposes of their organization - "to promote a better appreciation of our American heritage." It was a small but enthusiastic group that eagerly clung to the theme of the evening, "I Remember."

President Emile Robert called the meeting to order on Wednesday, February 22, with various officers and committees reporting. Katherine Pyle then called on each one present, to step forward with his or her memories, which were recorded on tape. Subjects of memories were as numerous as the members in attendance, and each was well received.

Edith Jones began by remembering the day that Alaska became a state. She was living in Kodiak at the time, and recalls that that June day in 1958 was a "wild" one for the new United States citizens. Whistles blew, church and school bells rang, and anything that could make a noise did just that! Their newspaper the following day carried headlines a foot high with only two words - "We're In!"

Mary Frances Cataney remembered the day that World War II ended, saying that the noise was equal to that made in honor of Alaska's entry. Henrietta Henderson went back a generation farther and recalled the pandemonium that took place with the signing of the Armistice on November 11, 1918. She remembers that she had gone shopping with her mother and had bought a can of baked beans. She "still likes to eat baked beans on Armistice Day!"

Fred Perkins recalled crossing a creek on a log somewhere near Brownsville in 1907 or 1908. Pearl Perkins remembered an ice storm and a "spill" from a bobsled loaded with "kids and milk cans."

Grace Cassidy remembered the tragic fires that took place in Hanover Township during the grain threshing days. Barns, stables and grain were burned, in-

nited by sparks from the threshing machinery.

Dorothy Smith told of the high sidewalks that were popular along Center Avenue, Burgettstown, in 1908. She also recalled two catastrophes that Burgettstown suffered in the past. One was the day a wagon load of nitro-glycerine exploded at the storage plant just outside of town. The driver and two horses were killed.

The second disaster was the flood of 1912, and of her family's successful attempt to get their horses out of the barn to higher ground.

Luella Felch recalled the days when Center Avenue was known as Mud Lane, and of how it lived up to its reputation. She also holds memories of racing past the town jail on her way to school, because she was afraid.

Emerson Loffert's memories took him back to the age of five, when he lived on Valley Street, McDonald. He remembered what a treat it was to "go to Grandpap's" on a Sunday afternoon following church services. It was a special treat the day they went in their new buggy. One outstanding recollection of these trips was the sight of the mud squishing around the buggy wheels.

Albert Miller has nostalgic memories of the days of the Burgettstown Fair, where his now world-famous brother, Delvin, drove in his first race in 1929 at the age of 17. It was here also that his uncle, Alden Miller, was fatally injured on the track in 1936. But it was in 1922 that his family's Essex touring car got stuck in the mud in Eldersville while enroute to the great Fair.

Mrs. Wayne M. Culley, who was born in Washington, Pa., recalls the Welsh Chorus that came to town and were housed by the local Welsh people. A few years ago, she was privileged to visit in Wales, and to relive some of those old memories.

Kathryn Slasor recalled an early memory of visiting her grandparents in the little mining camp of Penobscot. The little camp has long since been wiped off the map by the ravages of

time and the coal stripping operations. She also spoke of Kidds Mill, and of her father's recollections of his days spent there as a boy.

Mildred Robert was born in Midway, and remembered her high school days in the IOOF hall. She recalled fond memories of Harry Lauder, the great Scottish singer, who had a sister who lived in Midway.

Tom Moore recalled his experiences in World War II, when he was on the island of Saipan with the B-29 bombers. He remembered receiving orders to help load about six hundred planes with clothes, medicine and food for our prisoners of war. Tom's wife, Ruth, emphasized the memories of Mary Frances Cataney, the wild excitement the day the war ended.

Eugene Painter's favorite childhood haunt was the Bellview Campgrounds, near Independence. It was here that he saw for the first time such entertainment as a magician's act and other formal activities. He and his family either walked the mile distance or rode in buggies down the dirt road, to the Sunday church services and the planned programs that were attended by huge crowds. He also recalls riding to Pittsburgh from Avella on the train. Another treat was bestowed upon him that day - that of attending one of the first "talking pictures."

Laurabelle Gaitens, who lives in the house she was born in, in McDonald, recalls some of her neighbors who made frequent trips in to Pittsburgh on the train. She said it was not too unusual for some of them to make the trip twice in one day if need be, perhaps for a spool of thread. Another favorite memory is the days when ice cream was a treat for all the kids in the neighborhood.

Emile Robert recalled his days of walking to the one-room Melvin School in Jefferson Township. He was taught there for five grades by Pearl Cassidy Melvin. The daily reading of the Bible and the teacher's discussion of it impressed him as a child.

He remembers gulping down his lunch in order to have lots of time to play games such as "Fox and the Geese." He recalls the day two crows attacked him as he walked home from school. It was during his second year of school that a "big snow" came, preventing him from going to school. The following morning his mother told him to "put on an extra pair of trousers," and that his father would walk to school with him. Once there, then came probably the most embarrassing moment of his life. As he peeled off the outside pair of pants, he discovered that he had put on the first pair backwards!

Katherine Pyle remembered the various telephone exchanges by their names. When the dial system first went into operation, areas were given names such as Whitney, Luther, Pyramid, and others.

She also recalled that placed along most of the roads in the "olden days" were wooden watering troughs, for the benefit of both horses and their riders who were passing through. These troughs represented the early springs in the area, and later came in handy for the sputtering automobiles as they struggled to climb the hills.

All memories were thoroughly enjoyed, as members attempted to re-live some of the highlights of their lives.

Programs of interest have been planned for the forthcoming year. The Society welcomes anyone who would wish to join and perpetuate the cause of local history. Dues for individuals are three dollars a year, and five dollars for a family membership.

The next meeting will be March 22, when a "Show and Tell" program will highlight the evening. The group meets the fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise specified.

Historical society seeking volunteers

BURGETTSTOWN — The Fort Vance Historical Society is seeking volunteers to assist with the collection and organization of old newspaper articles.

The group is holding flex meetings from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through November at the Burgettstown Community Library located at 2 Kerr St.

Volunteer hours are flexible. For information, call (724) 947-5441.

Fort Vance Historical Society Seeking Volunteers
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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Society selling four unique history books

By SARA SNATCHKO
Staff writer

Have you ever wondered what this area was like many years ago?

Have you ever thought about who originally inhabited your home, workplace, or a business you frequent? Those questions may possibly be answered by purchasing one of four books the Fort Vance Historical Society is offering for sale.

The recently reduced books contain a multitude of local historical information. "Anyone interested in the history and people of the area should have these books," said Mary Westlake, president of the Fort Vance Historical Society.

The books contain old stories, documents, historical



Sara Snatchko

DISCUSSING HISTORY – Mary Westlake, left, and Sally Hughes discuss local history books in the Heritage Room at Burgettstown Community Library.

sketches, photos, newspaper clippings, letters from the Civil War and much more.

"There are some nice personal stories and some not so nice personal stories," Westlake said.

They can be obtained by visiting the Heritage Room, which is located within the Burgettstown Community Library.

- **Historical Sketches of Northern Washington County** by A.D. White, 1979 revised 1987, \$10.

Written by infamous local historian A.D. White, this book tackles numerous local historical subjects. Find out about pioneer forts in the Burgettstown area. Social life, as well as early educational and religious history is discussed through stories and statistics. White describes the history of Jefferson Township, historic places in Hopewell Township, and legends of Burgettstown and neighboring towns. He also tells chilling

murder stories such as the Robert Dinsmore murder story, the great Eldersville murder case, and the Van Baker murder trials.

White's sketches provide an intimate glimpse of local life in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

- **Thank You Ann Hupp, And You, Too, Samuel Brady: The Settlers' Forts of Western Pennsylvania** by John DeMay, 1997.

This book discusses local pioneer forts that were inhabited from 1760 to 1795. The title refers to Ann Hupp and Samuel Brady, who were chosen by DeMay to represent the pioneers of that time. Hupp took care of the family, and fought the Indians when necessary. Brady was one of many rangers, who took the responsibility of searching for attacking Indians and warning the other families in case of an attack. The book discusses the locations, history and sometimes tragic downfalls of sites within Washington and

Allegheny Counties in Pennsylvania. It not only expounds on the forts themselves and how the pioneers struggled to protect them, but the harshness of pioneer life and how we, as Americans, owe our freedoms to their struggle. If you'd like to purchase this book, do so soon as only two copies remain.

- **Steamboat 'Round the Bend: A Collection of Articles** by James F. Mullooly, 1994, \$10.

Steamboat 'Round the Bend is a compilation of articles and columns written by James F. Mullooly, a local historian who died in 1979. The Fort Vance Historical Society compiled his efforts into this book, which provides readers with local historical topics that range from legendary people and places in northern Washington county to newspaper headlines of interesting events and murders. The compilation provides readers with pieces to the puzzle of

local history including politics, social life, industry folklore and much more.

- **Aunt and the Soldier Boys From Cross Creek Village Pennsylvania: Letters Narrating their Civil War Experiences**, Compiled by Janice Bartlett Reeder McFadden, 1991, \$15.

Authentic letters written by four Civil War soldiers from the Cross Creek Village make up a large portion of this raw, vivid compilation of the Civil War and how it affected the soldiers who fought and those they left behind. Some letters are photographed and transcribed on opposite pages. Newspaper clippings that were saved along with the letters are also included in this candid account. It not only contains letters from the boys to their aunt, but numerous other letters enlighten readers to the social, political, economic and war issues of the late 1800's.

Fort Vance Historical Society Selling Four Unique History Books
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Chuck Saus

OLD TREASURES – The genealogy room at the Burgettstown Community Library contains many pieces of memorabilia like these baby shoes. One of the most fascinating pieces in the room's collection is the writings of four Cross Creek boys, who wrote letters to their aunt during the Civil War. The writings of the boys, who lived in Hickory, have been preserved and put in a book format.



Chuck Saus

HISTORY KEEPER – Edith Jones, 91 years old and a charter member of the Fort Vance Historical Society, is looking through a complete compilation of war veterans from the civil war to present that served from the Burgettstown area. The files include the name of the soldier, branch of service, war he or she served in, as well as the soldiers' hometown.

Take a trip back in time at the library

By **MIKE NAYLOR**
Staff writer

Genealogy is becoming one of America's national obsessions.

People spend years and years looking into records, researching the history of their family. Too often, they can't or don't find the answers they're looking for.

But, if your search takes you to the Burgettstown area, there's a group dedicated to helping you learn more about your heritage — and the town's. The Fort Vance Historical Society was organized in February 1969 by a group of individuals interested in the history of the Burgettstown area. The society's name commemorates the old Vance's Fort, established on Col. Joseph Vance's farm in 1774.

The farm is located between the

towns of Cross Creek and Langeloth.

Members of the society are known for their interest in preserving the borough's heritage as well as that of its residents.

"We cover about a 20 mile radius from Burgettstown that covers a lot of northern Washington County," said Edith Jones, a charter member of the society. The group meets at the Burgettstown Community Library, in a special room they use as a focal point for their research — a room dedicated to the accumulation of records dating back to the town's origins.

Some of the information they've gathered so far includes general information files, meeting minutes, land maps, family history files, cemetery records, and a war veterans' file.

"The veterans' files date all the

way back to the Indian Wars and is kept up to date as much as possible," Jones said.

The files include the name of the soldier, branch of service, and the war served in, as well as the soldier's hometown and, if appropriate, death announcements.

"This is a lot of fun, but we are snowed under with all the information we are going through," Jones said.

"There just doesn't seem to be enough time in the week."

Interesting snippets of local history are found throughout the room, but probably one of the more fascinating pieces of the collection is the writings of four Cross Creek boys.

The boys wrote the letters to an aunt, who lived in Hickory, during the Civil War. They've been preserved and put into a book format.

"The book is really interesting because it tells of how the common soldier lives, eats, and sleeps," Jones said.

Jones said most of the information available was recorded by officers, so the view of the common soldier is a new perspective to what happened in the war. The information was donated by Janice Bartlett Reeder McFadden, whose mother was the recipient of the letters.

"This room is just bulging with history," Jones said.

And it's not just Burgettstown residents who make use of it.

The Fort Vance Society has people coming from all over to look for information on their heritage.

Jones said they've had people from places like New York, Virginia, and British Columbia come to the library to research their history.

The services provided by the historical society are free of charge, but there is a small membership fee for anyone who joins.

But the society's accomplishments aren't limited solely to researching the history of the town.

It's also sponsored a reprint of Caldwell's Atlas of Washington County and has published the book, Historical Sketches of Northern Washington County in 1979.

The society also has other items for sale as well.

The society meets every Thursday in the historical room.

Future meeting topics will be announced in Pennsylvania Focus, a weekly publication distributed on Saturdays at various locations in the Burgettstown area.

"We just find it very exciting to research the history and we love

**FT. VANCE SOCIETY
HOLDS MEETING ON
U. S. PRESIDENTS**

Members of the Fort Vance Historical Society participated in an interesting discussion about United States presidents when the group met Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Burgettstown Community Library. Several members had seen some of the presidents. Mrs. Wayne Culley had sung in Philadelphia when ex-President Eisenhower had been in the audience. Others in the Society had visited homes of the various executives including those of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Buchanan, Coolidge, Roosevelt and Eisenhower. Mementos of their visits were placed on display.

Lois Acheson discussed Washington's land ownership in Western Pennsylvania. Reference was made of family connections with some of the presidents who had roots in Washington County. Edith Jones showed the group forks that had once belonged to the Harry Truman family. She also displayed a set of pictures of the presidents. Charles Lawson had brought a framed print of the Lincoln family. Mrs. E. E. Harper had received a birthday card from Nancy Reagan. Dorothy Smith showed the group a spoon which had been purchased by her mother when she attended the Pam-American Exposition at Buffalo at the time McKinley was shot.

During the business meeting announcement was made of a second printing of A. D. White's book, *Burgettstown's Graveyards*. The book lists those buried in the old Presbyterian and United Presbyterian

Skeet Shooting

To be Held by

FOX INN SKEET CLUB

Old Harmon Creek Field

SAT., Aug. 15, 2:30 P.M.

Visitors Welcome

Skeet Shooting

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 13, 1936 Edition

PLANS FOR BUSY YEAR MADE BY FRIDAY CLUB

Local Organization of Women Will
Initiate Campaign for Needed
Community Improvements

The April meeting of the Friday Club, affiliate of the Washington County Federation of Women's Clubs, was held at the home of Mrs. Thomas C. Linn, Elm street, last Friday afternoon, and was an unusually important meeting, notwithstanding the progress of a regular winter blizzard of snow and anything but spring weather conditions. Due to illness of the president, Mrs. S. W. Peirson, vice president, presided over the meeting.

The selection of the official personnel of the club for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of all incumbents—Mrs. S. H. DeWalt, president; Mrs. S. W. Pierson, vice president; Mrs. Henry Hellmers, secretary; Mrs. C. F. Barr, treasurer. Other routine business was transacted, and due to a lack of time to carry out the entire program of the day, the address of Mrs. W. E. Dickson on "The Local Tax Problem," was postponed until the next meeting.

An excellent presentation of current needs of improvement of the community was given by Mrs. J. G. Scott, and in a round table discussion following many matters of moment were brought up for consideration. One of these matters, in which the entire community is vitally interested, is the unsatisfactory status of the town water costs. This question will be given more extensive study by the club. Other topics outlined dealt with local conditions requiring remedy.

The guest speaker, E. B. Maurey, was given a gracious welcome, and favored with courteous attention. He spoke briefly on "Happiness," outlining the relative nature of the term and comparing the degrees of happiness enjoyed by individuals and nations. Beginning with the period of Jewish religious history, extending over the four centuries elapsing between the Books of Malachi and Matthew, through the early Christian era and the "Dark Ages," on to the Renaissance in the 15th century, and hastily down to date, he suggested that human affairs run pretty much in the same groove, and that happiness is for the most part only freedom from pain.

In regard to reforms and the matter of human behavior, the speaker explained that he believed a great deal of major wisdom had been expounded by a minor prophet, when he wrote: "He hath shewed thee, O, man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of thee: That thou do justly, love mercy and walk uprightly with they God."

The beautiful home of the Linns provided pleasurable comfort for the 21 club members and one or two guests assembled, and the charming hostess added to her entertaining accomplishments with a splendidly appointed luncheon.

**Plans for Busy Year Made by Friday Club
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 23, 1936**

FRIDAY CLUB NAMES COMSITTEES AT LUNCHEON PARTY

At the final meeting of the Friday club, prior to adjournment for the summer, Mrs. F. H. Illig announced the committees appointed to serve the ensuing year. The meeting followed a delightful covered dish luncheon served in the garden of Mrs. Charles Hamilton's home at Langeloth last Friday afternoon.

Members appointed to committees are:

Department chairmen: Citizenship, Mrs. H. H. Hellmers; International relations, Mrs. S. W. Piersol; Legislation, Mrs. Samuel DeWalt; Conservation and Gardens Mrs. G. A. Westlake and Mrs. G. E. Thomassy; Motion pictures, Mrs. G. D. Saxton; Fine Arts, Miss Celestine Stievenart and Welfare, Mrs. R. A. Russell.

Program—Mrs. Hughey, Mrs. Sonnhalter, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Hellmers and Mrs. Vosburg.

Social—Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Franz, Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Hamill.

Finance—Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Sonnhalter, Mrs. Pope and Mrs. Hindman.

Girl Scout — Mrs. J. R. Culley, Mrs. Tope, Mrs. Tennyson, Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. Hayes Scott.

Defense Work—Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Westlake, Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. J. G. Scott, Mrs. Proudfit and Mrs. Hayes Scott.

Club Woman—Mrs. Thomassy and Mrs. W. B. Scott.

Publicity — Mrs. Vosburg, Mrs. Boles and Mrs. Kunkel.

Flowers and Cards—Mrs. Bell, Mrs. W. L. Scott and Mrs. Bessie Scott.

Library—Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Carman Mrs. Hellmers and Miss McNary.

Music — Mrs. Tope, Mrs. Wayne Culley, Mrs. Linn, Mrs. Haines and Miss Stievenart.

Membership — Mrs. Proudfit, Mrs. DeWalt and Mrs. Piersol.

Civic—Mrs. Hindman, Mrs. Lance, Mrs. Sloan and Mrs. J. G. Scott.

A letter from the Langeloth Smeltermen's Union was read and approved inviting the club to cooperate in a patriotic, Community Fourth of July celebration. A letter from Mrs. Glenne Nicholls was read asking for volunteers for USO Day.

Mrs. H. H. Sonnhalter gave an interesting report of her recent trip to Atlantic City, where she attended the Golden Jubilee celebration of the National Federation of Woman's clubs. A report on the legislative action of this convention, prepared by Mrs. E. H. Vosburg was read, in her absence by Mrs. Warren Tope.

Music for the day was furnished by Mrs. A. A. Haines, Misses Miriam Cassidy and Jane Darras, Mrs. L. Wallace Coffey and Mrs. Wayne Culley.

ELECT OFFICERS

Members of the Friday club will hear a report from the Nominating committee for officers for the year 1941 at the annual business meeting which will be held Friday afternoon, May 17 in the home of Mrs. Arthur Franz of Hindman street. Mrs. Franz and Mrs. Dean Saxton will be co-hostesses.

Tickets for a benefit movie,matinee "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet" at the Mary-Ann theatre on Wednesday afternoon, June 12 will be distributed at this meeting. This film, depicting Medical research on "Syphilis" has been approved by the Federation of Women's clubs and is in accordance with one of the main projects of the Washington County Federation this year, a project to secure additional legislation for the control and elimination of this disease.

Floral Theme At Friday Club Session

The Burgettstown Friday Club met at Tony and Marge's Restaurant on November 20 for a regular meeting. Guests for the evening were Agnes Donati and Anna Mae Ferris, of the Imperial Florist Shop. They made Christmas decorations and presented floral arrangements.

A straw wreath on a metal frame was won by Mrs. Eugene Tucci. An excelsior wreath was won by Mrs. Harry Jones, and Mrs. Carrie Atherton won a centerpiece made on a board with candles. A swag on a styrofoam base was won by Kathryn Pyle. Mrs. Dalene Alrutz won an arrangement made of large and small mums.

The names of all the churches in the area were put into a box, and the Eldersville Methodist Church received an altar decoration made in a basket from gladiolas, yellow and white mums and greens.

Hostesses were Mrs. R. Clair, Mrs. F. G. Pope, Mrs. C. Hill and Mrs. D. L. Malone.

GIRL SCOUT PARTY IS FINE SUCCESS

The "low" financial status of the Burgettstown Girl Scouts was considerably "upped" by the proceeds from the Card Party given in Barbush Hall, Monday evening, by members of the Friday Club, the sponsors of Girl Scout work in this Community.

Incomplete returns show that about 150 card and bingo players gave public expression of their approval of the work being done here by contributing to the party. Mrs. H. H. Hellmers, president of the Friday club was assisted in planning the party by members of the social and finance committees of the club. The club expects to use part of the proceeds to provide special instruction in scouting for leaders. Next problem before the club is to provide a proper club room, where the girls may engage in scout projects. Anyone who has such a room available should contact the Scout committee of the club.

Party prizes were awarded to: A. H. Kunkel, treasure chest; Mrs. A. H. Kunkel, door prize; E. S. Wheeler, and Miss Eugenia Harper, contract; Mrs. William Miller and Dr. W. S. Clark, auction; Mrs. E. S. Foster and Arthur Franz, Five Hundred and Miss Helen Inglefield and Mrs. Jennie Fisher, Bingo.

Gratifying to the sponsors, was the large attendance of Langeloth people at the party, inasmuch as Langeloth also sponsors an active girl scout organization. Burgettstown will be asked to reciprocate early in May, when Langeloth women will give a Mother and Daughter banquet in the Community Church dining room to aid Langeloth Girl Scouts.

Girl Scout Party is Fine Success
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 21, 1940 Edition

**GARDEN PROGRAM
FEATURES MARCH MEET**

Mrs. Wilbur Welch, chairman of Conservation and Gardens of the Friday club conducted an interesting garden and flower forum at the regular meeting of the Friday club, which was held in the home of Mrs. J. G. Scott last Friday afternoon, with Mrs. Scott and Mrs. W. S. Morrow of Florence as hostesses. Vocal solos, "Trees" and "Rose in the Bud" were sung by Mrs. A. A. Haines, accompanied by Miss Celestine Stievenart. Papers bearing on the subject were read by Mrs. A. M. Lance, Mrs. Joseph Culley, Mrs. H. C. Cooke, Mrs. Bessie Scott and Mrs. Thomas Linn. Mrs. R. E. Carman read the poem, "A Garden", with beautiful expression.

Preceding the program, a memorial for the late Miss Nancy Moore was held and an appropriate memorial was read by Mrs. W. E. Dickson.

Mrs. Hellmers reported on the Panhandle district meeting held in Washington on Thursday, March 14. She announced the appointment of Mrs. Bessie Scott and Mrs. Boyd Sloan as delegates to the spring meeting of the County Federation which will be held at Canonsburg on Wednesday, April 17. Mrs. Carman and Mrs. Cooke were named alternate delegates. Members of the club were urged to attend this meeting.

The next regular meeting of the club has been postponed one week and will be held on Friday, April 26 at which time Mrs. Harold Sonnhalter chairman of Fine Arts will present the program. Place of meeting will be announced at a later date.

MARGARET RICHARDS and JACK PUCKETT

WRITE "MOST PRACTICAL" ESSAYS FOR

FRIDAY CLUB. Clean out creek - Plant trees

Mrs. B. L. Hughey, chairman of Civic work for the Burgettstown Friday club invited pupils of the Burgettstown eighth grade to write essays on the subject, "What Burgettstown Needs Most." Miss Katherine Pyle, English teacher reported that competition was so keen among the students and the essays entered in the contest, all so good that it was a problem to select two outstanding manuscripts. In the finals, first prizes were awarded by a Board of Teacher judges to Margaret Richards and Jack Puckett. These students read their papers at the meeting of the Friday club last Friday afternoon. Other essays entered in this contest will be printed in the Enterprise at a future date.

"What Burgettstown Needs"

I think Burgettstown needs the creek cleaned out. First, because it is unsanitary and ruins the scenery, which might be beautiful. Second, because it gives the appearance of laziness on the part of the community, and third, because it is one of the first steps toward getting the other things we want done.

The cleaning of the creek is one of the first steps because it has been the common subject of the community for sometime. Its accomplishment would make the people realize that they can do things instead of just talking about them. It would also increase the interest of the people and make them more enthusiastic.

Cooperation is the basis of any successful accomplishment so I would suggest that a town meeting be held. Speakers would inform the people just what cleaning the creek would mean and how to go about it.

If a town meeting would be impossible then perhaps a meeting of all the organizations of the community could be arranged. These organizations could arrange a program and present it to the community for approval.

One way of improving the appearance of the creek without financial aid would be to forbid the dumping of rubbish and other waste products into it. Then the weeds could be cut down and replaced by trees and shrubs.

The trees can be obtained from the state government which has tree nurseries and is willing to send trees free if they are used for useful purposes.

The cutting of the weeds and the other work can be done by volunteers from the Boy Scouts, Lion Clubs and the community. The younger generation will be taught the importance of cleanliness at the same time.

I think we have the will, interest, and pep to start improving our community and the sooner we all realize it, the quicker we will start.

MARGARET RICHARDS

"What Burgettstown Needs"

What Burgettstown needs is more trees.

It needs more trees for beauty and to prevent erosion. It has so few trees that it is bare and unattractive. Many people have destroyed their trees because they interfered with sewage disposal, and others have destroyed them for no reason at all.

If more trees were planted, it would add beauty and attractiveness to the town.

If once a year the school or the people would plan an Arbor Day and everyone who could would plant a tree, in a few years Burgettstown would see the great improvement made by trees. In some towns trees line the streets for blocks, but in Burgettstown there are so few trees that if one does not look sharply, he may see hardly any of them.

It costs so little to plant a tree that if people were ambitious and wanted their town to be a credit to their country, they would work to plant more trees.

Some trees are more attractive than others. Some of the most attractive trees are maple, weeping willow, pines, elm, and oak.

Many of the school children would be interested in planting trees if there were someone to back them. It would be interesting and educational and would be a project in which they could use scientific methods in planting and raising them.

If unused lots were cleaned off and garbage was dumped out of town and those places planted in trees and shrubs, it would improve the beauty of the town and also improve the business in the stores.

Most tourists are glad to stay and see beautiful towns.

JACK PUCKETT

Margaret Richards and Jack Puckett

Write "Most Practical" Essay for Friday Club. Clean out Creek-Plant Trees

Burgettstown Enterprise-May 15, 1941 Edition

Burgettstown Friday Club Closes Year With Welcome Of 16 Members; Name Committees

A delectable covered dish luncheon featured the final meeting of the club year for the Burgettstown Friday Club at the Legion home on Friday, with hostesses Mrs. F. H. Illig, Mrs. A. H. Kunkel and Miss Celestine Stievenart in charge. They were assisted by Mrs. Harry Rankin and Mrs. E. S. Wheeler. Covers were laid for 50 guests at tables beautifully decorated with spring flowers.

Mrs. F. G. Pope completed a very successful 2 year term as president. Mrs. Pope and Mrs. J. R. Culley, secretary were commended by installing officer Mrs. Henry Hellmers for having a perfect attendance record for two years.

Incoming officers presented by Mrs. Hellmers are: President, Mrs. J. R. Culley; First Vice President, Mrs. B. L. Hughey; Second Vice President, Mrs. R. E. Fulton; Third Vice President, Mrs. Donald Downer; Secretary, Mrs. Monte L. Scott and Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Wilson.

Entertainment was an informal skit written and directed by Mrs. Harry McCormick and assisted by Mrs. Monte Scott, Mrs. T. Bradley Stevenson and Mrs. John Linn.

New members, formerly of the Junior Women's club were introduced by the Senior Adviser Mrs. Sonnhalter and are: Mrs. George Bish, Mrs. Dwight Cook, Mrs. Noel Freville, Mrs. George Grimes, Mrs. R. W. Hemphill, Mrs. A. L. McCoy, Mrs. Harold McElhaney, Mrs. W. P. Miller, Mrs. Ralph Organ, Mrs. Baur Russell and Mrs. James Walker.

The following were also welcomed into membership: Mrs. A. D. Bigger, Mrs. H. L. Buckwalter, Mrs. E. F. Bywaters, Mrs. G. C. Hemphill and Mrs. E. E. May.

In a brief welcoming president's address, Mrs. Culley announced appointment of the following department chairman and committees:

Department Chairmen

Fine Arts-Mrs. Van Inwegen
American Home-Mrs. Helene Tope

Welfare-Mrs. Dickson
Citizenship-Mrs. W. M. Culley
International Relations - Mrs. Illig

Conservation and Gardens-Mrs. E. E. May
Executive Board Member-Mrs. Pope.

Program

Mrs. Hamill, chairman; Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Noy, Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Buckwalter, Mrs. H. C. Cooke, Mrs. Harry McCormick.

Social

Mrs. C. S. McCormick, chairman; Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Mc-

Kinney, Mrs. Durst, Mrs. Tennyson, Mrs. Westlake, Mrs. Bish, Mrs. Baur Russell, Mrs. J. L. Culley.

Music

Mrs. Sonnhalter, chairman; Mrs. Luttrell, Mrs. W. M. Culley, Mrs. Haines, Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Bell accompanist.

Finance

Mrs. Dickson, chairman; Mrs. Kenney, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Addington, Mrs. Hindman, Mrs. Bywaters, Mrs. Downer, Mrs. Wilson

Girl Scout

Mrs. Stevenson, chairman; Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. J. W. Linn, Mrs. R. W. Hemphill, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. McCoy.

Publicity

Mrs. Vosburg, chairman; Mrs. Kirsch, Miss McNary, Mrs. R. A. Russell.

Membership

Mrs. Rankin, chairman; Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Purdy.

Telephone

...Mrs. M. B. Scott, chairman; Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Kunkel, Mrs. Ulmer, Mrs. Fulton.

Flowers and Cards

Mrs. Welch, chairman; Mrs. Carmen, Miss Cox, Miss Stievenart.

Library

Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. Mester, Mrs. McGee, Mrs. McElhaney, Mrs. Organ, Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Freville.

Civics

Mrs. Hellmers, chairman; Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Parham, Mrs. G. C. Hemphill, Mrs. Meisenhelder, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Dwight Cook, Mrs. T. C. Linn

Burgettstown Friday Club

Burgettstown Enterprise-May 27, 1948 Edition

ELECT OFFICERS

Members of the Friday club will hear a report from the Nominating committee for officers for the year 1941 at the annual business meeting which will be held Friday afternoon, May 17 in the home of Mrs. Arthur Franz of Hindman street. Mrs. Franz and Mrs. Dean Saxton will be co-hostesses.

Tickets for a benefit movie, matinee "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet" at the Mary-Ann theatre on Wednesday afternoon, June 12 will be distributed at this meeting. This film, depicting Medical research on "Syphilis" has been approved by the Federation of Women's clubs and is in accordance with one of the main projects of the Washington County Federation this year, a project to secure additional legislation for the control and elimination of this disease.

FRIDAY CLUB MEMBERS GIVE HUSBANDS TREAT

Prominent Group of Ladies of Town
Provide Food and Entertainment
For Hubbies at Banquet

The "Husband's Night" program of the Friday Club, given in the First United Presbyterian church on Friday evening, marked the first of such events in the history of the club, and was an unqualified success from every angle. The dinner prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary of the church, comprised turkey and an extensive menu of delicacies, tastefully fabricated and faultlessly served.

The program was in charge of the club president, Mrs. S. H. DeWalt, who delivered a short but impressive address in welcoming the guests and outlining some of the objectives of the club. As a toast to the gentlemen, Mrs. B. L. Hughey read a poem of her own composition entitled "Our Husbands," which for beauty of sentiment and perfection of metric construction was most excellent. The toast was responded to by Edward B. Maurey, who said he felt honored as a husband to be permitted to speak for himself and the bunch he represented—the "Grand and Magnanimous Order of Meek and Lowly Worser Halfs."

The principal address was given by the president of the County Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Ernest Waltz of Washington. An accomplished speaker, Mrs. Waltz held the close attention of the assemblage throughout her discourse, which was informative, interesting and exceptionally enjoyable. Her talk dealt largely with the details of the work of Women's clubs over the county.

The Hon. A. O. Hindman, M. D., local representative in the State Legislature, gave a short talk of appreciation of the work of the Friday Club in the community, and emphasized some community needs which he said the club should consider from time to time. The Rev. R. E. Carman voiced the invocation preceding the dinner, and the Rev. R. C. Sutton gave the benediction at the close of the program.

As a concluding feature of the program Prof. Charles F. Barr, supervising principal of the borough and Smith township schools, exhibited a series of motion pictures that he photographed during his California trip last summer. Mrs. Barr obligingly stood near the picture screen and briefly explained the views as they were projected. Her descriptions were necessarily brief, but fully explanatory, and the educational as well as the entertaining value of the exhibit cannot be fully approximated in a short review. Prof. and Mrs. Barr were highly complimented upon their unique and enjoyable addition to a splendid program.

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FRIDAY CLUB MEMBERS GIVE HUSBANDS BREAK

(Continued from page 1)

Music by the orchestra directed by Ronald C. Teare, local high school music supervisor, during the evening was of an unusually high order and greatly appreciated. Mr. Teare favored the guests with two vocal solos which received well merited applause. The orchestra was made up of Mr. Teare, bass viol; Miss Katherine Scott, piano, and Emile Coulange, Helen Inglefield and Julia Kata, violinists.

Mrs. DeWalt welcomed to membership in the club the following new members: Mrs. Homer Cooke, Mrs. F. H. Illig, Mrs. Elmer Harper, Mrs. B. E. Sloan, Mrs. Dean Saxton, Mrs. Bessie Scott and Miss Celestine Stievenart. She also extended greetings to the heads of the two other local women's clubs, Mrs. Charles Hamilton, Jr., president of the Junior Women's Club, and Miss Dorothy Farrar, president of the Music Club. These ladies arose and bowed their acknowledgments.

The following is the member and guest list: Mrs. Richard Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Myrtle Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harper, Mrs. Erma Scott, The Rev. and Mrs. Carman, Mrs. Bessie Scott, Mrs. Ada Keys, Miss Dorothy Farrar, Mrs. S. W. Piersol and son Albert, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton, Jr., Miss Ethel McNary, Mr. and Mrs. Maurey, the Rev. and Mrs. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Thomassy, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cooke, Prof. and Mrs. Barr, Dr. and Mrs. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Lance, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan, Miss Nancy Moore, Miss Celestine Stievenart, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Saxton, Dr. and Mrs. Hindman, Mr. and Mrs. Waltz, Mr. and Mrs. DeWalt, Mrs. B. L. Hughey, Mr. and Mrs. Illig, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Linn.

The women of the church who contributed so largely to the success of the meeting were: Mrs. Blain, Miss Frazer, Mrs. King, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. J. W. Welch, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Tennyson, Mrs. McClurg, Mrs. Sam Malone, Mrs. McCalmont, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. G. A. Westlake, Mrs. Vance Malone and Mrs. Miller.

And those pretty girls who placed the bountifully laden platters of provender before the folks who came to eat were: Betty Ann Wade, Esther Welch, Helen Thomassy, Ruth Tennyson and Martha Lance.

Friday Club Members Give Husbands Treat
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 18, 1935 Edition

Friday Club Men's Night Program

Invited guests for the January program of the Burgettstown Friday Club are Mrs. J. G. McDonald, soloist and Supervising Principal William P. Miller as guest speaker.

"Husbands and guest night" of the club will take place Friday, Jan. 21, at 8 p.m. in Haines hall. Mr. Miller's talk will be of interest to men and women attending.

Selections chosen by Mrs. McDonald include: "Silver Moon" by Sigmund Romberg; "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" by Victor Herbert; "I'll Walk with God" by N. Brodsky; and "Beneath The Lights of Home" by W. Jurmann. Mrs. Harry McCormick will accompany the soloist.

Hostess include: Mrs. George Bish, Mrs. E. E. Harper, Mrs. Clarence Wharton, Mrs. Jack Cree, Mrs. H. L. Buckwalter, Mrs. J. R. Culley, Mrs. J. W. Linn and Mrs. Roy Taft.

FRIDAY CLUB PLANS BENEFIT FOR GIRL SCOUTS

A card party not "For ladies only" but to include husbands and men friends as well, will be given by members of the Friday club in the Barbush Hall on Monday evening, March 18, as this organization's annual project to raise money to finance 1940 activities for the Girl Scouts of Burgettstown.

Organized under the sponsorship of the Friday club last year, the local group of girl scouts has become a leading Community organization of recognized merit for teen age girls.

Plans for the party were outlined by the president, Mrs. H. B. Hellmers at the February meeting last Wednesday in the home of Mrs. W. E. Dickson. The club hopes to make the party a community pre-Easter social event of such proportions that sufficient funds be received to finance the current program of the girl scouts. There will be tables of contract and auction bridge, five hundred and bingo. Tickets may be secured from members of the ticket committee which includes Mrs. H. H. Sonnhalter, Mrs. C. S. McCormick, Mrs. F. H. Illig, Mrs. E. E. Harper and Mrs. E. H. Vosburg. Telephone any member of the committee for party reservations and tickets will be promptly delivered. Social arrangements for the party are in the hands of the social and finance committees of the club and include Mrs. J. H. Rankin, Mrs. J. W. Welch, Mrs. G. A. Westlake, Mrs. J. R. Culley, Mrs. A. M. Lance, Mrs. W. E. Dickson, Mrs. B. L. Hughey, Mrs. A. O. Hindman, Mrs. A. D. Franz and Miss Nancy Moore.

Mrs. Dickson as February hostess was assisted by Miss Celestine Stievenart. Mrs. S. W. Piersol spoke on International Relations, stressing the need of markets for our farm products and suggested a closer alliance with South America.

The guest speaker for the day was Mrs. Ezra K. Maxfield, whose address, "Education for the Youth of Today" is presented under "Jottings." The Ensemble, from the grade school directed by Miss Elizabeth Scott and accompanied by Julian Myers, at the piano sang several selections.

FRIDAY CLUB PLANS

At a special meeting of the Burgettstown Friday Club held last Thursday evening in the Borough Building with the President, Mrs. C. Warren Tope, Jr., presiding, a committee was appointed to select officers for the ensuing year to be voted on at the April 20th meeting. Mrs. W. E. Dickson was named chairman with Mrs. Charles Kirsch and Mrs. George Westlake as members. Mrs. B. L. Hughey chairman and Mrs. F. H. Illig and Mrs. E. H. Vosburg were named members of a committee to prepare a revision of the Constitution to be presented at the next meeting for approval of the members.

Mrs. Tope reported the club had been given credit for \$5700 bond sales to be applied to the County Federation's Air Armada. A donation of \$10 as made to the American Red Cross. The tree planting project will be deferred until the opening of Burgettstown's new community park and swimming pool, when the club has voted to plant trees in the park. Scrap books for the U. S. O. are to be turned in at the April meeting. Mrs. Tope urged members to contribute to the used clothing drive for the United Nations.

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Plan American Day

At a meeting of the Gold Cross Ladies' Society of Slovan in the home of Mrs. Alex Kluchanovich last Wednesday evening, plans were made for the group's annual observance of "I Am An American Day". Ceremonies will be held in front of the Slovan honor roll on May 21, with a speaking program planned. That evening a dance will be held in the Union Hall at Francis Mine.

GRANGE HAS PLAN TO USE IDLE TIME

Organization of Agriculturists Give
Thought to Serious Danger
Aiming Correction

Following the adoption of NRA working hours in most lines of industry, with consequent increase of available hours in recreation or idleness, the Grange organization has sensed the serious problem here involved, and has widely sounded a warning note against the possibilities of danger for the American people unless these idle hours can be put to actual use through definite community programs.

In line with its own long established custom of inaugurating betterment projects in local environments, the Grange is endeavoring to set in motion a greater number of these projects than ever for the coming fall and winter, hoping thereby to enlist universal community interest and thus get much beneficial work done, at the same time utilizing the otherwise idle time of many people. From one New England country town comes the report that the Grange has succeeded in signing up every able-bodied man in the entire village to the promise that he will give one half day's time of each week to some local project of improvement.

In many rural villages the Grange is planning to stage this winter more dramatic features, minstrels, concerts, prize-speaking contests and other events of competitive nature than ever before—all designed to maintain community interest, to enlist the enthusiasm and efforts of as many people as possible, and so to "take up the slack", naturally resulting from the lessened working schedule of that vicinity. Few will challenge the statement that nothing the Grange can do in the present urgent situation of national life is more important than its endeavors above outlined.

Pythians Hold Installation Ceremony at Haines Hall

Silver Cliff Temple, 130 of the Pythian Sisters held its annual installation of officers in Haines Hall January 10. A covered dish dinner was served to 36 members prior to installation exercises.

Faye Noah, installing officer, was in charge of the installation ceremony and Dorothy Andrews was recognized as past chief.

Most excellent chief is Mary Beard. Other officers include: Excellent senior, Harrietta Certich; Excellent junior, Edith Noah; Manager, Doris Noah; Recorder of correspondence, Jean Phillips; Mistress of finance, Isabel Carmichael; Protector, Hazel Bable; Guard, Dolly Harris; pianist, Isabella Christopher; trustee, Dorothy Phillips, degree captain, Isabel Carmichael; representative to grand, Lois Wagner and alternate, Virginia Kimberland.

**Pythians Hold Installation Ceremony at Haines Hall
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GRANGE INSTALLS

E. W. Campbell was installed as Master of Bavington Grange at installation services held at Bavington Grange Hall Tuesday evening. Kenneth Aten from the Paris Grange was the installing officer assisted by members of the Burgettstown Grange. Mrs. Kenneth Aten was pianist.

Other officers installed were: Overseer, S. S. Douds; Lecturer, Charlotte Smith; Steward, J. L. Bable; Assistant Steward, Leonard Savage; Chaplain, Mary Horr; Treasurer, Harris Smith; Secretary, Martha Kramer; Gatekeeper, John Douds; Ceres, Ann Stiffler; Pomona, Betty Cramer; Flora, Margaret Glass; Lady Assistant Steward, Frances Smiley; Executive Committee, Hugh Barton; Finance Committee, Adelaid Singleton.

Bavington Grange Installs Officers
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 23, 1947 Edition

ANNUAL SERVICE

The Burgettstown Grange held its annual "Go-to-Church-on Sunday" service at the Grange Hall on September 9 at 8 p. m. The speaker of the evening was Rev. J. C. Ruble of the First Presbyterian church of Burgettstown. He spoke on the theme, "Compromises-Good and Evil!" Music was furnished by a special choir of young people accompanied by Miss Clara Witherspoon at the piano.

**BURGETTSTOWN GRANGE
ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1941**

Burgettstown Grange No. 1502, which meets at Bavington, has elected the following officers for 1941: D. S. Randolph, master; J. L. Bable, overseer; Jane Barton, lecturer, re-elected; C. E. Campbell, steward; Mike Duran, assistant steward; Mrs. D. S. Randolph, chaplain, re-elected; O. P. Horr, treasurer, re-elected; Elizabeth Glass, secretary, re-elected; John Douds, gatekeeper, re-elected; Mrs. S. S. Douds, ceres; Beulah Thomas, pomona; Mrs. James Jones, flora; Mildred Wukelic, lady steward assistant.

Special Grange Entertainment.

A special entertainment will be provided members of the Burgettstown Grange at the meeting to be held in Grange hall, Bavington, on Tuesday evening of next week. Following the business session a literary program will be given in the form of an open meeting. Walter Barnes, a member of Pawnee Grange, president of Penn State Business College and insurance representative of the Grange, will present a full evening's entertainment. His offering will be of exceptional interest and entertaining value. All members of the Grange and friends are cordially invited to attend and enjoy an unusual treat. Lecturer J. R. Culley states Mr. Barnes has proved to be an excellent salesman, promoting considerable insurance business for the local Grange during the autumn.

**ROUSING MEETING HELD
BY LOCAL AREA GRANGE**

A meeting of Burgettstown Grange No. 1502 was held in the Grange hall at Bavington on Tuesday evening with an attendance of about 125 Grangers, five sister Granges being represented, as follows: Jefferson, Cross Creek, Claysville, Paris and Washington. The visiting Grange, which was Jefferson, most excellently entertained the local Grangers with songs, monologues, readings and music. Following the business session and program, the social committee served an enjoyable luncheon.

Recently the Burgettstown Grange conferred degrees upon 14 new members. At present this Grange is one of the largest and most active organizations in Washington county, having a membership of 115, and there are still many more prospective members in the community. The Grange is at present conducting an every-member canvass in life insurance program and the membership hopes to win the championship of both county and state.

J R. Culley, Grange Lecturer, announces the following program for the meeting of Tuesday evening, October 27th: Song No 3; roll call, name favorite apple; poem, Mrs. Fred Moore; recitation, Mrs. O. P. Horr; reading, David Douds; discussion, canning fruit, by Mrs. L. C. Smiley, Mrs. D. C. Fulton and Mrs. S. W. Piersol; reading, Mrs. Ralph Kuhn; paper, Miss Sara Moore; Grange etiquette, E. W. Campbell; song No. 128.

**Rousing Meeting Held by Local Area Grange
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 15, 1931 Edition**

**FINE PROGRAM PREPARED
FOR NEXT GRANGE MEET**

An excellent program has been prepared for the meeting of Burgettstown Grange No. 1502, to be held in Grange hall, Bavington, on Tuesday evening of next week. The following is an outline:

Song, to be selected; roll call; ways to prevent automobile accidents; song, number 92, "My Old Kentucky Home;" discussion, "What to consider in buying seed corn, Thomas Witherspoon; reading, Mrs. D. C. Fulton; educational paper, J. A. Nethercoat.

Discussion: "Should Personal Property be Taxed?" by John Glass, H. C. Colteryahn, W. C. Culley and O. C. Campbell.

Question box: Each member to write one question. Stunts: Entertainment committee. Song, No. 53.

GRANGE MEETING

Mrs. Alverna Thompson, secretary of the Washington County Tuberculosis Association will speak on the work of her organization at an open meeting of Burgettstown Grange in the Grange Hall on Tuesday evening, May 27 at 8:30 o'clock d.s.t. There will be no admission and the general public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Thompson will show two sound films, "On the Firing Line", a pictorial account of the battle against Tuberculosis and "They Do Come Back" a human interest story in pictures.

A business meeting for grange members will be held at the close of the program.

Burgettstown Grange Meeting
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 22, 1941

Grange Officials Installed.

Burgettstown Grange No. 1502 installed the 1936 officers on Tuesday evening. They are: Master, David M. Purdy; overseer, Thomas B. Witherpoon; lecturer, Mrs. J. R. Culley; steward, Arthur R. Kaste; assistant steward, Michael Hamm; chaplain, S. W. Bigger; treasurer, O. P. Horr; secretary, S. Elizabeth Glass; gatekeeper, James B. Donaldson; Ceres, Mrs. O. P. Horr; Pomona, Mrs. S. W. Bigger; Flora, Mrs. L. C. Smiley; lady assistant steward, Helen Kraeer; member of executive committee, E. W. Campbell; member of finance committee, S. W. Piersol.

**GRANGE NO. 1502
PLANS PROGRAM**

Members of Burgettstown Grange will celebrate Mother's Day with a special program to be given by members in the grange hall at Bavington on Tuesday evening, June 11. The program will include the following

Roll Call—Your Mother's maiden name, birthplace, state.

Song—No. 91—"The Old Folks at Home".

Brief Responses—

1. "The Kindest Thing My Mother Ever Did" by James R. Campbell, Mrs. R. J. Glass, Robert Hays, and Leonard Savage.

2 "The Best Joke on My Mother"—by James Jones, Mrs. S. W. Bigger, Earl Campbell, Mrs. Blanche Kelly.

3 "The Wisest Bit of Advice My Mother ever Gave" by Rev. R. L. Biddle, Thomas Witherspoon, S. S. Douds, R. J. Glass.

4 "My Mother's Bravest Act."—by Mrs. J. E. Lewis, Mrs. L. C. Smiley, Clarence Thomas, Carl Campbell.

5 "What My Wife Wore When We Were Married", by S. W. Piersol, George Saxton, L. C. Smiley, Henry Colteryahn, J. E. Lewis, S. W. Bigger.

Recitations—

"Mother and I" by Mrs. Martha Kramer.

"A Tribute to the Mothers" by John Balog.

"A Song of Motherhood" by Dorothy Smiley.

"Mother" — "Mother's Day" by Mary E. Glass.

"Ma Did It" by Carl Fodor.

"Try To Be the Feller that Your Mother Thinks You Are" by Mildred Wukelic.

Closing Song—No. 26—"Matron"

Grange Program

The following is the program for Burgettstown Grange, Saturday, March 28, at one o'clock:

Grange Melodiés No. 70.
How May We Lighten the Burden of Housecleaning, Mrs. Smith.
Hatching and Starting Chicks, Mrs. Freshwater.
Proper care of the Dairy, E. McPeak.
Address, Rev. Stevenson.

The members of the Grange were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Smith on Tuesday evening, March 3. A bountiful lunch was served and a good time reported by all present.

Burgettstown Grange To Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Reporter Photo

Officers of the Burgettstown Grange, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary May 7, are pictured above. Seated, left to right, are Mildred Duran, lecturer; Ruth Kramer, secretary; Wayne Kramer, master; John Michalka, overseer; David Hare, chaplain; and Samuel Dodds, treasurer. Standing, Leman C. Smiley, executive committee member; Harris Smith, Steward; Helen Kramer, lady assistant steward; Frances Smiley, Pomona; Emma Johnston, Ceres; and John Douds, gatekeeper. Not present for the picture were Donald Fulmer, assistant steward; Margaret Glass, Flora, and Howard Glass and Michael Duran, executive committee member.

Burgettstown Grange to Celebrate 50th Anniversary
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Burg. Grangers To Dedicate New Hall

J. A. Boak, past master of the Pennsylvania State Grange will assist Burgettstown officers in the formal dedication of the new grange hall at Bavington, which will be held on Friday evening at eight o'clock. Harris Smith of Midway, president of the organization will conduct the formal dedication. Rev. J. V. Stevenson, a member will follow the dedicatory services with an address. Special vocal selections will be furnished by Mrs. Veta Cummins Rosseil.

Friends of the Grange, as well as all members are invited to be present, as the formal dedication will be open to the public. The new grange hall at Bavington was completed in the summer of 1939 and provides modern, up to date quarters for the local grange, as well as a near-completely equipped kitchen and dining room, where social events for the organization will be held and will form a major part of the social programs of the grange.

**GRANGE TO PRESENT
NATIONAL PROGRAM**

Burgettstown Grange will present a "National Grange Program" at the regular meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, January 23, in the grange hall at Bavington. The program will include:

Salute to the Flag.

Roll Call—"An interesting happening at the National Grange."

Song—"Beautiful Grange."

Address—"The Grange program for Agriculture."—by Harris Smith.

Song—"I'm a Granger."

Reading—"Who Killed the Grange."—by Laurette Jones.

Recitation—"The Co-operator."—by Mildred Wukelic.

Summary—"What is the Grange."—by Mrs. Piersol.

Closing Song—"The Model Grange."

Cross Creek Grange Installs Officers

An edition of the Burgettstown Enterprise, published in October of the year 1886, was among the display of antiques shown during the literary program of the Cross Creek Village Grange No. 1751 meeting in the Cross Creek Presbyterian church, Thursday, Nov. 20.

Many other fascinating antiques were displayed by Grange members who told of their origin. The program was in charge of lecturer, Mrs. Sarah Vance who gave a talk on the month of November.

A covered dish dinner at 7 p.m. opened the meeting followed by installation of the following officers: reelected master, J. D. Townsend; overseer, Harlan Bell; lecturer, Mrs. J. D. Townsend; steward, Robert Vance; assistant steward, Hugh Parker; gatekeeper, Martin Stoltze; chaplain, Howard Smith; secretary-treasurer, W. C. Lee; ceres, Gloria Smith; pomona, Jean Moore; Flora, Della Crumrine; lady assistant steward, Edna Farner; and new executive committee member, Roy Beam.

Installation was in charge of the Jefferson Grange team, led by master, Mrs. William Truax; past master, Mrs. Gaylord Martin; marshal, Dalene Wiegmann; regalia bearer, Ilah McCaffrey; emblem bearer, Idell Wiegmann; and service man, Dale Wiegmann. Music by Jefferson Grange members was presented by a quartet-Marion Butler, Dorothy Butler, William Truax and Helen Ryan.

Delegates were appointed to attend the Pomona meeting at Washington, Dec. 2: Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Zaebisch and Mrs. Sarah Vance. Attendance for the evening was recorded as 33 members of the Village Grange; two members of Gretna Grange, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Russell; 14 members of Jefferson Grange; and one member of the Frankfort Grange, Beaver County, Mr. Zickefoose, Weirton, W. Va. Mr. Russell is past president of the Pomona Grange, Washington.

Grange Ladies Receive Trophies

Mrs. Genevieve Cooke, Cross Creek Village Grange, and Mrs. Mary Louise Hunter, Cross Creek Grange, Rea, were presented with trophies for outstanding achievements at the two-day Grange leadership conference held at Penn State last week. Mrs. Cooke received her trophy for a dedication service she had written for dedication of new stations. Mrs. Hunter was awarded a trophy for her "Strengthening Family Life" program in the State Grange Home Economics contest.

Mrs. Catherine Stritzinger of Cross Creek Grange was among six recipients of diplomas for leadership.

State Grange Master, J. Collins McSparran was toastmaster at the banquet held Wednesday evening. Sixteen workshops were conducted, with each delegate attending six.

Others from the area attending were several delegates from Beaver County including Miss Lena Simpson, Frankfort Springs Grange lecturer.

Cross Creek Grange Ladies Receive Trophies
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Cross Creek Grange Meeting Tonight

Cross Creek Village Grange will meet Wednesday, November 17, at 8 p.m., in the church. Members are asked to note the change in meeting date.

Worthy Master Wayne Jeffrey will preside. The theme of the program, "Farm -City Week and Thanksgiving," will be presented as follows:

Devotions, Mabel Lee; Panel discussion on Farm-City, Montford Lee, moderator, Don Townsend, Ethel Stewart, Ruth McDaid, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Williams, representing farmers, consumers and industry; Poem, "Country Life Ain't No Paradise," Leroy Lee.

Skit, "Dinner With The Country Cousins," Genevieve Cooke, Marty Stolze, Millie Adams, Tommy Brown and Donna Taggart; Poem, "The Frost Is On the Pumpkin," Mary Jo Brown; Talk, "Our Forefathers and Thanksgiving," Jimmy Brown.

Thanksgiving pageant, "I Am Thankful," Marsha Taggart, Stephanie and Denise Williams, Peggy Stewart, Pamela Smith, Shirley Alruz, Billy Johnston and Cathy Jo Dames, with a chorus consisting of Janie Dunbar, Doris Underwood, Diane Farnier, Janice Ozenbaugh, Diane Kidd, Debbie Rankin and Beth Newman; Solo, Alice Zellars; Music, under the direction of Viola McCreary, assisted by Ruth Dunbar.

Hosts for the evening are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dames, Peggy Jeffrey and Rose Steiminger.

Cross Creek Grange Meeting Tonight
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Safety Theme At Frankfort Grange

Frankfort Springs Grange No. 1989 met Monday evening, March 25, with Master Clyde Neeley presiding.

A donation was given to "Dollars For Scholars."

The Cub Scouts of Hookstown will hold a dance at the Grange April 19, it was announced.

The following literary program was presented under the direction of the lecturer, Mrs. R.P. McMillan.

Theme, Safety; "Words To Live By;" "Twenty-Eight Do's and Don'ts for the Good Driver;" "America's Best Teen-Age Driver Speaks Up On Driving Skill;" "Highway Patrol Officer Reports;" "What You Can Do To Prevent an Accident;" "Lying;" and "Escape From Fire."

There will be no meeting on April 8. Members and candidates are invited to Jefferson, West Virginia, for the exemplification of First and Second Degrees. The next regular meeting of the Frankfort Springs Grange will be held on April 22, at which time the Beaver Pomona officers will visit the Grange.

Frankfort Grange will join with Hookstown, Center, Raccoon and Fairview Granges in presenting a program at the Hookstown Grange April 15 at 8 p.m. The theme is "Air Pollution." The meeting is open to the public.

**Safety Theme at Frankfort Grange
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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

PLAN WEINER ROAST

A class of 16 candidates of Paris Grange and three from Frankfort Springs Grange were conferred the third and fourth degrees at a meeting at Paris Grange. Laurel Grange degree team officiated.

At the business session it was announced that a weiner roast, planned by the women to honor the men, will be held September 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Paris Community Park. All refreshments will be provided by the committee, in charge of Mrs. Harold Hooper and Mrs. John Fletcher.

Candidates for membership are Mrs. William Bainbridge, Joyce Bainbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Clenton Fiedler, Mr. and Mrs. John Schroyer and daughter Peggy, Mrs. Gertrude Lashorn, Jesse Mae Truax, Dorothy Truax, Shirley and Jerry Wright, Mrs. Harold Daugherty and Mrs. Robert Cassidy.

The harvest supper was served by a committee directed by Mrs. Ernest Tyo.

Frankfort Grange Elects Officers

Frankfort Springs Grange held its regular meeting on January 27, at which time the following officers for 1941 were installed: Master, J. A. Gilliland; Overseer, T. E. Armour; Lecturer, Mrs. Anna Aten; Chaplain, Mrs. Jane Savage; Secretary, Mrs. Ethel McCarrell; Steward, E. C. Aten; Gatekeeper, A. M. Bolser; Treasurer, H. S. Savage; Assistant steward, Dwight Harper; Lady assistant steward, Mrs. Ruth Harper; Flora, Mrs. Helen Ramsey; Ceres, Miss Helen Hobbs; Pomona, Miss Mary Jane Mayhew; members of executive committee Mrs. Anna Bolser and Mrs. Mabel Armour. Mrs. Hollis Swingle was chosen pianist for the coming year.

The installation exercises were in charge of Master J. A. Gilliland, past master Frank Savage and other assistants. At the close of the meeting, lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed by all.

On the next regular meeting night, February 10, the following program will be presented:

Opening song, "Onward Worthy Grangers."

Welcome Address, "Thoughts and Plans for 1941," Master Gilliland.

Special Feature, The Three Graces. Song, "I'm a Granger."

Essay, "Looking Forward into 1941" Mrs. Mabel Armour.

Closing Song, "The Grange is Marching On."

Frankfort Springs Grange Honors Members



Frankfort Springs Grange, at their "open house" meeting, honored several members for 25 years' continuous membership in the Grange.

State Pomona Genevieve Cooke, State Lady Assistant Steward Linda Zahn and State Deputy Master Carl Blank presented pins and certificates to Mae-Belle Ralston, T. F. Ralston, Elizabeth N. Simpson, William C. Simpson and Lena Simpson Cool. Zula Whitehill, who was unable to attend, will receive recognition at a later date.

Mrs. William Simpson, Lecturer, was in charge of the program. Sheriff Alex Debreczini presented a program, "Operation Identification." Special music was provided by the Landers Sisters of the Hookstown Grange.

Other numbers of the program included "Glad To See You," Tami Markle; "Litany of Conservation," Dorothy Jamison; "It's Just a Piece of Cloth," Clyde Neeley, "Taking Ma's Advice," Lisa Markle; skit, "Lying," Edna Ackman and Lena Cool; and "What Is The Grange," reader, Helen Markle.

William A. Steel, National Grange Youth Director, and Harold Douglass, Pomona Master, made brief remarks to the group.

Door prizes donated by Petrucci's Market, Robinson Distributors, Pyrofax Gas and Imperial Florist were awarded.

Lloyd Beal was reported ill. The next regular meeting will be on September 11.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Guests were present from Allegheny and Washington Counties, Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Grangers and non-Grangers of Beaver County.

Left to right, William C. Simpson, Elizabeth N. Simpson, Lena Simpson Cool, Mae Belle Ralston and T. F. Ralston. Unable to attend was Zula Whitehill.

FRANKFORT GRANGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Members of the Frankfort Grange held the regular fortnightly meeting in the Grange Hall on Monday evening, January 22, at which time the following newly-elected officers were installed:

Master, J. A. Gilliland; overseer, T. E. Armour; steward, E. C. Aten; assistant steward, Dwight Harper; lady assistant steward, Ruth Ackman; gate keeper, A. M. Bolser; chaplain, Mrs. Frank Savage; lecturer, Mrs. E. C. Aten; secretary, Mrs. D. S. McCarrell; treasurer, Howard Savage; Flora, Mrs. Helen Ramsey; Ceres, Helen Hobbs; Pomona Emily Hobbs; executive committee member, Frank Savage; pianist, Mrs. Morgan Swingle.

The installation was in charge of O. Walker Shannon, Beaver County Pomona Master. Lunch was served and a social hour was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

FRANKFORT GRANGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Frankfort Springs Grange met in regular session on Monday evening, Jan. 10, at which time Pennsylvania State Lecturer, O. W. Shannon, installed the following officers for the year 1944: Master, Alfred M. Bolser; Overseer, J. A. Gilliland; Lecturer, Mrs. T. E. Armour; Secretary, Mrs. L. B. Hobbs; Treasurer, Howard S. Savage; Chaplain, Mrs. E. C. Aten; Steward, Clyde Neely; Assistant Seward, Craig Hobbs; Lady Assistant Steward, Kathleen Hobbs; Gatekeeper, T. E. Armour; Flora, Mrs. Charles Ackman; Ceres, Mrs. Charles Coulter; Pomona, Viola McMillan and Member of Executive Committee, Mrs. J. A. Gilliland.

After the installation exercises Mr. Shannon, in behalf of the members of Frankfort Grange, presented a gift to Past Master Gilliland as a token of appreciation of his services as master of the grange for the past years.

Frankfort Grange

Frankfort Springs Grange No. 1989 met Monday evening, July 9, with William Simpson as Acting Master. The charter was draped in memory of William Bailey.

The Subordinate Grange voted to sponsor a party for the purpose of activating the Juvenile Grange. The date will be announced by a committee. The State Juvenile Deputy, Mrs. Henry Smith, will be invited.

Literary Program was as follows:

Theme, "Temperance", Lecturer, Lena Simpson.

Song, "How Firm A Foundation."

Devotions, Edna Ackman, "A Modern Day Prophet" and "I Thank God For Thee."

The Baby Rattlesnake, by Jessie Hobbs.

Story, "What The Fairy Told The Queen," Mary Jane Neely.

Song, "Father, Lead Me."

The Health Clown says, "Drink Health," Juvenile Member David Neely.

"Ethyl Is Not A Lady," Helen Ramsey, Mary Gilliland, Helen Lombard, Lena Simpson, Kenneth Mercer, Clyde Neely, Lloyd Conley, Craig Hobbs, Ed Aten and Ronald Mercer.

Recreation, Quizzes, "Hidden Trees and Only One."

The next meeting will be July 23. Theme of the Lecturer's Program will be "I Hear America Singing." All entries for the art contest are to be with the Lecturer by July 23.

The Home Economics Committee will be in charge of the August 13 program.

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Officers-Elect At Frankfort Springs Grange



Frankfort Springs Grange No. 1989 will have as new officers for the coming year, pictured above, front row l to r—Jessie Hobbs, secretary; Edna Ackman, overseer; Nellie Simpson, lecturer; Bruce Hobbs, master; Juanita Zickefoose, lady assistant steward; Mary Jane Neely, Flora; Anna Armor, chaplain; Mary Gilliland, Ceres. Back row—R. L. Zickefoose, assistant steward; William Simpson, steward; Ed Armor, gatekeeper; Ada Hobbs, treasurer; Mae Belle Ralston Pomona; Ford Ralston, E. C. Aten and C. R. Neely, executive committee members.

Officers-Elect at Frankfort Springs Grange

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One Hundred Present For Frankfort Grange Staff Installation

The installation of officers of the Frankfort Springs Grange was held Monday evening, Nov. 24, at the hall in Frankfort Springs. The installing officers of Goodwill Grange, West Virginia, presided and installed officers for Paris, Hookstown and Frankfort Springs for the coming year.

Over 100 members and visitors were present from Cross Creek, Paris, and Hookstown, and Fairview and Goodwill Grange, West Virginia.

Members of the installing team from Goodwill Grange were: John McAlpine, master; Mrs. H. L. Turk, installing officer; Mrs. Dick Williams and Miss Agnes McElwain, marshalls; Mrs. Mary Woods, emblem bearer; Mrs. Mary McMillan, Vesta; and H. L. Turk, chaplain.

The next meeting of Frankfort Springs grange will be held Dec. 8, with new officers presiding.

Frankfort Springs Grange Meeting

Frankfort Springs Grange No. 1989 met Monday evening, November 8, with the Worthy Master, Mrs. R.P. McMillan, presiding. Several State and Pomona officers were present, including the State Deputy and Junior Deputy. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith; the Pomona Master, Harold Douglass; and the Pomona Chaplain, Mrs. Zella Douglass. Other guests were present from the North Sewickley Grange.

The committee reported on a recent card party. The next party will be held on November 19.

Mrs. Herstine, Community Progress Chairman for the 1964-65 year, was presented with a \$50 bond and plaque for receiving honorable mention in the state. The award was presented by Mr. Smith.

The Pomona Lecturer announced that Mrs. McMillan had placed second in state competition in "Other Acts" in the recent talent contest, and that Mr. Herstine's picture had won first place in Class E Arts competition. His entry has been sent to Topeka, Kansas, to be entered in national competition.

The following program was presented in honor of Mrs. Jessie Hobbs, retiring secretary, who has served for the past 22 years:

Song, "Whispering Hope," "This Is Your Life," Lena Simpson; Poem, "Does A Secretary Go To Heaven?" MaryJane Neeley; Special Music, Jean Weir and Charles Christopher, of the North Sewickley Grange.

Presentation of Past

Secretary's Pin, Pomona Master, Harold Douglass, and escorts, Mrs. Zella and Lois Douglass; presentation of corsage, a gift from the family, presented by the oldest and youngest of the honored guests' grandchildren; and presentation of Memory Scrapbook, Mrs. McMillan.

The program closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

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Installing Team For Goodwill Grange



Pictured above are members of the Goodwill installing team of Grange No. 499, Follansbee, W. Va. Front row, l to r—Mrs. R. O. Williams, marshal; Mrs. Glenn Woods, emblem bearer; Mrs. H. L. Turk, installing officer; Mrs. J. A. McMillan, Vesta; Miss Agnes Mc Elwain marshal. Back row—John McAlpine, master; H. L. Turk, Chaplain. This crack installing team performed at Frankfort Springs last week, when new officers were inducted. See story and pictures on page 1.

Hookstown Grange Installs Officers



Officers of the Hookstown Grange No. 1980 installed are pictured above—front row, 1 to r—Kay Alger, Flora; Florence Hutton, lecturer; Chester Elliot, master; Harry Lutton, overseer; Jane Lutton, Juvenile Matron; James Buchanan, Chaplain. Back row—Glenn Crooks, steward; G. V. Boone, treasurer; Gregg McElhaney, gatekeeper; Charles Stewart, assistant steward; Thomas Glenn, J. E. Crooks, executive committee members.

Enterprise Photo

Hookstown Grange Installs Officers

Enterprise Photo

Committees Named By Local Grange

Independence Grange No. 179 has listed the following committees for 1969:

Finance and building, Donald Adams, Ralph Hunter, Mrs. Wilbur Gist and Herman Carl; legislative, Guy Smith and G. P. Shank; membership, Donald Dunkle, Bernard Kimble and Eugene Painter, Sr.; degree, Mrs. Ralph Hunter, Mrs. Marguerite Nulty and Mrs. Roy Buck; community service, Mrs. Robert Vance, Mrs. Eugene Painter, Sr., and Mrs. J. Stanley Craig; remembrances, Mrs. Earl Miller, Mrs. G. P. Shank and Mrs. Donald Dunkle.

Youth, Duane Hunter, Donald Adams and Miss Kathy Dunkle; lecturer's, Mrs. William McAdoo, Mrs. Ewing Wilson and Mrs. Darrell Eastham; women's activities, Mrs. J. Logan Brownlee, Mrs. Bernard Kimble, Mrs. Paul Adams, Mrs. Ollie Pattison and Mrs. Lucius Bradbury; social, Mrs. Lloyd Patterson, Mrs. Joseph DePetro, Jr., and Mrs. Vance Hammond.

Social committees for

the year were named as follows:

First quarter, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Patterson, chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vance, co-chairmen; Mrs. Earl Miller, Mrs. Wilbur Gist, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Craig, Orlando Adams, Mr. and Mrs. George Shank, Mr. and Mrs. William McAdoo and Carol, Mr. and Mrs. George McAdoo, Alan Brown, Harry Carl, Mr. and Mrs. William Jones and Mrs. Josephine Jones.

Second quarter, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kimble, chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith, co-chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kimble and Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Robert DePetro, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Liggett, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Karpa, Mrs. John Adams, Mrs. Ruth Ann Yocum, Mrs. Clara Crupe, Mrs. Paul Patton and Mrs. Ray Scott.

Third quarter, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Painter, Sr., and Nancy, chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Painter, Jr., co-chairmen; S. H. Painter, Mrs. Grover Carl and Herman, Mrs. Verner Smith, Miss Faye Keenan, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Andrews, Mrs. Vance Hammond, Mrs. Marguerite Nulty, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Bradbury and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Pattison and son.

Fourth quarter, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Eastham, chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hunter, co-chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. J. Logan Brownlee, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DePetro, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dunkle and Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carl, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor, Sam Hunter, Mrs. Paul Adams and Don, Mrs. Ewing Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Tilton and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Craig.

Jefferson Grange

Fifty-five members, juveniles and friends of the Jefferson Grange attended the Visitation Night at Eureka Grange at Pancake, Thursday evening. Over two hundred were in attendance. Jefferson Grange had charge of the evening's program, as follows:

Devotions, Mrs. Ruth LaPosta; reading, "Bicycling on Cape Cod," Mrs. George Kraeer; skit, "Joe, the Bartender," Stanley Elich, Jr., Sharon Strobe, Linda Strobe, David Beck-

ner, Karl Resnik, Harold and Jerald Strobe; quartet, Dorothy Butler, Helen Ryan, Marion Butler and George Kraeer, accompanied by Mrs. George Kraeer; Dancing Doll, David Brown, accompanied by Dale Brown, Don Brown and Harry Raymer.

Lecturer Kathryn Slasor paid tribute to Mrs. Dorothy Butler, who holds the office of Ceres in Jefferson Grange. A group of young people under the direction of June Campbell presented a musical program. Lunch was served by the host Grange.

Jefferson Grange Elects New Officers For Coming Year



Above are officers of Jefferson Grange, Eldersville. Seated left to right: Eleanor Truax, Pomona; Maude Hays, Chaplain; Kathryn Slasor, Lecturer; William Dodds, Master; Fannie Campbell, Gatekeeper; Helen Martin, Lady Assistant Steward; Sarah Butler, Flora. Standing, Dorothy Butler, Ceres; Marion Butler, Assistant Steward; Dale Wiegmann, Overseer; David Slasor, Steward; William Truax, Executive Committee member; Gaylord Martin, Executive Committee member; Helen Ryan, Treasurer; Idell Wiegmann, Secretary. Not pictured are John Hays, Executive Committee member, and Margaret Kraer, pianist.

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Jefferson Grange Elects New Officers for Coming Year
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Jefferson Grange Elects.

The following officers have been elected to serve Jefferson Grange No. 314, Eldersville, during the ensuing year: Master, T. A. Pettibon; overseer, Louis Roberts; lecturer, Mrs. Pearl Melvin; steward, William Truax; chaplain, J. W. Dimit; treasurer, H. J. Martin; secretary, Annie E. Martin; gatekeeper, George Butler; Pomono, Mrs. Anna Weigmann; Ceres, Mrs. Motlena Dimit; Flora, Mrs. Louise Roberts; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Idell Wiegmann; assistant steward, Marion Butler; executive committee, Grant Boyce. The new officers will be installed on the second Thursday of January.

Jefferson Grange

Jefferson Grange met in regular session in the IOOF hall, Eldersville, Thursday, July 12, with all officers answering to roll call. Several visitors from Cross Creek Village Grange were recognized, including Master Roy Beam, Mrs. Beam, Lecturer Martin Stoltz, Mrs. Stoltz, Pomona Lecturer, Mrs. Genevieve Cooke, Mrs. Laura Johnson, Mrs. Nettie Denlinger, Mrs. Kathryn Hixon, Irene Hixon, and Wendell Pryor of Cross Creek Grange, Rea. First and second degrees were conferred on Irene Hixon and Wendell Pryor, in addition to candidates from Jefferson Grange, Virginia Strobe, Sharen Strobe, Rose Ann Doak, and Larry Doak.

During the business meeting it was voted not to prepare a booth for the Washington County Fair in August. A donation was sent to the Pennsylvania Agriculture Extension program. An invitation was extended to Jefferson Grange to attend the annual picnic at Cross Creek Village Grange Thursday, July 26. A meeting was called to confer third and fourth degrees on candidates Wednesday, July 25, with degree practice to be held the previous evening. The social committee will be in charge of refreshments.

Mrs. William Doak invited the Grange to her home for the August meeting which will be Thursday, August 9, for an outdoor picnic on the lawn.

Paris And Frankfort Granges Install

More than 80 persons witnessed the installation of officers in the Paris and Frankfort Springs Granges in a joint ceremony held in the Paris Grange hall.

The installation team from Goodwill Grange, Follansbee, W. Va., was composed of the following: Installing Officer, Master John McAlpine; Chaplain, Hugh Turk; Marshalls, Mrs. Mary McMillan and Mrs. Richard Williams; Light-Bearer, Mrs. Irene Ross; Ragaia-Bearer, Mrs. Mary Woods.

Officers of the two Paris Granges are: Master, Ruth Van Orman; Overseer, Mrs. Sam Reed; Lecturer, Mrs. Carl Van Orman; Chaplain, Mrs. Peggy Hanlin; Secretary, Mrs. Iva Herrington; Treasurer, Harold Hooper; Steward, Peggy Schroyer; Assistant Steward, Donald Cummings; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Harold Hooper; Gate-Keeper, Pauline Orr; Flora, Eula Daugherty; Pomona, Mrs. Henry Hess; Ceres, Mrs. Donald Cummings; Executive committee member, Fred Dhayer.

Those installed for Frankfort Springs were: Master Bruce Hobbs; overseers, Mrs. Juanita Zickefoose; Chaplain, Mrs. Edna Ackman; Secretary, Mrs. Bruce Hobbs; Treasurer, Mrs. William Simpson; Stewart, William Simpson; Assistant Steward, Craig Hobbs; Lady Assistant Steward, Patty Ralston; Gate-Keeper, Charles Ackman; Flora, Lena Simpson; Pomona, Violet Linada; Ceres, Phyllis Keifer; executive committee member, Clyde Neely.

Preceding the installation, the Grange Charter was draped in tribute to late National Grange Master Albert S. Goss. A short report on the State Grange meeting was given by Master Kenneth Aten and Mrs. Aten. Guests at this meeting were State Deputy Walter Barger and Mrs. Barger.

PLAN WEINER ROAST

A class of 16 candidates of Paris Grange and three from Frankfort Springs Grange were conferred the third and fourth degrees at a meeting at Paris Grange. Laurel Grange degree team officiated.

At the business session it was announced that a weiner roast, planned by the women to honor the men, will be held September 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Paris Community Park. All refreshments will be provided by the committee, in charge of Mrs. Harold Hooper and Mrs. John Fletcher.

Candidates for membership are Mrs. William Bainbridge, Joyce Bainbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Clenton Fiedler, Mr. and Mrs. John Schroyer and daughter Peggy, Mrs. Gertrude Lashorn, Jesse Mae Truax, Dorothy Truax, Shirley and Jerry Wright, Mrs. Harold Daugherty and Mrs. Robert Cassidy.

The harvest supper was served by a committee directed by Mrs. Ernest Tyo.

PARIS GRANGE MEETING

Paris Grange, No. 1151, met the evening of December 10 in the Grange hall. Master Edwin Saver presided and the third and fourth degrees were conferred on Mr. and Mrs. Neil Phillips. Former members, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanlin, were reinstated. Applications for membership were received from Judy Bee, Jerry Long, Nancy Wright, Barbara Hanlin, Diane McGovern, Linda E. Wright, Sandra Welshans, Joyce Hurd, Gloria Dhayer, Judy Easterday, Shiela Kay Neeley, Kathy Hanlin, Marjorie Cummings, Mrs. Charles Wright and Mrs. Jerome McGovern.

Mrs. Hedley Lowes gave a report on Pomona Grange meeting held Dec. 3. The time of the regular meetings was changed to 7:30 p.m. during the winter months and the next meeting date was set for Monday, Dec. 23.

Plans were made for the Grange to enter a booth in the Washington County Fair in August, 1958.

A Christmas gift exchange will be held and a covered dish supper will be served. Economics committee will distribute baskets to the sick, needy and shut-ins of the community.

Following the business, a short literary program was conducted by the lecturer, and Christmas carols were sung by the group. Devotions were led by Mrs. Clara Hanlin, and an article "The Fifth Amendment" was read by Mrs. G. Mason. Refreshments were served by the Home Economics Committee, Mrs. Herman Hanlin, chairman.

PARIS GRANGE ELECTS

Paris Grange held its regular meeting November 3, and elected the following officers: Master, Keith Gardner; overseer, Kenneth Aten; lecturer, Mary Louise Hanlin; steward, Cyrus Hanlin; assistant steward, John Wilson; chaplain, S. P. Curry; treasurer, Jennie Fulton; secretary, Betty Neely; gatekeeper, E. S. Caldwell; Ceres, Mrs. J. W. Cool; Flora, Carrie Hanlin; lady assistant steward, Helen Hanlin; executive committee, John Wilson.

PARIS GRANGE

Paris Grange, 1511, met in regular session recently with Master Donald Cummings presiding. Harold Tourney was voted in as a new member.

Mrs. Hedley Lowes, chairman of the home economics committee gave a report, and announced the tea towel shower will be continued at the next meeting of the Grange on Feb. 8. A valentine program will be given.

Mrs. Gertrude Mason had charge of the literary program opened with group singing. Mrs. Hedley Lowes and Mrs. Iva Herrington conducted devotions. Response to roll call was "A Bad Habit I Should Break."

Talks were given in "Grange Projects for 1955" by Donald Cummings, Mrs. Hedley Lowes, Mrs. Iva Herrington, Mrs. Gertrude Mason and Herbert Lashhorn. Officers of Paris Grange who attended the School of Instruction held at Linden, gave reports.

Two games were played with Mrs. Henry Hess winner of the quiz game; and Henry Hess and Mrs. Donald Cummings winners of the "Pie Plate Toss."

A social period followed the meeting, when refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cummings, and son, Donald, Jr., and daughter, Margie.

Paris Grange Has 50th Anniversary

Paris Grange observed its 50th anniversary in the Grange hall Saturday, June 16, with presentation of 25 and 50 year certificates and pins to charter members. Several Pomona and state officers were present and recognized, and several neighboring Granges were represented.

Four charter members were honored, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, George P. Hanlin and Mrs. Etta Neely. Mrs. Neely was unable to be present because of ill health. One member, Iva Smith, received a 25 year certificate and pin.

The program was as follows: Welcome, Master Mrs. Hedley Lowes; Devotions, Rev. Joseph Hunter, pastor of Paris U. P. church; vocal solo, Mrs. Joseph Hunter; Grange history, Kenneth Aten; Group singing; Presentation of pins and certificates by Pomona Master James Hunter.

Vocal solo "When Pa Was Courting Ma" Mrs. Hunter; "50 Years Ago", Hedley Lowes; Roll call of Granges; Announcements; Group singing; Grace, Rev. Hunter; Lecture and colored slides, Donald Miller, of the Weirton Steel Speakers Bureau, "On the Appalachian Trail."

The hall was decorated with flowers donated by Weirton florists. A lovely cake trimmed with yellow roses centered the table.

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Paris Grange Installs Officers

Officers for the Paris Grange for the year 1947 were installed Tuesday evening, January 14, at 8 o'clock by the Frankfort Grange team which consisted of J. A. Gilliland, installing officer; Mrs. Charles Ackman, Marshall; Mrs. J. A. Gilliland, Regalia Bearer; and Miss Viola McMillan, Emblem Bearer.

They are as follows: William Virtue, Master; John Wilson, Overseer; Ruth Norris, Lecturer; George Hanlin, Steward; R. P. Gardner, Assistant Steward; Minnie Wilson, Chaplain; Jennie Fulton, Treasurer; Iva Herrington, Secretary; Louise Jones, Gate Keeper; Alva Hess, Ceres; Dolly Neely, Pomona; Laure Mae Jones, Flora; Margaret Aten, Lady Assistant Steward; and Kenneth Aten, Executive Committee.

Following the installation of new officers a social time was held with lunch served by the social committee.

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PARIS GRANGE

Paris Grange 1511 met Tuesday, May 27 at 8 o'clock. A rummage sale was held with Mrs. Donald Cummings in charge. She was assisted by Mrs. Fred Dayer, Mrs. Mike Gordon, Mrs. Henry Hess, Mrs. Thomas Jones, Mrs. Roy Brady and Mrs. Lloyd Plunkett.

The Paris Grange officers will give a program on June 16 at Peters Township Grange.

At the previous meeting Mrs. Kenneth Aten was in charge of the program. The theme was "Home and Mother". It opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Clara Hanlin, chaplain. The group sang "Swanee River". A reading, given by Mrs. Hedley Lowes. Mrs. "Greatest Battle Ever Fought" was Iva Herrington and Mrs. Eula Daughtery sang "Nobody Knows swered by reciting a memory of But Mother". Roll call was another.

C. F. Mason gave a reading "Leisure of Farm Women", which was followed by the men singing "Home on the Range." Mrs. Kenneth Aten gave a monologue, "Busybody", and a reading, "Home Decorations" was given by Mrs. John McDonald. The program closed with serving of refreshments by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hooper.

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Paris Group Plans Repairs To Grange Hall At Meeting

Repairs to be made to the Paris Grange hall were discussed at a recent meeting held in the Paris hall. Master Donald Cummings presided over the business session. Andy Fulton was reported on the sick list. The Grange voted to enter the Quartet Contest being sponsored by the Pomona Grange.

The Home Economics chairman reported attending the Pomona Home Ec meeting in Washington, and announced Pomona Grange will meet June 7 in the 4-H building, Arden Downs.

The Literary program in charge of Mrs. Gertrude Mason, featured a memorial service for the late Pogue Gardner, a charter member of the Grange, who died within the last year.

The service opened with group singing of two hymns, after which the altar service was conducted with Master Donald Cummings, Chaplain Clara Hanlin, Secretary Iva Herrington and Flora Mrs. Fred Dhayer, participating.

Flowers were placed on the altar by Mrs. Dhayer, and the tableau was presented by Mrs. Hedley Lowes and Kenneth Aten. Mrs. Gertrude Aten gave a reading. Others assisting were Harold Hooper, curtains; and Mrs. Kenneth Aten, pianist.

The Home Economics committee will have charge of the next program on June 14, when a Dairy Supper will be served. The Home Economics chairman announced a rummage sale to be held June 2, 3 and 4 in North Weirton. Committee members will bring flowers, Mrs. Clara Hanlin, Mrs. H. Lowes, Mrs. G. Mason and Herbert Lashorn. Arrangements for decorations are in charge of Donald Mason. Refreshments were served.

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New Staff Takes Chairs At Paris Grange



The new staff of Paris Grange No. 1511 installed Monday evening is—front row, l to r—Eula Daugherty, Flora; Golda Cummings, Ceres; Alva Hess, Pomona; Velva Lowes, lecturer; Donald Cummings, master; Anna Mae England, steward; Frances Hooper, lady assistant steward; Clara Hanlin, chaplain; Gertrude Mason, gatekeeper. Back row—Iva Herrington, secretary; Harold Hooper, treasurer; Sam Reed, executive committee member; Kenneth Aten, assistant steward; Herbert Lashorn, overseer.

New Staff Takes Chairs at Paris Grange
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Paris Grange

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The new staff of Paris Grange No. 1511 installed Monday evening is -Front row-Eula Daugherty, Flora; Golda Cummings, Ceres; Alva Hess, Ponona; Velva Lowes, lecturer; Donald Cummings, master; Anna Mae England, steward; Frances Hooper, lady assistant steward; Clara Hanlin, chaplain; Gertrude Mason, gatekeeper. Back row-Iva Herrington, secretary; Harold Hooper, treasurer; Sam Reed, executive committee member; Kenneth Aten, assistant steward; Hebert Lashorn, overseer.

POMONA GRANGE NAMES OFFICERS

Officers of Washington County Pomona Grange were installed at a special meeting Thursday night in the Grange rooms in the Masonic Temple, Washington. Retiring Pomona Master Johnston M. Russell, presided.

Pomona officers installed were: Master, Thomas J. Walker, Washington; overseer, W. L. Newman, Buffalo; lecturer, Mrs. J. E. Martin, Claysville; steward, Paul Ritchey, Cross Creek; assistant steward, Russell Devore, North Strabane; chaplain, Rev. Daniel Hamill, Prosperity; treasurer, C. A. Hayden, Ginger Hill; secretary Mrs. W. G. Wilson, North Strabane; gatekeeper, Henry Fehl, Millers Run; Ceres, Mrs. Dale Weigmann, Jefferson; Pomona, Mrs. Harry Dille, Amity; Flora, Mrs. H. M. Auld, Prosperity; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Harry Hugus, Fallowfield member of executive committee, James A. Scott Cross Creek Village.

Cross Creek Grange Meeting Tonight

Cross Creek Village Grange will meet Wednesday, November 17, at 8 p.m., in the church. Members are asked to note the change in meeting date.

Worthy Master Wayne Jeffrey will preside. The theme of the program, "Farm -City Week and Thanksgiving," will be presented as follows:

Devotions, Mabel Lee; Panel discussion on Farm-City, Montford Lee, moderator, Don Townsend, Ethel Stewart, Ruth McDaid, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Williams, representing farmers, consumers and industry; Poem, "Country Life Ain't No Paradise," Leroy Lee.

Skit, "Dinner With The Country Cousins," Genevieve Cooke, Marty Stolze, Millie Adams, Tommy Brown and Donna Taggart; Poem, "The Frost Is On the Pumpkin," Mary Jo Brown; Talk, "Our Forefathers and Thanksgiving," Jimmy Brown.

Thanksgiving pageant, "I Am Thankful," Marsha Taggart, Stephanie and Denise Williams, Peggy Stewart, Pamela Smith, Shirley Alruz, Billy Johnston and Cathy Jo Dames, with a chorus consisting of Janie Dunbar, Doris Underwood, Diane Farnier, Janice Ozenbaugh, Diane Kidd, Debbie Rankin and Beth Newman; Solo, Alice Zellars; Music, under the direction of Viola McCreary, assisted by Ruth Dunbar.

Hosts for the evening are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dames, Peggy Jeffrey and Rose Steiminger.

Cross Creek Grange Meeting Tonight
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Frankfort Springs Grange Meeting

Frankfort Springs Grange No. 1989 met Monday evening, November 8, with the Worthy Master, Mrs. R.P. McMillan, presiding. Several State and Pomona officers were present, including the State Deputy and Junior Deputy. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith; the Pomona Master, Harold Douglass; and the Pomona Chaplain, Mrs. Zella Douglass. Other guests were present from the North Sewickley Grange.

The committee reported on a recent card party. The next party will be held on November 19.

Mrs. Herstine, Community Progress Chairman for the 1964-65 year, was presented with a \$50 bond and plaque for receiving honorable mention in the state. The award was presented by Mr. Smith.

The Pomona Lecturer announced that Mrs. McMillan had placed second in state competition in "Other Acts" in the recent talent contest, and that Mr. Herstine's picture had won first place in Class E Arts competition. His entry has been sent to Topeka, Kansas, to be entered in national competition.

The following program was presented in honor of Mrs. Jessie Hobbs, retiring secretary, who has served for the past 22 years:

Song, "Whispering Hope," "This Is Your Life," Lena Simpson; Poem, "Does A Secretary Go To Heaven?" MaryJane Neeley; Special Music, Jean Weir and Charles Christopher, of the North Sewickley Grange.

Presentation of Past

Secretary's Pin, Pomona Master, Harold Douglass, and escorts, Mrs. Zella and Lois Douglass; presentation of corsage, a gift from the family, presented by the oldest and youngest of the honored guests' grandchildren; and presentation of Memory Scrapbook, Mrs. McMillan.

The program closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

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**Hanover Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary
Members-Wanda Perkins, Dorothy Bennett, Rachel Perkins**



**Hanover Volunteer Fire Department
First Florence Fire Truck and Firemen' Festival-August 28, 1993**

Hanover Township P.T.A. met Tuesday, May 21, at the Municipal building cafeteria. Mrs. Wilbur Neeley presided and Mrs. Anna Mae Neeley read devotions. Mrs. R. Zickefoose program chairman and Mrs. Frank Neeley and Miss Paula Myers, presented a program titled "This Is Your Life" honoring Miss Elsie Andrews, teacher at Hanover school.

The business meeting was opened by Mrs. James Arnold, secretary, reading the minutes, which were approved.

Mrs. Harlan Virtue, gave the treasurer's report, stating a balance of \$421.00, which was approved and filed. Charles Fuller reported the 1956-57 books had been audited and found correct.

Mrs. Neeley suggested, the committee attending the South West District Conference at the Penn Sheraton Hotel, Pittsburgh, give a report at the next executive meeting.

Mrs. Clyde Hanlin, member of the Eldersville P.T.A., vice president of Washington County Council of the P.T.A., presided over the installation of 1957-58 officers.

Mrs. Neeley thanked the group for the cooperation during the past term, and the executive committee for the corsage they presented her of the installation ceremonies.

The home-room banner was won by Miss Andrews.

Preceeding the meeting, a covered dish supper was held, with Mrs. George Kucera and Mrs. Charles Yeater as chairmen.

Hanover P.T.A. Meets

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SPRING INTO FASHION WITH HANOVER PTA

If you have been wondering what the new spring fashions will be this year, then plan to attend the Hanover PTA "Spring into Fashion" show to be held on Thursday, March 21, in the all-purpose room of the Hanover Elementary School. A gala evening is planned which will include activities for all members of the family. At 5:30 p.m. an all-you-can-eat rigatoni dinner complete with salad, beverage, rolls and cake will be served.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., children, parents and Hanover School teachers will present a fashion show of spring dress, casual and play clothes provided by Sears Department Store of the Franklin Mall in Washington. Modeling the smaller outfits will be kindergarten students Jeanine Robertson, Crystal Ramsey and Brian McKeivitt and first graders Melissa Ciotti and Aaron Suica. Ten different children's outfits will then be presented by the following models: Barb Bittinger, kindergarten; Derrick Huey, Rachel Anthony and Craig Brammer, fourth graders; Richie Casagranda, third; and Paul Hooper, Jennifer Williamson and Karen Hansen, sixth grade. Junior and senior high students modeling fashions will be Kellie Riter, Jodi Petricca, Mike Anderson, John Hooper and Memo Shergi. The following adult models will present three outfits each: Audrey Phillips, Bernadette Lepore, Virginia Winters, Debbie Kranak, Ken Howard, Howard Walker, Vince Gillen and Gary Parker. Linda Kramer will serve as the commentator.

Following the fashion show Steeler football player #84, Chris Kolodziejki, will make an appearance and will autograph Steeler photos to give away and will pose for pictures with anyone who brings a camera. Reservations for the event are required and may be made for the dinner, fashion show and autograph session or for just the fashion show and autograph session by calling Deb Kranak at 947-3577 or Laura Hoy at 947-3639. The public is invited.

Hanover Volunteer Fire Department



**First Florence Fire Truck and Firemen's Festival
August 28, 1993**

Hanover VFD auxiliary installs officers

The Hanover Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting, Monday, Jan. 9, at the Red Bull Inn in Weirton, W.Va.

Lou Grey installed the newly-elected officers for the 1995 year. She presented a gift to each as they accepted their oath of office as follows:

President, Wanda Perkins (paper clip to help keep all things in order); vice president, Dorothy Bennett (rubber band, to help keep

things together in the president's absence); secretary, Janie Bennett (note pad and pen, to record minutes of all meetings); and treasurer, Sara Belle Pulver (money holder, to keep all monies neat and orderly).

President Perkins presented outgoing President Judy Riter with a gift of thanks for all of her hard work during the 1994 term she served.

Committee chairmen were appointed by newly-elected Presi-

dent Perkins as one of her official duties:

Program, Judy Riter; cards and flowers, Lynn Boling; publicity, Carol Paulin; ways and means, Dorothy Bennett; membership, Sue Speer; and chaplain, Lou Grey.

Projects were discussed for 1995 including:

Installation of a new ladder to the attic, pending the firemen's approval; purchase and installation of kitchen cabinets for the firemen's new kitchen; possible picnic area

adjacent to the fire station which would include a shelter, bocce court, barbecue pit and horseshoes; the purchase of any fire equipment the firemen might need; and the formation of a fire support committee to be of assistance to the firemen on the fire scene and at the station where needed.

The Hanover V.F.D. Ladies Auxiliary meets for regular monthly meetings, the first Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Hanover VFD Auxiliary Installs Officers
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New Fire Truck To Be Displayed By Hanover Co.

"Open House" will be held by the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company on Sunday, April 7, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., for residents to view the new fire truck purchased by the company.

George Revay, president of the company, announced the ladies auxiliary will be in charge of refreshments for the open house.

The group met in the school with Mr. Revay presiding. J. R. Culley discussed group insurance. A meeting will be held in the future to discuss the insurance plan. A report was given on the assistance given by the company in the Union high school fire and in a house fire in Beaver County.

**New Fire Truck to be Displayed by Hanover Company
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A fire late Monday afternoon destroyed an apartment building in Smith Township.

Dogs killed in Smith fire that destroyed building

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Three dogs were killed in a fire late Monday afternoon at a former gasoline station/convenience store that was turned into an apartment building on Steubenville Pike near Creek Road in Smith Township.

Slovan fire Chief Brandon Kriznik said there was heavy fire on the second floor of the building and smoke on the first floor when firefighters arrived after getting the call just before 4 p.m. He said only one of the four apartments in the

building had a tenant.

"From what I understand, 911 was getting multiple calls about the fire," Kriznik said, adding it is along busy Steubenville Pike, not far from the Robinson Township line.

Firefighters had to rely on tanker shuttles for water to fight the fire, including a larger tanker from Greater Pittsburgh International Airport.

"There were hydrants, but there was low water pressure," Kriznik said. "We never had that problem before."

He said a crew from Pennsylvania-American Water Co. came to investigate the cause

of the problem..

Aside from the dogs, no injuries were reported in the fire. That stretch of Steubenville Pike was closed for about five hours, Kriznik said, although school bus traffic was not affected.

A state police fire marshal will be asked to investigate the cause.

Assisting at the scene with the tanker shuttle in addition to the crew from the airport were firefighters from Midway, McDonald and Hanover, Jefferson and Mt. Pleasant townships. Burgettstown firefighters were on standby.

**Slovan VFD-Smith Twp. Fire that Destroyed Building
Formerly Prado's
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Hanover Fire Department Sponsors a Coloring Test



**Firemen: Jim Donohue and Joe Bennett.
Miss Kramer's First Grade Class-Eric Riter, Nathan Ransom, Jody Fleming,
Jessica Spontak and Trisha McKitrick.**



**HVFD Women's Auxiliary
L-R: Wanda Perkins, Dorothy Bennett, and Rachel Perkins**



Hanover Volunteer Fire Department

Library to hold 'Meet a Vet Saturday'

MCDONALD — The Heritage Public Library will host "Meet a Vet Saturday" from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 9 at the library located at 52 Fourth St.

The community is encouraged to come and visit with military veterans and thank them for their service.

The Friends of Heritage Library are holding a drawing for a quilt donated by the McQuilters group. The quilt was made using a Civil War-era pattern and is red, white and blue. Tickets are \$3 each, and \$5 for two. The drawing will be held Monday.

The library's book discussion group meets at 1 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. November's book is "Tolstoy and the Purple Chair" by Nina Sankovitch. Those wanting to suggest a book for

the group may do so by sending an email to heritagelib@comcast.net. The club will next meet Tuesday.

The McQuilters quilting group meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each in the community room. It will next meet Wednesday.

The library board of directors meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. The board is seeking new members. Those interested should contact the library at (724) 926-8400. It will next meet Wednesday.

The Friends are holding their annual fall basket auction through Nov. 16. Baskets feature items from L.A. Fitness, Mary Kay, Pittsburgh Symphony, Nam's Karate and Texas Roadhouse. Tickets for the

Nov. 29 University of Pittsburgh-Miami University football games also are available. Tickets are two for \$1 or 12 for \$5.

There will be a blood drive held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 16. A bake sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 16.

Friends meetings are at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. They will next meet Nov. 20. The friends have two membership levels — a full membership with voting privileges for \$10 and an associate membership for \$5. For information, contact Pat Wyrick at (724) 926-8408 or peachesnce@msn.com.

The LEGO Club meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. the last Thursday of each month. It will next meet Nov. 22, and the theme is "thankful."

A Sarris candy fundraiser will be held through Nov. 23. The library also has Andy's Candies available for sale.

Storytime is held from 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays, and Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

The library will be closed Nov. 28-29 in observance of Thanksgiving.

The library offers daily sponsorships for \$100, during which the library's phone is answered informing callers who is sponsoring the library and signage is displayed in the library. Sponsors also are mentioned on the library's social media platforms. Sponsorships for Mondays and Fridays are \$50. Individual sponsors pay half price.

The library partici-

pates in the ABITIBI recycling fundraising program.

The library has borough history on microfilm from the 1890s to 1982. It also offers fax services, a copy machine, a scanner, Internet and computer access and e-books, which can be checked out on the library's website, using a valid library card number.

The library is on Facebook as "Heritage Public Library" and on

Twitter at @HeritagePubLib.

Library hours are 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

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POWER Library is the online portal to all Pennsylvania libraries. Users have free access to newspapers, magazines, journals, historical documents and photos, online databases and eBooks at all hours of the day. Librarians are on call to direct users to websites and e-resources and recommend keywords and search terms.

POWER Library gives Pennsylvanians access to authoritative, subscription-only information not available through free search engines or web directories.

Most of the site is open for browsing, but to use the online e-resources, users must have a library card issued by a Pennsylvania library or obtain an eCard that allows access to the POWER Library e-resources.

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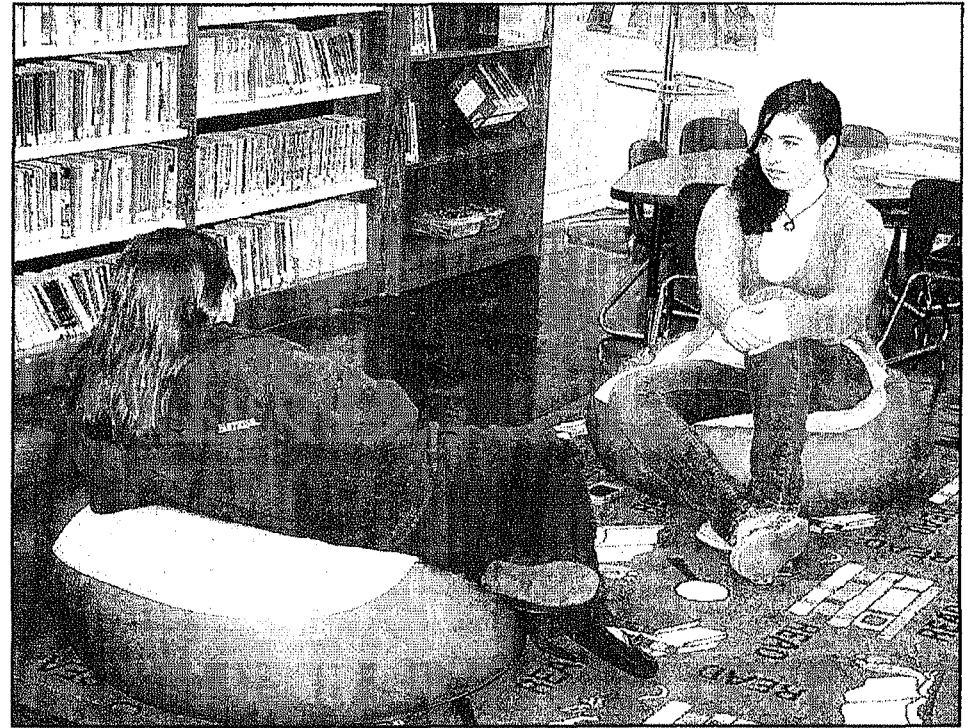
The Avella library is open from noon to 5 p.m. Mondays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, noon to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. It is closed Fridays and Saturday. It is located at the Avella Community Center at 11 School Court. For information, call (724) 587-5688.

The Burgettstown

library is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays; 9 a.m. to noon Fridays; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. The library is closed Sundays. It is located at 2 Kerr St. For information, call (724) 947-9780.

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Power Library Unveiling New Look
PA Focus-November 7, 2013 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Feeding Club Exhibit.

The members of the Hickory 4-H Lamb Feeding Club held a round up last Wednesday at the Hickory fair, and exhibited their pens of lambs. The final placing of the club, which is based 50 per cent on show ring placing, 40 per cent on gain in weight, and 10 per cent on records of project, follows in order of placing. Ard Cowden, McDonald; Arthur Smith, McDonald; Edwin Miller, McDonald; Gaylord Shaw, Washington; Glenn Newman, Claysville; Clair Cowden, McDonald; Robert Smith, McDonald; Robert Cowden, Burgettstown; James Miller, McDonald; Wayne Cowden, Burgettstown; Charles Brown, Burgettstown; Erwin Cowden, McDonald; Lawrence Cowden, McDonald; Alvin Cowden, McDonald; Louis Pascoe, Burgettstown; James Brown, Burgettstown.

Hickory 4-H Lamb Feeding Club
Burgettstown Enterprise—October 16, 1935 Edition

The Hickory Lamb Club held its roundup January 12th at the J. R. Henderson farm. The judging was based on the best showing of the lambs, the daily gain, and the record kept by the boys, on a 50-40-10 basis. The seven best pens were: 1st, John Pascoe, R. D. Burgettstown; 2d, Ray Robinson, R. D. 4, McDonaldd; 3d, Wayne Cowden, R. D. Burgettstown; 4th, Edwin Miller, R. D. 4, McDonald; 5th, Robert Cowden, R. D. Burgettstown; 6th, Arthur Smith, R. D. 4, McDonald; 7th, Glenn Newman, R. D. Claysville. The lambs will be sent to Harrisburg, where they will be shown with other lambs of their class. The boys who fed the lambs plan to attend the show. J. B. Henderson & Son and J. M. Marquis will show fine specimens of the mutton type at the Harrisburg show.

Hookstown Fair Shaping Up To Be Best Ever In 1982

Entertainment plans are almost complete for the 36th annual Hookstown Fair slated for August 24 through 28, 1982, at Hookstown.

In response to the overwhelming demand at last year's entertainment, two nights of Demolition Derby have been scheduled for August 26 and 27 which are open to the general public for participation.

A new program is scheduled for Saturday, but plans are presently incomplete.

The general committee for 1982 is comprised of the following:

Chairman, Chester Elliott; vice chairman, John Laughlin; treasurer, Robert Lyon; secretary, Neal Ralston; assistant secretary, Art Beckert; and committee members, Gregg McElhaney, William Thompson and Richard McElhaney.

Department chairmen announced were:

Entertainment, Marie Elliott; record of exhibit, Becky Beckert; publicity and advertising, Neal Ralston; track programs, Charles Stewart; livestock, Richard McElhaney; horses, Susan Gracie; horse and pony pull, Bill Warnock; dairy cattle, William McKenzie; beef cattle, Richard McElhaney; sheep, Joe Hixenbaugh; swine, Ralph Heinlein; small animals, James Mercer.

Hay and grain, Dave Shermock; 4-H, Pam Heinlein; 4-H tractor driving, Howard Leslie; foods, Elsie McElhaney; fruits, vegetables, nuts, Bernard Glenn; flowers, Deb Taylor; needlecraft, Emogene White; quilts, Ethel Glenn; arts, crafts, photography, Jean Cochran; ladies lead line contest, Joe Hixenbaugh; 4 x 4 pulling contest, Dale Fryer; tractor pulling contest, Dan Kebler; classic cars, Bill Warnock.

**Hookstown Fair Shaping Up to be Best Ever in 1982
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 10, 1982 Edition**

MIDWAY HALL BURNED

The I. O. O. F. hall in Midway was completely destroyed by fire last Friday evening. The hall was a three-story frame structure. The first floor was occupied by the family of George Ferris as a residence, the second floor was used as a lodge room by the Odd Fellows and K. of P's. The cause of the fire is not known, but it is thought to have been a defective flue. It started about 9 o'clock on the third floor near the roof and within an hour the building was in ruins. The local fire department was soon at work. Their equipment was inadequate, but by heroic work they kept the fire confined to the one building. One residence property not more than twelve feet away was saved, although it was naturally somewhat damaged. The Ferris family lost all their goods.

The loss on the building is estimated at \$4500, on which there was insurance of \$2300. The lodges had about \$700 insurance on their paraphernalia.

Midway Hall-I.O.O.F. Hall Burned
The Burgettstown Call-February 18, 1915 Edition

ELDERSVILLE I. O. O. F. LODGE HONORS COLLIERS MAN



Shown in the Enterprise picture are officers of the Lodge with Mr. Wright of Colliers; 1st. row l. to r.—Louis Weigmann, Financial Secretary; T. A. Pettibon, Conductor; George Wright, Past Grand; Donald Brown, R. Scene Supporter and George Butler, Outside Guardian.

2nd row l. to r.—M. O. Butler, Recording Secretary; Herman La Posta, Past Grand; Edward Robertson, Inside Guardian; P. V. Weigmann, R. S. Noble Grand; Willard Jackson, Vice Grand; Robert Irwin, L. S. Vice Grand; W. M. Truax, Chaplain and Dale Weigmann, Warden.

GEORGE WRIGHT OF COLLIERS PRESENTED WITH JWELED PIN FOR SIXTY YEARS LODGE SERVICE

George Wright, of Colliers, who was 84 years of age June 29, 1949 and who is well known in this district was honored by the Cynosure Lodge No. 805, I. O. O. F. of Eldersville on February 7, when he was presented with a jewelled pin. Mr. Wright has been a member of the Eldersville lodge for sixty years. The pin was given to him at a regular meeting in the lodge hall. Mr. Wright is a Past Grand and has been an active member for many years. He now resides with Mrs. Wright on a hill farm above Colliers, but for 15 years was proprietor of a general store in the village.

Mr. Wright recalled for an Enterprise reporter many incidents of

note during his career as a merchant, but the one that stands out clearest in his memory is the time he caught Ed Shafer, colored of Cadiz, O. robbing his store. The second time Shafer paid him a visit, intent on stealing goods, Wright shot him in the face with a revolver. Shafer was tried for robbery in the Brooke County

W. Va., courts and was sent to the penitentiary for robbery.

Wright has been an Odd Fellow almost since the start of the Eldersville Lodge, which was organized in 1874 and today has an active roll of 70 members. The Lodge hall is a Community center for this small village a few miles from Follansbee and provides a meeting place for the Grange, Boy Scouts, church groups and is also the First Election Precinct for Jefferson township, Pennsylvania.

The Wrights have one daughter, Mrs. Martha Truax of Colliers. Their grandchildren are Mrs. James Schaffer and Mrs. Walter Pannett of Weirton and Robert Truax of Nashville, Tenn. They have five great grandchildren.

**Eldersville I.O.O.F Lodge Honors George Wright
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 16, 1950 Edition**

Eldersville I.O.O.F. Installation Team



The Installation team of Cynosure Lodge No. 805, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Eldersville began installation proceedings of the five lodges in Washington County Western District last week. The first officers to be installed were Midway No. 888 and Cross Creek No. 32, at Cross Creek Wednesday evening, April 19. April 20, the team installed officers of West Alexander No. 966 and Washington National No. 81 at Washington. Tuesday, April 25, Cynosure

Lodge installed its own officers. Walter Alrutz, District Deputy Grand Master is in charge of the Installation team, the only one in the Washington County Western District. The team has colorful uniforms of white shirts, black trousers and shoes, white socks and red ties. Pins of the Order are worn on the uniforms.

Other members of the team are District Deputy Grand Marshall, Paul Wiegmann; D.D. Grand Secretary, Vernon Wiegmann; D.D. Grand Secretary,

Seated left to right are Marion Butler, Walter Alrutz, Paul Wiegmann and William Truax. Standing are Dale Wiegmann, Vernon Wiegmann, Robert Kidd, Donald Brown and Grover Fulton.

Robert Kidd; D.D. Grand Warden, Marion Butler; D.D. Grand Treasurer, Grover Fulton; D.D. Grand Guardian, Dale Wiegmann; D.D. Grand Chaplain, William Truax and D.D. Grand Herald, Donald Brown.

ELDERSVILLE LODGE

The Recreation committee of Cynosure Lodge, No. 805 of the I.O.O.F. of Eldersville announces that the second in a series of card parties will be held in the new recreation room on Friday evening, April 19. Five hundred players are invited to attend.

On Wednesday evening, April 24, the Lodge will hold a dance in the Boles Park Rink. Music will be furnished by the Follansbee Cadets. The public is invited to attend.

On Tuesday evening, April 9, District Deputy Grand Master Arthur Holland assisted by members of his staff installed officers of Cynosure lodge before a large gathering of members and friends. Following the installation a social time was enjoyed.

I.O.O.F. of Eldersville, PA
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 18, 1940 Edition

Lodge Officers Installed At Eldersville



First row: left to right, Paul Wiegmann, District Deputy Grand Marshal, and Marion Butler, District Deputy Grand Master.

Second row: Vernon Weigmann, District Deputy Secretary; William Truax, District Deputy Chaplain; Dale Wiegmann, District Deputy Grand Guardian; Don Brown, District Deputy Grand Herald.

Last row: George Butler, District Deputy Treasurer; Don Baileys, District Deputy Secretary; Walter Alrutz, District Deputy Grand Warden.

The Installation Team of Cynosure Lodge No. 805, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has been busy in the past week, installing officers of various lodges in the Western District. On Monday, October 17, they installed the new officers at West Alexander

Lodge 966; on Thursday, October 20, National Lodge No. 81 at Washington; and Monday night, October 24, both Cross Creek Lodge No. 32 and the Cynosure Lodge officers were installed at Eldersville.

Marion Butler, as District Deputy Grand Master, leads the team, which is the only Installation Team in the Western District.

I. O. O. F. BAND — (Picture taken in 1907)



Louis Libert, Gustave Miller, Samuel Williamson, Howard Hanst, Jack Williamson, Harry Burton, Hilaire Motte, Cliff Wade, Edward Wade, William Deer, James Deer, Charles Libert, William Daudet, Joseph Doumont, Emile Jordan, Clyde Davis, Charles Romaine.

Past Grands to Meet Here With Open Lodge Session

Annual Odd Fellow Session Set for Burgettstown Next Week

The stated monthly meeting of the Past Grand Association of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Northwestern District of Pennsylvania will be held in the local Odd Fellows hall, in the Haines building, on Thursday evening, May 21st.

This will be an open meeting of the Past Grands in conjunction with the subordinate lodge, and is the only meeting of the kind that will be held here during the year. Past Grand sessions will be held elsewhere throughout the district in June, September, October and November. The throughout the district in June, September, October and November. The local district is composed of seven lodges.

For the occasion here next Thursday evening a special program of speaking and entertainment is being

prepared. All people of the community are invited to attend the session, and especially the membership of the lodge and visiting Odd Fellows are urged to be present. Following the presentation of the regular programs a luncheon will be served by the ladies of the Burgettstown lodge of Rebekahs. These ladies are noted cooks and they will not be found wanting in taking care of their part of the festivities. It is expected that a large number of Past Grands will be in attendance and a record crowd is anticipated.

Burgettstown Lodge No. 1145 is one of the old reliable institutions of Odd Fellowship in this section and is in a prosperous and thriving condition. The present officers are as follows:

Noble Grand, J. B. Murphy; vice grand, George P. Dennis; recording secretary, C. R. Wade; financial secretary, M. A. Hulick; treasurer, F. I. Scott; warden, A. J. White; guardians, Joseph Atwell and J. D. Robinson; trustees, A. A. Smith, A. C. Stevens and Finis Gunn.

**ODD FELLOWS TO MERGE
FOUR HOMES IN STATE**

Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Pennsylvania were ordered at the 113th annual lodge session recently held in Pittsburgh, to "take steps toward consolidation" of the four orphanages maintained by the lodge in Pennsylvania.

Grand Secretary Frank Shannon of Pittsburgh said the consolidation move was one of the most vital issues discussed at the closed sessions. He said the officers personnel was instructed to divide the State into an Eastern and Western district and to consolidate the population of the Pittsburgh and Meadville orphanages and that of the Philadelphia and Sunbury homes. The Sunbury home, according to a 1934 census, had 143 of the 361 orphans supported in the four institutions.

The officers are to draw up plans for the consolidation, deciding which orphanages would be abandoned and other details, and submit them to the 1937 sessions for approval.

ITALIAN DRAMATICAL CLUB
TO GIVE BENEFIT PLAY

The recently organized Italian Dramatical club of Slovan, will give its premiere performance on Wednesday evening July 1st, 1931 at 8 o'clock in the hall of the Italian Mutual Society of Slovan. The hall is located in the A. Filippini building, Slovan, and was lately decorated and a new stage built in it for the occasion.

The play will be a three-act drama, and the cast is composed entirely of amateurs, or local talent. The dramatic presentation will be followed by a brilliant monologue, and a variety of classical and popular songs, solos duets and choruses, with the assistance of Bill Capazzoli's Nightingale Orchestra, directed by Leo Simoni of Slovan, and the Violin Symphonic Orchestra, directed by Henry Guerriero of Burgettstown.

The drama entitled "The Coal Baron," (or Il Padrone delle Miniere), is an actual play by John Alagna. The cast in the drama and variety vaudeville presentation numbers about 80 persons; residents of Slovan and Burgettstown; all of them willing to perform an enjoyable gala evening of wholesome and clean entertainment for every one that attended. It is hoped in anticipation that this performance, given for a worthy and beneficial cause, will be attended by many, and result in a real success.

Admission prices children 15 cents; adults 50c.

Joseph Pasquini,
Burgettstown, Pa.

Special Honorary correspondent of the New York Italian Daily Newspaper "Il Bollettino delle Sera" (The Evening Bulletin). —Adv.

Italian Dramatical Club to Give Benefit Play
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 25, 1931 Edition

Italian Women's 19th Anniversary Marked

The nineteenth anniversary of the Italian Ladies Benefit Society, Slovan, was celebrated with a banquet in the Italian hall Sunday evening, Jan. 9. The 93-member enrollment was represented with 70 women in attendance.

Beautiful decorations in a pink and white color scheme enhanced the hall. Lovely floral centerpieces from the tables were sent to hospitalized members, Mrs. Mae Abate and Mrs. Argie Braninin, patients in Washington hospital; and to Mrs. Hannah Vietmier for her excellent catering work. Mrs. Vietmier is a patient in Mercy hospital. Each member was presented with a corsage from hostesses Mrs. Mary Sams and Mrs. Elizabeth Bertini.

The program began with a Pledge of Allegiance, singing of America, grace by Mrs. Eugene Tucci, president, and prayer by Mrs. Louise Zuccaro, vice president.

A brief history of the Society was recalled by the secretary, Mrs. Angeline Sprando. Only retiring officer of last year's cabinet is Mrs. Alice Tenaglia as treasurer. Mrs. Beatrice Vladich will assume those duties. Mrs. Antoinetta Gesmondi, Slovan, retains the longest membership in the Society and was sent a gift in her absence from the banquet.

To conclude the affair music was furnished by a local trio and the women sang Italian folk songs.

Arrangements were in charge of the officers: Mrs. Tucci, Mrs. Zuccaro, Mrs. Sprando, Rose Albano, Stella Amistadi and Mrs. Tenaglia.

ITALIAN LADIES
CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

The Italian Ladies' Society Aquila D'Italia held a banquet at Pompe's Restaurant on Tuesday evening, January 9 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the lodge. The table was centered with a large anniversary cake. The evening was spent in playing Bingo and many prizes were awarded.

Officers for 1945 have been elected as follows:

President, Mrs. Louis Ceresa
Vice President, Mrs. James Michelucci; Secretary, Mrs. Sam Sprando; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Joseph Bertini; Treasurer, Mrs. Steve Gavatorta.

**SLOVAN SOCIETY
CELEBRATES 9th BIRTHDAY**

The Italian Ladies' Society of Slovan held a banquet in celebration of their ninth anniversary at the Italian Hall, on Sunday, January 9, at 7 p. m. Forty members attended. The evening was spent in playing Bingo.

Members of the committee who arranged for the banquet were Mrs. Mary Testa, Mrs. Sam Sprando, Mrs. Pete Sciamanna, Mrs. Pete Rivetti, Mrs. Mary Sams, Mrs. Joe Bertini, Mrs. Mary Stura, and Alice Tanglia.

Italian Ladies Plan Mother's Day Fete

The Italian Ladies Benefit Society of Slovan, at a regular meeting in the Italian hall, April 9, selected Sunday, May 3, as the date for their Mother's Day banquet. Mrs. Eugene Tucci, president, announced the banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m., in their hall and members are to invite their mothers or a guest.

Appointed as co-chairmen for the affair were: Mrs. Angelina Sprando and Mrs. Jennie Filipponi. Other committees were named as follows: music and flowers, Mrs. Stella Amistadi; display of heirlooms, arts, hobbies and antiques, Mrs. Flora Schiavo, Mrs. Mary Sams, Mrs. Jeean Strapazon and Mrs. Mary Serrini; table arrangements, Mrs. Alice Tenaglia, Mrs. Agnes Donati, Mrs. Kathryn Sciamanna, Mrs. Edith Filipponi and Mrs. Minnie Michelucci; welcome committee, Mrs. Ralph Filipponi and Mrs. Theresa Shearson.

Italian Ladies Plan Mother's Day Fete
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 23, 1953 Edition

To Give Italian Play.

Something out of the ordinary in the way of entertainment is promised in the forthcoming play to be presented by the dramatic section of the Italian Mutual Society of Slovan, at Slovan on Thursday evening of next week. The play, "Cuore di Marinara" ("Heart of a Sailor") will be presented in the Italian language by the following cast: Giuseppe Pasquini, Mary Filipponi, Ralph Filipponi, John Alagna, Giuseppe Bertini, Sara Palani, Lorenzo Gavazzi, Nella Gavazzi and Nick Capozzoli. The direction is by John Alagna. In addition to the play an excellent program of vaudeville, music and singing will be given. Specialties include speaking and singing in English. A comic sketch supplements the bill. The play and sketches should be especially interesting to the people of the community regardless whether or not the Italian language is understood. Proceeds are for a worthy benefit cause.

Historical Characters Of Eldersville

Joyce Bertovich Takah, a member of the Jefferson Township Historical Society, will speak to the group at its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 19, in the IOOF Hall, Eldersville, at 7:30 p.m., on "Historical Characters of Eldersville."

Joyce is chairman of a committee by this name, for the Summer in the Village Festival to be held Aug. 3, 4 and 5 throughout the central area of Eldersville. A number of prominent citizens of Eldersville's pioneer past will be depicted and will stroll the area in appropriate attire, creating a historical effect in the otherwise festive atmosphere.

Many of today's residents will remember such names as Ed Dowdem constable; Doc Cunningham, the village physician; John Sultie, prominent storekeeper who sold anything from matches to pig feed; Hattie Osborne, who ran a hat shop; and many others who helped form the face of Eldersville and Jefferson Township of today.

Anyone from any area is invited to attend the meeting, and to join the society. Dues are five dollars per year.

**Historical Characters of Eldersville
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 18, 1990 Edition**

Society works to preserve heritage of mill

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Kidd's Mill in Jefferson Township was once a bustling area where farmers brought their crops to be processed.

Women from Pittsburgh came to the area to vacation at the old boarding house. Residents worshiped each Sunday at Pine Grove Presbyterian Church.

Although the mill, boarding school and church are now gone, those visions are revisited in the minds of history lovers each year during the annual Spring Walk to Kidd's Mill. This year, the walk will take place Saturday.

The mill declined after a boiler blew up and killed two men in August 1882. In 1912 a flood wiped out most of the buildings, said Carl Billie, president of the Jefferson

Spring Walk

- ▶ **WHAT** Annual Spring Walk to Kidd's Mill
- ▶ **WHERE** Festivities begin at Heritage Hall in Eldersville.
- ▶ **WHEN** 10 a.m. Saturday

Township Historical Society.

"It's something in this community that you would have thought would have been preserved for years and years," Billie said. "There was just no money to rebuild it. Mostly, people from the city like to come out to the country and see these things. It's a very old area. It's surprising what you see out here."

For the past 20 years, historical

society members have sponsored the walk. Each year, between 100 and 200 people take part, Billie said.

Kidd's Mill, named after the last owners, operated until after the turn of the century.

"Gristmills were going out of style back then," Billie said.

The walk was organized to give current generations an appreciation for the historical and nostalgic value of this countryside.

Billie said those interested in participating in the walk will meet at Heritage Hall in Eldersville at 10 a.m. Food and drinks, prepared by members of the Jefferson Township Historical Society, will be available throughout the day.

At noon a car caravan will leave the hall to visit the site of the old mill. Robert Irwin, the grandson of Robert Kidd, the last owner of the mill, will narrate the history.

People must walk about two miles to the last stop of the event. The entire tour takes about three hours.

In addition to photographs of the mill, boarding house, rock formations, wildflowers and an old railroad trestle, member Shirley Smith will display a quilt that was pieced together by girls who vacationed in the boarding house in 1904, Billie said.

"A couple of those girls married some of the local guys here," Billie said.

Tourists will see some of the buildings' foundations and a mill stone that is stuck in the ground, Billie said.

There is no cost for the tour.

"It's more of a historical thing that we do for the community than a fund-raiser," Billie said. "We didn't want people to forget that this existed at one time."



A picture from the turn of the century shows two visitors to Kidd's Mill.

Jefferson Township Historical Society works to Preserve Heritage of Kidd's Mill
Observer-Reporter-April 14, 1999 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Left to right: Leo Martin, James Fiazza, George Elich, Robert LaPosta, Marion Butler, Gaylord Martin. Not pictured: Paul Wiegmann, Andrew Zahransky.

Jefferson Firemen Honored

The Jefferson Township Volunteer Fire Department recently observed its 20th anniversary by honoring eight members who were instrumental in getting it started.

The honorees, who remain active with the fire department to this day, are Leo Martin, James Fiazza, George Elich, Robert LaPosta, Marion Butler, Gaylord Martin, Paul Wiegmann and Andrew "Whitey" Zahransky.

Each was given a lifetime membership in the fire department, an engraved watch and a plaque in recognition for his outstanding and dedicated service to the community and fire department.

A steak fry was held in observance of the fire department's 20th anniversary. The department was started and incorporated in 1967.

Jefferson Firemen Honored
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 4, 1987 Edition

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT
Eldersville, Pa. JUNE 12 and 13
PARADE AND BAZAAR
Saturday, June 12 - FLEA MKT.,
Carnival & Bazaar.
Sun., June 13 - PARADE AT 1:30
Garden Tractor Pull - 3:30 Carnival &
Bazaar
Games and Refreshments

Jefferson Twp. Volunteer Fire Department-Parade and Bazaar
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1976 Edition



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A fire late Monday afternoon destroyed an apartment building in Smith Township.

Dogs killed in Smith fire that destroyed building

By KATHIE O. WARCO
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Three dogs were killed in a fire late Monday afternoon at a former gasoline station/convenience store that was turned into an apartment building on Steubenville Pike near Creek Road in Smith Township.

Slovan fire Chief Brandon Kriznik said there was heavy fire on the second floor of the building and smoke on the first floor when firefighters arrived after getting the call just before 4 p.m. He said only one of the four apartments in the

building had a tenant.

"From what I understand, 911 was getting multiple calls about the fire," Kriznik said, adding it is along busy Steubenville Pike, not far from the Robinson Township line.

Firefighters had to rely on tanker shuttles for water to fight the fire, including a larger tanker from Greater Pittsburgh International Airport.

"There were hydrants, but there was low water pressure," Kriznik said. "We never had that problem before."

He said a crew from Pennsylvania-American Water Co. came to investigate the cause

of the problem..

Aside from the dogs, no injuries were reported in the fire. That stretch of Steubenville Pike was closed for about five hours, Kriznik said, although school bus traffic was not affected.

A state police fire marshal will be asked to investigate the cause.

Assisting at the scene with the tanker shuttle in addition to the crew from the airport were firefighters from Midway, McDonald and Hanover, Jefferson and Mt. Pleasant townships. Burgettstown firefighters were on standby.

**Slovan VFD-Smith Twp. Fire that Destroyed Building
Formerly Prado's
Observer-Reporter-April 27, 2016 Edition**

ADD MORE NEW BOOKS TO STOCK OF LIBRARY

Junior Women's Club Announce New
Books for Adults and Children
Recently Received

Through the continued efforts of the Junior Women's Club and the cooperation of the community in supporting its various projects, the Burgettstown Public Library is steadily growing. A shipment of 30 new books has just been received. The Junior Club is happy to offer these books to its patrons. The book committee chooses books with great discrimination, attempting to select from a wide and varied field of adult books, and uses the greatest care in the selection of children's books. The new books upon the library shelves are:

"Gone with the Wind," by Margaret Mitchell. The foremost novel of the year.

"The Doctor," by Mary Roberts Rinehart. The author, who is a doctor's wife, writes with a rich, warm American humanity as she describes the life progress of a doctor of today.

"It Can't Happen Here," by Sinclair Lewis. A book which has awakened the country. It presents the imaginary situation of America ruled by a dictator.

"The Last Puritan," by George Santayana. A memoir cast in the form of fiction, composing a sort of spiritual landscape of the Puritan New England scene.

"Drums along the Mohawk," by Walter D. Edmonds. A story of the American Revolution as it was endured by the frontier settlements of the Mohawk Valley.

"After All," a collection of essays, sketches and poems selected from the works of the late Clarence Day.

"Saint Joan of Arc," by V. Sackville-West. A magnificent new biography and an enduring portrait of the indomitable woman of the people who led the armies of France and fired the world's imagination.

"The Brothers Ashkenazi," by I. J. Singer. A powerful European novel.

"Listen for a Lonesome Drum," by Carl Carmer. The romance of New York State in history, legend and picture.

"I am the Fox," by Winifred Van Etten. An extremely popular and unusual novel.

"Old Jules," by Mari Sandoz. A colorful biography of a Swiss pioneer in the Middlewest, as written by his daughter.

"Forty Days of Musa Dagh," by Franz Werfel. A true account of the Armenian exile of 1915.

"Death Comes for the Archbishop," by Willa Cather. A story of the church's part on the New Mexican frontier.

The new children's books are as follows: Bluebonnets for Lucinda, Child's Day, Farm Twins, Hurdy Gurdy Man, Now we are Six, Manners can be Fun, American Twins of the Revolution, Arkansas Bear, Book about Ships, In the Days of Giants, Book of Cowboys, Little Maid of Quebec, Great Kipling Stories, Bear Twins, Audobon.

Library hours are Tuesday afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock and Friday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock. The Junior Club is glad to serve all during these hours. Persons not already enjoying the advantages of the library are invited to visit the library during these hours and get a personal card which will entitle them to select books of their choice.

Junior Women's Club
Add More New Books to Stock of Library
Burgettstown Enterprise- November 19, 1936

Junior Women Hold Annual Banquet

The annual banquet of the Burgettstown Junior Woman's Club was held at the Legion home, June 3, when eight new members were welcomed into the club. Mrs. Stephen Marriner of the Washington Federation of Women's Clubs installed the officers for the 1948-49 season, and Mrs. Harold Sonnhalter installed the new members. The latter group included: Mrs. Joseph Caplan, Mrs. David Spiegel, Miss Jo-Anne McNally, Mrs. Edward Wagner, Mrs. Violet George, Mrs. Domenick Mungello, Mrs. Wilda Vernillo and Mrs. Ruth Hodges.

Officers installed were Mrs. Paul Morgan, president; Mrs. Jack Cunningham, vice president; Mrs. Glenna Nicholls, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ruth Melvin, recording secretary and Mrs. James Smalley treasurer. Each new member and officer was presented with a corsage.

Mrs. Robert Hemphill, who is the last charter member of the club to transfer her membership into the Friday club, discussed the origin of the club. It was thought to be a coincidence that the club had been organized at the Hindman home on Main street, the same house in which the last charter member spoke to the group. The first president was Mrs. Helen Hindman Clark.

Mrs. Edwin Wagner made the opening prayer. Members participated in group singing with Mrs. Harry McCormick as accompanist. The club charter was presented by the retiring president Mrs. William Craig to the incoming president.

The banquet table was beautifully decorated with a centerpiece of pink carnations, yellow daisies and delphinium. Favors were replicas of the club flower, the rose, made of crepe paper and placed in cups of green mints. Green cardboard wheelbarrows, made by the committee held the programs. Mrs. George Wagner chairman of the banquet committee received numerous compliments on the charming decorations. Others on the committee who helped to fashion the favors were Mrs. William Craig, Mrs. Paul Morgan, Mrs. Ruth Melvin, Mrs. Alfred Christy and Miss Mary Rose Eannace.

A baked ham dinner was served by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Joseph Caplan and Mrs. Violet George both new members, volunteered to take charge of a Burgettstown Brownie Troop of scouts. Mrs. George Wagner and Mrs. Joseph Clark will be in charge of another troop.

Committees for the 1948-49 club year have been appointed by the president as follows: Executive Board, present officers with Mrs. William Craig, past president, and club advisor, Mrs. Harold Sonnhalter.

Program: Mrs. Jack Cunningham, Mrs. Alfred Christy, Mrs. George Wagner, Mrs. Dom Mungello, Mrs. Thelma Russell.

Ways and Means: Mrs. Edwin Wagner, Mrs. Reamond Smiley, Miss Mary Bigger, Mrs. Andrew Curtis, Miss Mary Rose Eannace, Miss Jo Anne McNally, Mrs. Melvin Hinerman, Mrs. Eugene Petrucci.

Publicity: Mrs. Raymond Mester, Mrs. Roy Struwing.

Flowers: Mrs. Saturno Prendes, Mrs. August Chambon.

Scrap Book: Miss Gene Simpson, Mrs. Hugh Hitchcock, Mrs. Wilbur Tschudi.

Membership: Miss Ruth Bland, Mrs. Maxine Boyle.

Social: Mrs. James Hall, Mrs. Joseph Hemphill, Mrs. Arthur Simpson.

Art: Miss Helen Bigger, Child Welfare: Mrs. George Williamson; Citizenship: Mrs. Roland Clair; Constitution: Mrs. Lido Petrucci; Historian: Mrs. Clair Noah; Hospitality: Mrs. William Craig; Music: Mrs. Gaylord Malone, Mrs. Paul Smiley; Public Welfare: Miss Lillian Jones.

**Junior Women Hold Annual Banquet
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 10, 1948 Edition**

TAG DAY FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE HELD OCT. 26

Members of the Junior Women's club will conduct a community wide tag day on Saturday, October 26, when they will hold open house at the new Library room in the McMurray school building.

Friends of the Library of the Greater Burgettstown Community are cordially invited by the sponsoring club to pay the new library home a visit. The library, housed for the past 10 years in the Culley Building on Railroad street was moved this month to a double room in the McMurray school, furnished by the Burgettstown School Board. The new headquarters has been attractively re-decorated, such a project having been made possible by donations of material and labor from library friends. Proceeds from tag day will be used to operate the Library the current year and to buy new books.

Mrs. William Miller, chairman of the Library committee reports a great demand for children's books. It has been suggested that friends of the library donate books for the Gold Star Shelf, where a living memorial is to be created for men and women of World War II who paid the supreme sacrifice in the conflict.

Business details of Library tag day are being planned by Mrs. Henry Quinet, chairman of the Ways and Means committee of the club. Other members of the committee are: Mrs. Asa McCoy, Miss Mary Smith, Mrs. Harold McElhaney and Mrs. Wilbur J. Tschudi.

Persons who desire to present the new library home with critically needed equipment, other than by tag day contributions are reminded that the following equipment is desired:

A child's round Library Table, 48 in., in diameter and 30 in. high and a set of Chairs for use by primary age children. The cost of the table, listed in the library catalogue is about \$30.

A Bookcraft Box, containing tools and materials to mend books. This equipment is listed at about \$2

New steps to the entrance. The present steps are badly in need of repair or replacement.

The Library Board is planning several innovations in the library schedule after the opening. A story lady will be present on Saturday afternoon to entertain pre-primary children.

Library statistics show that the Burgettstown Community Library is used extensively by school age children and by adults. There is need for juvenile books, also reference books for high school age children.

Tag Day for Public Library to be Held Oct. 26
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 17, 1946 Enterprise

Help the Library Fund.

A card party for the benefit of the public library fund is announced by the Junior Women's Club. The party will be held in Haines hall, Tuesday evening, January 8th. All the bridge and "500" experts expect to be on hand.

Help the Library Fund
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 26, 1934 Edition

Library Fund Dance.

A dance and card party will be held by the Junior Women's Club in the high school building on Friday evening of this week. Proceeds are to be used in the establishment of a public library for Burgettstown. Dancing and card playing will start at 9 o'clock. The Keystone Cavaliers will furnish music.

Library Fund Dance
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 28, 1934 Edition

Library Benefit Party.

A card party for the benefit of the proposed public library will be given by the Junior Women's Club in Haines hall on Tuesday evening, January 8th. Tables will be provided for bridge, 500, rhum and hokum as may be desired by those attending. It is hoped a good crowd will turn out and help these public spirited young women in the excellent plans they are sponsoring to give the town a public library. Refreshments will be served during the course of the evening, and other features will prove of special interest.

Library Benefit Party
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 2, 1935 Edition

JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB OFFERS FINE PROGRAM

11-19-36

Local Organization of Young Women
Holds "Reciprocity" Meet and
Presents Many Artists

A "reciprocity" meeting and entertainment was held by the Junior Women's Club in the K. of P. hall on Thursday evening of last week, with a large attendance and a splendid program. Following an address of welcome by the President, Mrs. Arthur Richey, the following program was presented:

Tap dance by Miss Paula Pyle; vocal numbers by the Music Club ensemble of the Burgettstown grade school, composed of 13 girls, under the direction of Miss Kathryn Scott; vocal solo by Mrs. John Linn, accompanied by Mrs. Winnie Culley; the Second Minuet, sung and danced by Mrs. Robert Hemphill, accompanied by Miss Kathryn Scott; vocal solo by Mrs. A. A. Haines, accompanied by Miss Kathryn Scott; vocal numbers by the Music Club ensemble of the Burgettstown grade school; vocal solo by Miss Virginia McNary, accompanied by Miss Kathryn Scott; vocal solo by Mrs. Wayne Culley, accompanied by Miss Kathryn Scott; duet by Mrs. Wayne Culley and Miss Virginia McNary; vocal number by the Burgettstown grade school ensemble.

Miss Nancy Moore gave an interesting talk on China, where she recently spent a year. A one-act play, entitled, "Mother's Cooking," was given by five members of the Junior Women's Club. The cast was Mrs. Francis Reed, Miss Louise Pyle, Mrs. Donald Whalen, Miss Margaret Griffith and Mrs. Horace Mann. The play was directed by Mrs. Jerome Whalen.

Mrs. S. H. DeWalt, president of the Burgettstown Friday Club, gave a short talk and asked the clubs of Burgettstown to sponsor the Red Cross drive. Miss Kathryn Scott, president of the Music Club, gave a talk. Miss Mary Louise McPeak, president of the McDonald Junior Women's Club, and Mrs. J. Lewis, president of the Bridgeville Junior Women's Club, brought greetings from their clubs.

New members present were Mrs. Charles Culley, Jr., Misses Bernice and Dorothy Inglefield, Mrs. Robert Murdock, Mrs. George Clair, Jr., Miss Emma Lawson, Miss Mary Sanders, Miss Rosalyn Carmen, Mrs. Harold Malone, Miss Lois Palin and Mrs. Charles Cunningham.

Junior Women's Club Offers Fine Program
Burgettstown Enterprise- November 19, 1936

**JUNIOR WOMEN
PLACE NEW BOOKS
ON LIBRARY SHELVES**

Journey Cake, Isabel McLennan
McMeekin.

How Old Stormalong Captured Mocha Dick, Irwin Shapiro.

The Citadel of a Hundred Stairways,
Henry C. Pitz.

Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze,
Elizabeth F. Lewis.

Hooming, Girl of New China,
Elizabeth F. Lewis.

Wonder Book of the Air (New Edition),
Laura D. Lyman.

New Wonder Book of Knowledge (Revised Edition).

Poo-Poo and the Dragons, C. S. Forster.

Carol Plays Summer Stock, Helen D. Boylston.

Apple Pie Inn, Mary D. Donahey.
Flight Training For The Army and Navy.

Chooky, Lucille Wallower.

Thumbs up! Rutherford Montgomery
Flying Banners, Edith B. Sherman.

The Blueberry Muffin, Mary W. Thompson.

My Room Is My Hobby, Marion Downer.

Adventure For Allison, Elizabeth Howard.

**Junior Women Place New Books on Library Shelves
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 3, 1943 Edition**

Juniors Elect 1948-49 Officers

Mrs. Paul Morgan was elected president of the Junior Woman's Club at a meeting Wednesday evening at the Legion home. Mrs. Jack Cunningham will serve as vice president, Mrs. Glene Nicholls as corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ruth Melvin as recording secretary and Mrs. James Smalley as treasurer.

New members were elected at the meeting and include Mrs. Joseph Caplan, Mrs. David Spiegel, Miss Jo-Anne McNally, Mrs. Edward Wagner, Mrs. Violet George, Mrs. Dominick Mungello, Mrs. Wilda Vernillo and Mrs. Ruth Hodges.

Resignations were received from Mrs. George Grimes, Mrs. James Walker, Mrs. Clair Martin, Mrs. Noel Freville, Mrs. Harold McElhaney, Mrs. W. P. Miller, Mrs. Dwight Cook, Mrs. Edward Welsh and Mrs. Robert Hemphill.

The annual banquet and installation will be held at the Legion home June 3. The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 698 will serve a ham dinner. Serving on the committee for arrangements are Mrs. George Wagner, Mrs. William Craig, Mrs. Paul Morgan, Mrs. Ruth Melvin, Mrs. Alfred Christy and Miss Mary Rose Eannace.

The club voted to donate \$5 to the Crusade for Children. Mrs. James Smalley volunteered to take over the Brownie Scout troop upon the resignation of Mrs. Robert Hemphill.

Statement of Club On Library Status

Junior Women Voice Appreciation of
Acts of Helpfulness of People
and Borough Council

The Burgettstown Junior Women's Club wishes to express its thanks to those who have given their support and cooperation in establishing a free public library in Burgettstown.

There are now approximately 500 people on the circulation list. The children especially seem happy to have this means of receiving reading material, and the Junior Women have made an issue of having the best of children's literature at their disposal.

An invitation is extended to the adults who have not visited the library to pay it a visit and not only inspect the books but to join the circulation list. The club appreciates the action of the Town Council for its financial cooperation in this project. The Council agreed to pay the \$10.00 a month rental. Squire W. B. Culley is also to be thanked and commended. Squire Culley saw that the library was repainted and papered, and that new electric light fixtures were installed.

The Juniors are compelled to raise the money for all other necessities. They pay for the gas and electricity and buy all new books and supplies. For this reason the club finds it necessary to raise money from time to time, for which certain activities are inaugurated and the general public invited to join in.

To all of those of the town's people who have donated books the club returns sincere thanks. Good books are always acceptable. Any one having books or magazines for the library please call any Junior Woman and she will personally see that they are taken from your home to the library, and there catalogued and placed upon the shelves.

At this time the greatest need of the library is furniture. Anyone having a straight chair or a table suitable for reading room purposes stored in their attic or not in use, would find it an article much appreciated in the library. Call a club member and tell her if you have one or other of these articles.

The foregoing is a somewhat revised statement of the Junior Women's Club, submitted to the newspaper for publicity. The newspaper would like to make the addition that the young women, in praising others, take no account of the splendid service they have performed and are still performing. They are making the free public library an institution that the town should be proud of and should in every way encourage and support.

Statement of Club on Library Status
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 4, 1935 Edition

**JUNIOR WOMEN TO
BEGIN BANDAGE ROLLING
ON THURSDAY EVENING**

Volunteers from the Junior Women's club are requested to meet at the Home Economics House on Thursday evening at eight o'clock to organize for a Red Cross Bandage Rolling class. The class will meet each Thursday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock and will be conducted by Mrs. John Collins, chairman, Mrs. Warren Malone and Mrs. George Kraeer, who have received special instruction from the County Chapter.

Club members who expect to participate in this activity are requested to wear fresh, clean, cotton dresses and a covering for their hair.

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THE DIRECTOR

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
STATE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
HARRISBURG

February 15, 1939

Miss Daisy Allison, Librarian
Public Library
Burgettstown, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Allison:

I received your letter today signed as librarian of the Burgettstown library. Are you the librarian permanently in charge or is yours a temporary position? We would like to know so that we can change our records if your position is permanent.

The traveling library which you now have was sent you a year ago in March. You probably will want an exchange collection since you have had the books so long. I am enclosing a report card for you to fill in if you do want another collection. If not, will you please tell us so and we will send a packing case to you for the books. These traveling libraries are loaned with the understanding that the library which borrows them pays the cost of transportation both ways. On receipt of the report card we will send a list of seventy-five books. From that list you choose fifty which you would like to have by checking the titles and returning the list to us. We send these new books to you and when you receive the new collection you send back the books you now have in the box which held the new library. The books may be sent either by freight or express, whichever way you prefer. We have generally found, however, that the shipment by freight is the cheaper.

Sincerely yours,

Evelyn L. Matthews

Evelyn L. Matthews
Assistant Extension Librarian
Library Extension Division

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JUNIOR WOMEN PLAN TAG DAY FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

A tag day for the benefit of the Burgettstown Public Library will be sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club on Saturday, Sept. 15. Club members will be stationed on various streets in town all day to receive contributions. Funds donated will be used to purchase new books for the library.

At present about 2,200 books are listed for circulation. Library hours are from 7 to 9 p. m., every Tuesday and Friday evening. Mrs. Paul Morgan, chairman of the library committee, has appointed the following club members as librarians for the ensuing club year:

September: Tuesday - Mrs. George Bish, Mrs. Raymond Wade; Friday - Mrs. George Grimes, Mrs. Betty Tschuti.

October: Tuesday - Mrs. James Walker, Mrs. James Crilley; Friday - Mary Smith, Mrs. Thelma Halliday.

November: Tuesday - Mrs. Edwin Wagner, Mrs. George Lewis; Friday - Mrs. Clair Noah, Mrs. George Rogers.

December: Tuesday - Mrs. Hugh Pollon, Mrs. William Craig; Friday - Mrs. George Kraeer, Mrs. Roland Clair.

January: Tuesday - Mrs. Paul Morgan, Ruth Friday; Friday - Mrs. James Kimberland, Mrs. Henry Quinet.

February: Tuesday - Mrs. Austin Studa, Mrs. James Hall; Friday - Ruth Bland, Mrs. Margaret Kettle.

March: Tuesday - Mrs. Eugene Petrucci, Betty Franz; Friday - Mrs. George Wagner, Mrs. Harold Davidson.

April: Tuesday - Mrs. W. P. Miller, Mrs. Harry McCormick; Friday - Mrs. Warren Malone, Mrs. Wendell Brabson.

May: Tuesday - Mrs. Ralph Hill, Mrs. Edward Lukon; Friday - Mrs. Robert Hemphill, Mrs. Kenneth Smith.

June: Tuesday - Mrs. Harold Malone, Betty Riddile; Friday - Mrs. Dwight Cook, Wilma Wagner.

July: Tuesday - Mrs. Hugh Hitchcock, Mrs. Cecil Mester; Friday - Mrs. Joe Hemphill, Jean Skipper.

August: Tuesday - Mrs. James McHenry, Marie Love; Friday - Mrs. Asa McCoy, Mrs. Clair Martin.

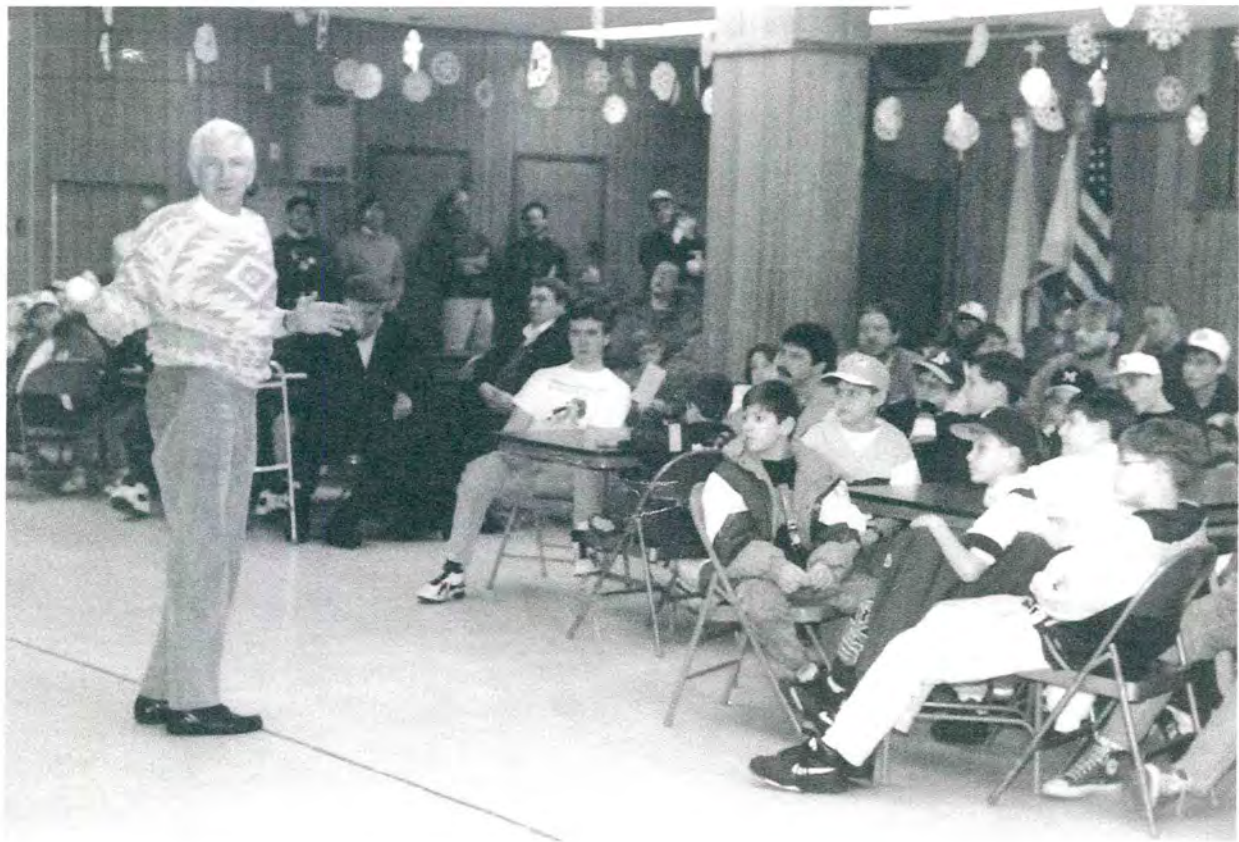
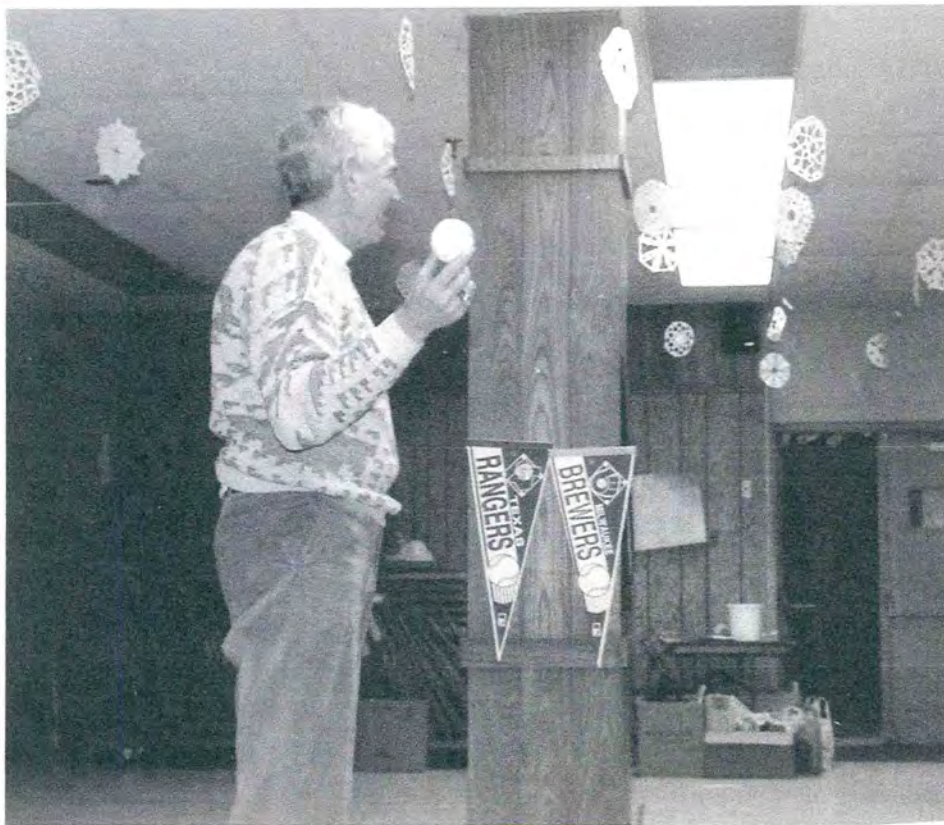
**Junior Women Plan Tag Day for Public Library
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 13, 1945 Edition**

**District Sportsmen
Disturb Sly Reynard
At H. C. Game Lands**

Sly Reynard was rudely disturbed at his winter foraging in the Harmon Creek Game Lands, Sunday morning, when a party of 50 hunters with 5 fox hounds assembled at the Stone Hut at the Game Reserve for a hunt sponsored by the Burgettstown-Florence Sportsmen's Club. Sportsmen from McDonald, Midway, Bulger, Raccoon, Avella, Washington and Burgettstown-Florence clubs of the County League participated. The hunt was climaxed with a fine feed at the Hut, at which tall tales predominated..

Alex Goleski of the Host club was the luckiest hunter of the lot and killed a fair specimen. J. K. Boustead reported wounding one grey fox which holed. Carl Stainbrook, State Game Protector and a deputy of Washington, Pa., participated in the hunt and report very favorable game conditions as a result of the mild winter.

Pvt. Joseph Rash, Jr., is spending a 15 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rash of Langeloth. Pvt. Rash is stationed at Camp Swift, Texas, where he is assistant gunner's mate.



**Bruce Dal Canton-Knights of Columbus Baseball Clinic
Unknown Date**

Annual Grand Knight's banquet on June 5

The Knights of Columbus, Council 3440 of Burgettstown, will be holding its fourth annual Grand Knight's Banquet on Sunday, June 5, at the Airport Marriott.

A cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The K. of C's supreme office has designated this year to honor the vocation to the priesthood. In keeping with that spirit, the Burgettstown Knights are dedicating this year's banquet in honor of the priests of the six parishes they serve. They are:

■ Rev. Richard J. Tusky, Our Lady of Lourdes

■ Rev. John E. Moran, Saint Ann
■ Very Rev. Carl J. Gentile, Saint Alphonsus

■ Rev. William J. Schwartz, Saint Patrick

■ Rev. Alvin P. Gutierrez, Saint Michael

■ Rev. Daniel Magulick, St. John Byzantine

Previous honorees were past Grand Knights, 1991; Dr. Angelo J. Spanogians on the occasion of his retirement, 1992; and Our Lady of Lourdes School on its 50th anniversary, 1993.

The guest of honor and main

speaker at this year's Grand Knight's banquet will be Bishop Thomas J. Tobin of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Unless some unforeseen circumstance arises, all six priests will be in attendance.

For anyone wishing to attend this affair, a limited number of tickets is available. You may order tickets by mail to Knights of Columbus 3440, Box 212, Burgettstown, PA 15021. Tickets are also available at Kranak's Service Station in Burgettstown.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 947-9314.

Annual Grand Knight's Banquet on June 5
The Enterprise-May 11, 1994 Edition

DalCanton to guest at local event

Bruce DalCanton, a former teacher at Burgettstown and major league pitcher with the Pirates, will be the guest speaker at a Father and Son Night planned for Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. in McCashin Hall, South Main Street, Burgettstown.

DalCanton is now a pitching coach for the Atlanta Braves.

He was a biology teacher at Burgettstown before changing his career to professional baseball.

Also scheduled to conduct a mini-clinic for youths attending the event are high school baseball coaches Jim Matalik of Burgettstown and Bob Sawhill of Fort Cherry.

Fathers and youths residing in the Avella, Burgettstown and Fort Cherry school districts are invited. There are no district or religious ties associated with the event, sponsored by Burgettstown Knights of Columbus Council # 3440.

No admission fee will be charged, but non-perishable canned food items will be accepted for donation to the local food bank.

Refreshments will be served.

**Bruce DalCanton guest speaker Father and Son Event
The Enterprise-January 22, 1992 Edition**



Jim Matalik-Knights of Columbus Baseball Clinic
Unknown Date

Banquet Honoring K of C Anniversary

The first anniversary banquet of the Burgettstown Knights of Columbus Council 3440 was held Tuesday evening at Club 22 with many out of town guests present. The program began with dinner at 6 p. m. followed by dancing to an orchestra.

Speakers were: Rev. W. J. McCashin pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes church; Rev. Paul W. Leger, pastor of St. Ann's Church of Bulger; Dan Nolan of Latrobe, professor of chemistry at St. Vincent's College and past State Deputy; Joseph Casey of Pittsburgh, past District Deputy of the 40th District and new state treasurer; Dr. J. S. McDonald of Bridgeville, past Grand Knight of Bridgeville Council; and Lew Hazelwood of Mt. Lebanon, District Deputy of the 21st District.

A main event of the evening was the presentation of the local Council's charter by Mr. Casey to the Grand Knight of Burgettstown, Al Christy. Acting as toastmaster was Attorney Edward V. Sciamanna.

Committee members for the banquet are: chairmen Armando Rupani and Edward Dugas; P. J. Sciamanna, Ledo Petrucci, Albert Bernola, Guy Schiavo, Avenear Christy, William Dugas and Al Christy.

Attending the banquet were many members of Council, their wives and guests.

**First Anniversary Banquet-Burgettstown Knights of Columbus
Burgettstown Enterprise- November 13, 1952**

K of C foul shot contest set Feb. 8

The Burgettstown Knights of Columbus Council # 3440 will conduct the annual foul shooting contest here on Saturday, Feb. 8, it has been announced.

The contest is open to all boys and girls in the area between the ages of 10-14.

No affiliation with any organized basketball team is required.

The event will be held in the high school gymnasium at 1 p.m., with registration at 12:45.

Winners in various age categories advance to further competition in the Western Pennsylvania area.

The district finals will also be held here on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Knights of Columbus Foul Shot Contest
The Enterprise-January 22, 1992 edition



THE ENTERPRISE / JIM DALLARA

Sticking to the script

John Tasz, left, and the Rev. Richard J. Tusky lead responses and readings that accompanied Light-Up Night festivities Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the local Knights of Columbus pavilion.

Knights of Columbus Light Up Night Festivities
The Enterprise-December 22, 1993 Edition

Schiavo's Own
RAVIOLI
DINNER
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
Cove Road, Weirton, W. Va.
SUNDAY, NOV. 10
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Catered by Guy Schiavo
PUBLIC INVITED
Air Conditioned for your Comfort.
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Schiavo's
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 6, 1968 Edition

Local Knights Of Columbus To Sponsor Bottle Cap Tourney

The Burgettstown Knights of Columbus Council #3440 will sponsor a "Capper" bottle cap tournament on Sunday, July 8, at their pavilion located off Route 18 across from the football field.

Family members, parishioners and the community will be given the opportunity to test their eye-hand coordination in hitting a bottle cap. Teams will be drawn at random, and prizes will be awarded.

The Knights will provide refreshments and food.

Tickets are currently on sale, and advance ticket purchases are necessary. No tickets will be sold at the gate. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In the "Capper" tournament, teams will include a pitcher, catcher and two outfielders. Equipment needs are bottle caps and broomsticks. No gloves are used.

The length of a game is five innings, with two outs per inning.

A scorekeeper is positioned on the foul line opposite home plate, and determines foul or fair hits. This official controls the game.

There are no balls or strikes called. No umpire is needed.

The batter determines the pitch he wants to hit. A fair hit is recorded if a batted bottle cap crosses the foul line into the playing field. If a batted bottle cap lands in foul territory, it is an out. If a batter swings and misses, and the cap is caught by the catcher, the batter is out. If the cap is batted fair and is caught in the air, the batter is out. No bunting or half-swings will be allowed; these attempts will be ruled as outs.

All fair hits are recorded as singles. Four hits are required in an inning to score a single run. Five hits will record two runs, etc. If no runs are recorded in five innings, the game will be determined by fair hits registered in the game.

If the game, after five innings, is tied in runs and hits, the game will proceed an inning at a time to determine a winner.

All players are interchangeable at any time and can rotate.

**Knights of Columbus Sponsor Bottle Cap Tourney
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 27, 1990 Edition**



Enterprise photo

New Home For Knights Of Columbus

Members of the Burgettstown Knights of Columbus, Council 3440, display a new sign erected at the site of a future home across from the football field. Clearance work has been underway in recent weeks by the Quader Excavating Co. Clockwise, beginning with bottom left: Bob Green, Lou Nagy, Charles Quader, Randy Lonick, Joe Wos, Fred Hofrichter, Jim Repole, Anthony Longo, Mike Kranak.

**New Home for Knights of Columbus
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 1, 1989 Edition**

Pythians Hold Installation Ceremony at Haines Hall

Silver Cliff Temple, 130 of the Pythian Sisters held its annual installation of officers in Haines Hall January 10. A covered dish dinner was served to 36 members prior to installation exercises.

Faye Noah, installing officer, was in charge of the installation ceremony and Dorothy Andrews was recognized as past chief.

Most excellent chief is Mary Beard. Other officers include: Excellent senior, Harrietta Certich; Excellent junior, Edith Noah; Manager, Doris Noah; Recorder of correspondence, Jean Phillips; Mistress of finance, Isabel Carmichael; Protector, Hazel Bable; Guard, Dolly Harris; pianist, Isabella Christopher; trustee, Dorothy Phillips, degree captain, Isabel Carmichael; representative to grand, Lois Wagner and alternate, Virginia Kimberland.

Pythians Hold Installation Ceremony at Haines Hall
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 30, 1947 Edition

**Leida Kimberland
Elected Grand**

Manager of Pythians

Mrs. Leida Kimberland, Mrs. Clair Noah and Mrs. James Kimberland returned home last Thursday from Erie, Pa., where they attended the Fiftieth State Convention of Pythian Sisters in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Leida Kimberland, who served last year as grand protector, was promoted to the office of grand manager for the state organization. Mrs. James Kimberland was elected to the office of deputy. The latter Mrs. Kimberland also served on the staff for the initiation of members. About 500 representatives of various Pythian Lodges in the state attended.

The Washington temple of the Pythian Sisters, recently organized with the assistance of Mrs. James Kimberland, was awarded \$50 at the convention for being first in its membership campaign in the state.

**Leida Kimberland Elected Grand Manager
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition**

**PYTHIAN LODGES
INSTALL OFFICERS
FOR NEW YEAR**

Members of the Pythian Sisters, Pride of Silver Cliff Temple No. 130 held the annual installation of officers in the lodge rooms on Friday evening, January 12, following the serving of a delicious duck dinner by members of the retiring social committee. The ducks for the dinner were donated by P. C. Mary Horr.

The Installing Officer P. C. Clara Willhoyte was assisted by P. C. Annie Malone, acting as Grand-Manager and District Deputy Leida Kimberland, acting as Grand Senior.

Incoming officers are: M. E. C., Imogene Hall; E. S. Florence Wagner; E. J. Marguerite Deliere; Manager, Lois Wagner; M. of R. & C. Evanna Miller; M. of F. Isabelle Carmichael; Protector, Virginia Kimberland; Guard, Lillian Martin. Helen Agnew, being ill was unable to be present to be installed.

Following the installation, plans were discussed for Birthday Dinners, which are to be served every three months. Meetings of the Lodge are held every second and fourth Friday nights of each month in the K. of P. hall at 7:30 o'clock.

Attended Convention.

Mrs. Dorothy Phillips of Joffre, Miss Fernie Malone of Highland avenue and Mrs. O. M. Kimberland of Main street have returned home after the week at Carlisle attending the Grand Temple convention of the Pythian Sisters. Miss Malone represented Pride of Silver Cliff Temple No. 130, Pythian Sisters of Burgettstown. Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Kimberland attended as visiting past chiefs.

Pythian Sisters Entertain.

The Pride of Silver Cliff Temple, No. 130, Pythian Sisters of Burgettstown entertained a number of visiting sisters on Friday evening in the Haines building. Grand Chief Mabel Weidner of Bethlehem was the guest of honor, this being her first official visit to the temple. She was accompanied by P. G. C. Minnie Guthrie and husband of South Hills, Pittsburgh, and Grand Trustee Henrietta Rieckert and D. D. G. C. Laura Dotty of Sewickley. After a very interesting meeting, a delicious lunch was served by the social committee of the lodge.

**MRS. MARY HERR IS
HOSTESS TO CHIEFS
OF PYTHIAN SISTERS**

The Past Chiefs' Club of the Pythian Sisters held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Horr of Bavington Thursday evening. Prizes for games during the evening were awarded to Mrs. Flora Neal, Mrs. Leida Kimberland and Mrs. Cora Martin. Others present were Mrs. Clara Willhoyte, Mrs. Florence Wagner, Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, Mrs. Lois Wagner, and Mrs. Virginia Kimberland. Mrs. Colesberry from Raccoon was a guest. Mrs. Adelaide Singleton and Mrs. Anna Stiffler assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

**Mary Horr is Hostess to Chiefs of Pythian Sisters
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 14, 1948 Edition**

Pythian Sisters, Pride of Silver Cliff Temple Have Installation: Committees Named

A covered dish dinner at 6:30 o'clock preceded installation of the Pythian Sisters officers Friday evening, Jan. 14, in Haines hall.

In charge of dinner arrangements were: Juanita DeCook, Dorothy Phillips, Betty Blaine and Mattie Nice.

A brief business session was held to conclude the year, in charge of Most Excellent Chief, Gladys Cowden. Installation services were conducted by: Grand Chief, Alice Bable; Grand Senior, Florence Wagner; and Grand Manager, Virginia Kimberland.

Those installed include: Past Chief Gladys Cowden, Most Excellent Chief Mattie Nice, Excellent Senior Juanita DeCook, Excellent Junior Lola Hanna, Manager Catherine Pirih, Secretary Edith Noah, Treasurer Isabelle Christopher, Guard Bessie Hulick, Trustee for three years Harrietta Certich, flag bearers Clara Willhoyte and Flora Neil and pianist, Betty Blaine.

Other officials elected are: Grand Representative Alice Bable; alternate, Catherine Pirih; press correspondent and degree captain, Virginia Kimberland.

Most Excellent Chief, Gladys Cowden, announced the following committee appointments:

Social - Alice Bable, Gladys Cowden, Lola Hanna, Catherine Pirih and Mary Beard.

Ways and Means: Virginia Kimberland, Juanita DeCook, Florence Wagner, Harrietta Certich and Edith Noah.

Entertainment: Faye Noah, Marguerite Dalverny, Hazel Bable, Flora Neil.

Decorating: Clara Willhoyte, Bessie Hulick, Betty Blaine, Cora Martin, Dorothy Phillips.

Flower: Edith Noah and Isabelle Christopher.

A district meeting for Washington County has been scheduled for March 28 when Pride of Silver Cliff Temple will be hostess at Haines hall. In April, this Temple will entertain the Pennsylvania Grand Chief, Ada Millar of Spring City. Faye Noah is Deputy for Washington County.

**Pythian Sisters, Pride of Silver Cliff Temple Have Installation:
Committees Named**

Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1940 Edition

Select Dance

K. of P. Hall, Burgettstown, Pa.,

Monday Night, September 9th

Dancing eight to twelve

Couples, \$1.00; extra lady, 25 cents

Present this card at door

**Select Dance-Knights of Pythian Hall
1935-Burgettstown, PA.**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Public Installation of Officers

The officers of Silver Cliff Lodge, No. 300, Knight of Pythias, were installed Monday evening before one of the largest crowds of members of the order and their friends that ever assembled in the hall. The installing officer was L. L. Coombs, of Hickory. The Burgettstown orchestra furnished the music, and addresses were made by Benjamin Moore, of Bellevue, grand chancellor of the state; William Silvester, of Pittsburg, grand inner guard; Rev. W. M. Hays and Rev. R. H. McCartney, of Burgettstown. The hall and fixtures were handsomely decorated in red, white and blue. A very elaborated fried-chicken lunch was served, with ice cream, cake, etc. The following officers were installed: C. C., George Martin; V. C., George Algeo; M. of A., Oscar McGowan; prelate, Lawrence Cole; O. G., Lawrence Boyd; I. G., Frank Malone; M. of W., Fred Leopold.

Silver Cliff Lodge, No. 300, Knight of Pythias
The Burgettstown Call-January 21, 1915 Edition



Womanless Wedding-April 23, 1925

Knights of the Pythian Lodge

Possibly held for the benefit of the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department

New Flag Raised At Community Park



Commander Joseph Bittner and Blake Miller, representing the Kucher-Saska V.F.W. Post hoist the new flag atop the pole at the Burgettstown Commu-

ity Park during Fourth of July ceremonies.

Looking on at the right are Police Chief Henry Vega, policeman Eto Maroni, and Auxil-

iary Policemen Anna Hulick and Patsy Yaco.

The flag was donated to the park by the local V.F.W. post. (Enterprise photo)

New Flag Raised at Community Park
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 12, 1962 Edition

Community Kiddies To Receive Movies Treat From Vets

Children of the Greater Burgettstown Community will be treated to a free movie at the Keith and Mary Ann theatres in Burgettstown, Wednesday, December 29 at 1:30 p.m. The treat is sponsored by the Kucher Saska Post 6955 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and arrangements are being made by Commander William Craig and Mike Kranak. The same movie will be shown in both theatres. All children from the Greater Burgettstown area will be admitted free.

**Community Kiddies to receive Movies Treat from Vets
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 23, 1948 Edition**



Ladies Gold Cross Society Dedicates Honor Roll and Service Flag

First Row: Mrs. Charles Mader, Mrs. Marie Kupisch, Mrs. Mary Majernik, Mrs. Alex Kluchanovich, Mrs. Phillip Joseph, Mrs. Frank Wautl, Mrs. Stella Fuller, Mrs. Susie Pauchnik, and Cathryn Wasilko. **Second Row:** Mrs. Lukaria Barto, Mrs. Katherine Hollick, Mrs. Rosie Zbalishin, Mrs. Josephine Capossoli, Mrs. Nick Yaksic, Mrs. Sophie Malordie, Mrs. Mary Nicsick, Mrs. Mary Mininko, and Mrs. Anna Kinkela. **Third Row:** Mrs. Stella Petrovich, Mrs. Ustana Dragon, Mrs. Mary Orenchuk, Mrs. Mary Gretskey, and Mrs. Leona Kubovic. **Fourth Row:** Mrs. Matt Jereb, Mrs. Mary Strongosky and Mrs. Katherine Dubenko.

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 5, 1944 Edition

Lady Order Of Owls Installs New Officers

The Lady Order of Owls Nest No. 2130 of Raccoon held their installation meeting, in the Owls Club on Monday evening, April 2. The ceremonies were conducted by Mrs. Leona P. Deliere, assisted by Mrs. Kathryn E. Baron.

Officers installed for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. Leona P. Deliere; Past President, Mrs. Marguerite D. Dalvern; Vice-President, Mrs. Mary G. Restanio; Invocator, Mrs. Ermo T. Scopel; Secretary, Miss Carmella Gobleck; Treasurer, Mrs. Alcesta S. De-Valkeneer; Sentinel, Mrs. Mary Gobleck; Picket, Mrs. Dora S. Secco; and Warden, Miss Margaret Velegdon.

Mrs. Leona Deliere and Mrs. Kathryn E. Baron, retiring secretary, were presented with beautiful gifts from the officers. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, at 8 o'clock.

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Lady Order of the Owls Installs New Officers
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 12, 1945 Edition

LANGELOTH PTA GETS STANDARD CERTIFICATE

L. A. Smith was a guest speaker at the Langeloth PTA meeting Monday, November 12. His topic for the evening was "Building Healthy Personalities." He also brought with him picture albums of all the eighth grades of 1931-32. They were thoroughly enjoyed by many whose pictures were in the album. Mr. Smith left everyone realizing more than ever that mental health and personalities are molded in both the home and the school.

Crazy hat prizes were won by Mrs. Margaret Allas, Mrs. Carl Harris, Mrs. Ann Alonzo and George Davis. A letter from the Chamber of Commerce was read and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tasz were asked to represent the PTA at a banquet December 11. Mrs. Mary Evantz was named magazine chairman.

A report was given on the fall county council meeting at Washington. Mrs. Mary Tasz and Mrs. Wanda Fratini attended the meeting.

It was reported that membership to date totals 155. Budget and Finance chairman Dolores Fernandez reported that an electric sewing machine, book cases, and rhythm band instruments have been added to the school by the PTA.

A Standard Certificate from the Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers was issued to the Langeloth PTA for 1955-56. Indicating a rating of "good" for "achievement standards", Principal Paul Deliere announced the reception of an honor roll certificate from the National Safety Council of Chicago. This special recognition is given to all schools exerting exceptional effort in safety education whose program has been evaluated and recommended to the National Safety Council by a local committee of four.

Halloween movies were shown and group singing enjoyed. Banner roll call was awarded to Miss Hazel Hall's sixth grade.

Luncheon was served to 52 members by the Executive Board and teachers. Tray prize was won by Joe Rash. December refreshments will be in charge of Andy Carmichael and George Davis.

Langeloth PTA Gets Standard Certificate
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 29, 1956 Edition

LANGLOTH P.-T. A. HAS 6th BIRTHDAY

Founder's Day and the sixth anniversary of the Langeloth Parent-Teacher's Association was properly celebrated in Langeloth School on Monday evening, with an appropriate candle light program conducted by Mrs. R. H. Bable. Sixty members and several guests were present. The president, Mrs. Otice Wilgecki, announced that the playground committee with E. S. Wheeler as chairman is proceeding with the purchase of equipment for use in the outdoors playground to be opened about May 1st. The N.Y.A. workers had on display a demonstration of the handicraft made by the children during the recreation periods.

Principal Critchlow demonstrated the new electric dust eraser the organization recently purchased for use in the school. It was announced that the P.-T. A. will hold a card party at Langeloth Center on February 19.

The Birthday cake was won by Mrs. Tandy. Mrs. C. M. Marino, as chairman and members of the social committee served delicious refreshments.

Langeloth PTA has 6th Birthday
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 6, 1941 Edition

Langeloth P.T.A. Plans Card Party

Langeloth P.T.A. held a meeting Monday evening at Langeloth school with Mrs. Manuel Garcy presiding. Announcement was made that all the germicidal lights purchased by the P.T.A. for the school had been installed. Langeloth has the distinction of being the only school in Washington County to be fully equipped with such lights.

Delegates to the Washington County Council of P.T.A.'s were appointed. Mrs. George Ravella, Mrs. Manuel Martinez and Mrs. Manuel Garcy will represent the Langeloth P.T.A. at the meeting in Robinson Township School, October 27.

H. L. Tennyson spoke to the group on "Better Educational Programs for Our Schools" and commended the Langeloth P.T.A. for its excellent work during the past year.

A committee to plan for the Christmas treat was appointed. It will be composed of Mrs. Mary Munez, Mrs. Vera Culley, Mrs. Mary Tasz, Mrs. Lillian Davis and Mrs. Jack Noye.

Hostesses for the evening were Mesdames Ashton, Abate, Boller, Bruce, Bender, Boles, Beaumont, and Brunner.

Langeloth P.T.A. Plans Card Party
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 14, 1948 Edition

Sportsmen Elect Officers.

At a meeting of Langeloth Sportsmen's Association, held in the Langeloth school building last Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. B. Murphy; secretary, R. S. Young; treasurer, Jesse Johnson. Following the business meeting a luncheon of baked ham sandwiches and coffee was provided. The Langeloth group of sportsmen is one of the most progressive in the State, and their organization stands as a splendid tribute to the men who were responsible for the formation of the association.

LANGELOTH GROUP CHAPERONS PARTIES FOR YOUNG FOLKS

Increasing interest is being shown in the summer activities of the Langeloth Community Amusement Committee, Mrs. V. M. Bruner, Secretary reports. Roller skating parties for small children are being held in the Community hall every Wednesday and Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and for the adults, on those nights from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. A weekly dance is held each Friday evening from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. These events are open to the public and the proceeds realized are being put into a fund to purchase Christmas gifts for Langeloth service men.

The parties are chaperoned by the following members of the Amusement Committee: Mrs. Louis Ceresa, Isabel Carmichael, Mary Garcia, Mrs. G.C. Winders and Mrs. Brunner.

Mrs. Brunner reports that Langeloth service men were sent 600 packages and 600 cartoons of cigarettes last Christmas time.

The Amusement Committee was originally organized to raise money to build a public swimming pool, but due to the war this project was shelved for the duration and the money already raised, some \$4000 has been invested in war bonds. The committee plans to proceed with the building of the pool after the war.

17 PATROLS IS AIM OF LEADERS OF BOY SCOUTS

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Camping—Ralph Lee, Winfield Allison and Robert Stottlemeyer.

Organization and Extension—E. H. Vosburg, W. J. Whalen, Jr., and James Reed, Burgettstown, E. S. Wheeler, Langeloth and P. J. Sciamanna of Slovan.

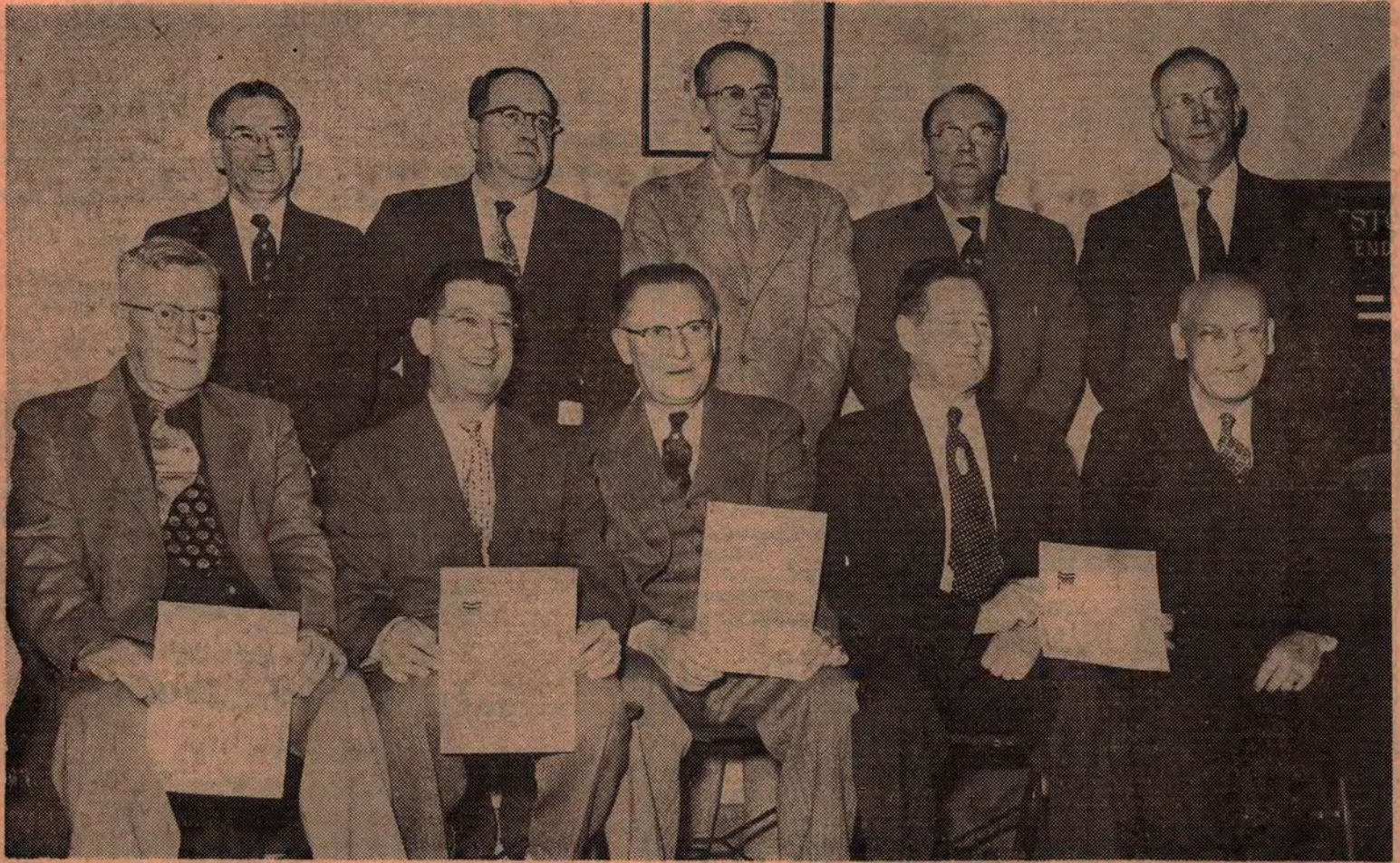
Training—O. G. Aiken, and James McCalmont, Burgettstown and F. G. Pope and Rev. H. G. Giffin, Langeloth.

Health and Safety—Enos Smith, Burgettstown and A. J. Nairn and J. A. Blackburn of Langeloth.

Finance — John McIntyre, Langeloth and A. H. Kunkle, Hugh Hamill and Lee R. McKinney, Burgettstown.

**17 Patrols is Aim of Leaders of Boy Scouts
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 28, 1940 Edition**

170 YEARS OF LIONS CLUB SERVICE



A total of 170 years of Lions Club membership is the proud possession of these ten men. At the Monday evening meeting of the Burgettstown Lions Club plaques and pins were presented to members with over ten years

service in the club.

Holding plaques in the first row are 20-year men, Ralph Bell and four Lions who are charter members of the local club, Earl Petrucci, Lee R. McKinney, Ralph Lee and Thomas C. Linn.

In the second row, Clarence Wolfe has been a member for 20 years; E. H. Vosburg, 15 years; Harold Malone, 10 years; Charles Scott, 15 years and Monte Scott, 10 years.

Twenty year charter members

not present at the meeting were: W. V. Lee, Oscar Jackson and Dr. George L. McKee. Fifteen year members not present included, M. W. Murphy and E. S. Wheeler. Ten year members not present included W.P. Miller and A. Christy

17 Years of Lions Club Service
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 31, 1955 Edition

ADDRESS TO CLUB GIVEN ON FRIDAY BY LOCAL DOCTOR

Hon. A. O. Hindman, Local Member
of Assembly Speaker Before
Women's Organization

The Hon. A. O. Hindman, M. D., representative from Burgettstown in the Pennsylvania State Legislature, was the guest speaker at a largely attended meeting of the Friday Club, held last Friday afternoon in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Carman, Church avenue.

Dr. Hindman spoke at some length upon the work of the representatives of the citizenry, and laid particular emphasis on the difficulties encountered by a legislator who seeks to represent all the people regardless of party and keep clear of obnoxious political entanglements. He told the members of the club that it was through such groups as theirs that he and others similarly interested learned of the aspirations and needs of their constituencies.

Dr. Hindman predicted that the day is nearer at hand than many believe when partisanship will be eliminated from legislative functions, and that the general good will be looked to without regard to political or partisan considerations. Toward such ends, he said, his own legislative activities are being directed.

President Mrs. S. H. DeWalt presided over the meeting. In the absence of the scheduled leader, Mrs. DeWalt had charge of the entertainment program. A luncheon was served by Mrs. Carman, assisted by her daughter Rosalyn. A paper prepared by Mrs. H. D. Hellmers was held over for another meeting due to lateness of the hour. Four new members were elected, to be received at the next meeting.

December 13th will be "Husband's night," when a six o'clock dinner will be served and a special program presented. All details for this meeting have not been worked out.

**Dr. A. O. Hindman to Address Friday Club
Burgettstown Enterprise—November 20, 1935 Edition**

LIONS APPOINT KEY COMMITTEES

First Vice President of the Lions club Lou Caplan presided at the dinner meeting of the organization in the Capitol restaurant on Monday evening. The new president, A. H. Kunkel is vacationing at Atlantic City.

Mr. Caplan presented the list of committeemen who have been chosen by President Kunkel to serve the ensuing year. The list follows:

ATTENDANCE — E. F. Petrucci, Chairman. L. Caplan, B. E. Sloan, Dr. W. S. Clark.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS—J. H. McIntyre, Chairman. Morris Harvey, Oscar Jackson, J. R. Lee.

CONVENTION—W. J. Whalen, Jr. Chairman. L. Caplan, E. C. Petrucci, P. J. Sciamanna.

FINANCE—J. C. Wolfe, Chairman. M. W. Murphy, Lee R. McKinney, Keith Chambers.

LIONS EDUCATION — J. R. Canning, Chairman. O. G. Aiken, Harry Colesberry, W. R. Powers.

MEMBERSHIP—Lee R. McKinney, Chairman. W. J. Whalen, Jr., E. F. Petrucci, E. S. Wheeler.

PROGRAM—E. S. Wheeler, Chairman. J. H. McIntyre, Ed Hamilton, E. H. Vosburg, L. Caplan.

PUBLICITY—E. H. Vosburg, Chairman. R. L. Bell, Gus Barbush, F. H. Illig.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

BOYS and GIRLS WORK—J. R. Canning, Chairman. J. C. Wolfe, T. C. Linn, H. L. Tennyson, A. H. Kunkel.

CITIZEN and PATRIOTISM —Rev. W. J. McCashin, Chairman. Ed. Hamilton, M. W. Murphy, R. L. Bell.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS — T. C. Linn, Chairman. F. H. Illig, S. G. Nicholls, E. F. Petrucci.

COMMUNITY BETTEMENT — P. J. Sciamanna, Chairman. J. O. Fredericks, Dr. W. S. Clark, Gus Barbush.

EDUCATION — H. L. Tennyson, Chairman. O. G. Aiken, Harry Colesberry, W. R. Powers.

HEALTH and WELFARE—Dr. W. H. Tomaseski, Chairman. Dr. G. L. McKee, Dr. A. Hindman, Dr. A. M. Williams.

SAFETY—S. T. Powell, Chairman. George Wagner, Jr., I. B. Sacks, Keith Chambers.

SIGHT CONSERVATION & BLIND
Dr. G. L. McKee, Chairman. Dr. W. H. Tomaseski, Dr. A. M. Williams, Dr. A. Hindman.

The American Legion



CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

ISSUED IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED ALLEGIANCE
TO THE IDEALS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. BE IT KNOWN THAT

ARTHUR W. ROBERTS

A LONGTIME AND DEDICATED MEMBER OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 698
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

HAS BEEN CERTIFIED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING CONTINUOUSLY FOR

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YEARS

AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN THAT SUCH RECORD OF CONSISTENT LOYALTY TO
THE AMERICAN LEGION MERITS THE HONOR OF BEING CITED AS AN OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTOR TO THE PROGRAMS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS TESTIMONIAL OF PERSONAL GRATITUDE IS GIVEN
UNDER THE HAND OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER, AND DULY ATTESTED BY THE NATIONAL
ADJUTANT AND A POST OFFICER, THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2010.

ATTEST:

Clarence E. Hill

NATIONAL COMMANDER

Samuel S. Lusk

NATIONAL ADJUTANT

William C. Gilmore (COMMANDER)
POST OFFICER #698



March 15, 2002

Arthur W. Roberts
Burgettstown, PA

Dear Melvin Jones Fellow:

On behalf of Lions Clubs International Foundation, we congratulate you on being named a Melvin Jones Fellow.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship honors Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. It is the highest form of recognition conferred by the foundation. It is largely due to the growth of the fellowship program that LCIF has been able to meet humanitarian needs in communities worldwide. In many cases these needs are reflected in the eyes of disadvantaged children. Or perhaps made apparent by a common sense of hopelessness shared by the elderly whose community has been unable to care for them. LCIF continually meets needs such as these through the generosity of Lions, and others, who have contributed to the Melvin Jones Fellowship Program.

As a Melvin Jones Fellow, your name has been added to our listing of all individuals in the program. These names are electronically shown in continuous rotation in the LCIF Recognition Room at International Headquarters. This exhibit stands as a tribute to a growing network of individuals who are committed to the humanitarian objectives of LCIF.

I urge you to wear your Melvin Jones Fellow lapel pin with pride. It represents your dedication to making the world a better place through humanitarian service.

Very cordially yours,

Dr. Jean Behar
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Lions Award Prizes.

The community exterior lighting contest, sponsored by the Burgettstown Lions Club, created much enthusiasm in the community during the Christmas season. There were over twenty homes, the exteriors of which were artistically decorated. Three prizes—an electric clock, an electric floor lamp and an electric sandwich toaster, were awarded to Boyd E. Sloan, E. C. Carmichael and John L. Culley, respectively. The following persons received honorable mention for their displays: W. F. Core, O. M. Kimberland, J. Ralph Bell and W. J. Whalen, Sr. Others who had their homes decorated were: R. W. Baker, C. F. Barr, L. W. Bender, W. M. Culley, S. H. DeWalt, B. B. Figley, T. Fondulas, A. Hall, C. A. Hamilton, Fred Illig, Charles Mester, Ray Pack, H. A. Scott, J. H. Seibel, Mrs. Ada Smith, Kenneth Smith, G. E. Thomas-sy.

BALL GIVEN BY LIONS BIG EVENT OF SEASON

President's Birthday Ball Sponsored
by Local Club for Charity Was
Success From all Angles

Sponsored by the Lions Club of Burgettstown, and under the personal management of a committee composed of J. Ralph Lee, chairman; Earl C. Petrucci, B. E. Sloan, W. J. Pyle and H. L. Baker, the President's Birthday Ball held in the Union high school building last Thursday night was the outstanding social event of the season. In spite of sub zero temperature and deep snow an almost capacity crowd attended the ball. It is confidentially estimated that had the weather been even fair the committee would not have been able to accommodate in comfort the great throng that would have attended. Many persons were prevented from attending by reason of road conditions into parts of the surrounding country.

After paying all expenses the club realized a tidy sum which has been set aside for charitable projects. The cost of the famous Ken Morris orchestra was high, but the band was fully worth the money and the dancers were enthusiastic over the excellent and novel music. Miss Vivian Vance, the vocalist with the orchestra, made a decided hit with the guests.

Burgettstown was one of nearly 7,000 cities and towns over the nation that held the President's Ball. It was regrettable that in some quarters the charitable affair was made the basis of cheap and disreputable political attack. It just happens the President is a noted example of the benefit that can by proper effort be afforded victims of the dreaded disease of infantile paralysis. The gallant fight made by Mr. Roosevelt to overcome the ravages of the disease is illustrative of what can be done when there is a will to win and where there are funds to procure necessary treatment.

BARR HEADS OFFICERS OF LOCAL LIONS CLUB

Supervising Principal of Borough
and Smith School Systems is
New President of Club

Prof. Charles F. Barr, supervising principal of the Burgettstown and Smith township public schools, recently elected president of the Lions Club, formally took over the duties of the position at the club meeting on Monday night. In spite of excessive heat of afternoon and evening, the club meeting was well attended.

Routine business matters took up practically all the available time of the meeting following the dinner which was held at 6 o'clock. The principal action of the club was the election of Secretary Don Whalen as representative to the Lions International annual convention, to be held at Providence, R. I., next week.

Discussions included a number of projects which could not be given sufficient time to bring definite results. Among these were the questions of civic improvement, planting of trees and other objectives which occupy public attention.

The following new committees were appointed by the president to serve for the next year. The first named in each group is the chairman of the committee:

Constitution and by-laws—J. C. Wolfe, Thomas A. Smith, R. L. Bell.

Extension committee—W. M. Culley, R. E. Davidson, J. W. Linn.

Finance—W. J. Whalen, Jr., T. C. Linn, Lee R. McKinney.

Lions educational—T. A. Smith, R. W. Stottlemyer, E. B. Maurey.

Membership—J. C. Wolfe, W. B. Culley, W. V. Lee.

Program—J. R. Lee, B. E. Sloan, W. J. Pyle, Earl C. Petrucci.

Attendance—W. V. Lee, L. Caplan, E. C. Petrucci, B. E. Sloan, John H. McIntyre.

Sight conservation and blind—George L. McKee, W. S. Clark, Thomas C. Linn.

Boys and girls work—R. W. Stottlemyer, Earl C. Petrucci, Edward Hamilton.

Citizenship—Lee R. McKinney, W. B. Culley, H. A. Scott, John S. Palin.

Civic improvement—F. H. Illig, S. Glenne Nicholls, W. V. Murphy, Oscar Jackson.

Community betterment — W. J. Whalen, Sr., W. S. Clark, D. J. Coulter.

Education—J. Francis Reed, Thos. A. Smith, R. W. Stottlemyer.

Health and welfare—Dr. G. L. McKee, W. J. Whalen, Sr., J. Wilbert Welch.

Safety—W. J. Whalen, Jr., R. L. Bell, C. W. Tope.

Publicity—E. B. Maurey, R. M. Boyd, A. E. Tennyson, John D. Figley.

Additional appointments were F. H. Illig, tail twister and Louis Caplan lion tamer. Bulletin committee—G. L. McKee, W. J. Whalen, Sr., Boyd E. Sloan, Don Whalen, E. B. Maurey.

**Barr Heads Officers of Local Lions Club
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 16, 1936 Edition**

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Finance — John McIntyre, Langeloth and A. H. Kunkle, Hugh Hamill and Lee R. McKinney, Burgettstown.

**17 Patrols is Aim of Leaders of Boy Scouts
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 28, 1940 Edition**

SCOUT EXECUTIVE TELLS LIONS CLUB EXPANSION PLANS

Ray Weir of McDonald, district representative for Boy Scouts in the Burgettstown-McDonald district spoke to members of the Lions club at their regular meeting on Monday evening and outlined plans for the extension of Scouting in this area. Mr. Weir said there are now 1,400,000 men and boys enrolled in Scouting in the United States with 83 troops and a membership of 1840 scouts and 240 adults in the Washington-Greene County Council.

Working under Jack Watson, leader of the Washington-Greene County Council, Mr. Weir hopes to enlist the help of Burgettstown and McDonald men in the organization of a McDonald-Burgettstown Region. He said a survey has shown possibilities for the organization of 17 troops in this region. To date there are but three active troops, McDonald, the Burgettstown Lions Patrol and the Langeoth Scouts.

Secretary of the local club, Clarence Wolfe read a letter from the state organization, announcing a regional meeting in Pittsburgh, Wednesday evening, March 27. Lions McIntyre, Nicholls, Wheeler and Murphy were named to represent the local club at the meeting which was held in the Fort Pitt hotel, following a 6:30 banquet.

Mr. Wofe also read a letter concerning the International which will be held in Havannah, Cuba on July 23. He stated that a chartered boat for Lions on the Holland-American lines will sail from New York on July 20.

A. H. Kunkle, chairman of the entertainment committee announced that due to the fact that McDonald Lions are holding a dance on April 10, the dance to be sponsored by the local club has been postponed from April 10 to Wednesday, April 17, when the Follansbee Cadets will furnish music. The McDonald dance will be held in the high school gymnasium with music by Baron Elliott's orchestra.

It was announced that the state convention will be held in Oil City on June 9, 10 and 11 and that many of the local members are planning to attend.

**Scout Executive Tells Lions Club Expansion Plans
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 28, 1940 Edition**

**LION'S BROOM SALE
TO BE APRIL 25-30**

The Burgettstown Lions Club will conduct their annual Broom Sale during the week of April 25-30. Members of the Broom Sale committee are Earl Petrucci, Manuel Martinez, Angel Gonzalez, Duncan Montequin, W. J. Cunningham and Phil Gray. Broom Sale proceeds are used to carry out the Lions Club social benefit work.

**Lion's Club Broom Sale
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 7, 1955 Edition**

TO AWARD CASH PRIZES AT GRAND HALLOWE'EN PARADE

Cash prizes to successful contestants in Burgettstown's gigantic Halloween parade on Wednesday evening October 29, will be awarded, the committee planning for the event reports.

Instead of solicitation of business houses for this year's prizes, cash donations have been received from the Burgettstown Business Men's Association, the Lion's Club and the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: Grand prize, \$10.00; second prize, \$5.00; third prize, \$3.00 and six prizes of \$2.00 each.

Harry L. Tennyson is chairman for the event and is being assisted by Sam Broida, representing the Business men; Cliff Carmichael of the Fire Department and Edward Hamilton of the Lion's club.

The line of march will form at Market street, South Burgettstown, at six o'clock, with members of the Fire Department acting as parade marshalls. Led by the Union high school band, the Mummies will march to the Parking lot, where a Judges' stand will be erected. Judges for the Masquerade contestants will be E. S. Wheeler, president of the Lion's club Kenneth Smith, representing the Fire Department and Ray Simpson, president of the Business Men's Association.

LIONS CHARTER NIGHT GREAT SOCIAL EVENT

Many Clubs Represented at Meeting to Present Charter to New Burgettstown Club

The "Charter Night" gathering of the Burgettstown Lions Club, held in the social rooms of the First United Presbyterian church on the evening of June 11th, was attended by a large delegation of members of the Washington Lions Club, the sponsoring organization, and members of clubs from Pittsburgh, McKeesport, East Liberty, Donora, Elizabeth, Beaver Falls and New Castle. Many ladies accompanied the Lions from the distant towns.

Including the Burgettstown members and their ladies, the attendance registered about 180, comfortably filling the spacious church dining room. The banquet served by the ladies of the church was excellent in every detail, and it was remarkable how speedily and how well the large assemblage was served at the tables. Too much credit cannot be given the ladies for their splendid dinner and fine appointments.

The meeting place was appropriately and nicely decorated for the occasion with flags, banners, emblems and flowers. A large replica of the emblem of the club occupied a space of about three feet by ten feet; this emblematic reproduction carrying the word LIONS in large letters, with a lower streamer reading "Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety," the initials of the words forming the name—Lions. Welcoming signs were numerous. Fliton's orchestra, a local musical organization, supplied music at various times throughout the program and during the dinner period.

In addition to the the announced program, visiting Lions staged a number of comedy stunts among the visiting Lions, and an enthusiastic member from Washington appointed himself "Tail Twister," and made it his business to fine any and everybody possible for the usual amount—a thin dime. This enterprising visitor collected something over a dollar which he turned over to the local club to be used in its charitable work projects.

The scheduled program of the ceremonial of charter presentation moved along with despatch and active interest, as follows: Music by the orchestra; call to order, Dr. W. E. Dickson; singing "America" by the assembly; invocation by Lion C. A. Hamilton; introduction of the toastmaster by Dr. Dickson. Toastmaster Roger Patton, president of the Washington club made a few remarks and presented the remainder of the program.

After music by the orchestra C. A. Hamilton, of the local club, delivered the address of welcome which was one of the most magnificent orations that ever has been heard by a social

club group. Mr. Hamilton took as his subject "Brotherhood," and in the very limited time at his disposal most thoroughly outlined exactly what is meant by the term "Brotherhood." He was listened to with deep attention and given much applause.

The response, on the part of the visiting Lions and Lionesses was delivered by Harry Conley of East Liberty, past District Governor. Mr. Conley spoke only briefly, but to the point and most interestingly. His remarks were followed by assembly singing and a short address by Dr. H. C. Manon of Washington, District Governor-Elect. The toastmaster then introduced the visitors by having each group rise as called upon. Washington made a showing of about a half-hundred or more and was given a "Lion's roar."

The presentation of the charter was made by Ezra D. Marvin, member of the New Castle Lions Club and the retiring District Governor of District 14-A, Lions International. Mr. Marvin spoke at some length and delivered a splendid address on the objectives of social clubs and particularly of the aims and accomplishments of the Lions, the largest group of the kind in the world. At the conclusion of his address he presented the charter of the club to President Lee R. McKinney.

On behalf of the club Mr. McKinney accepted the charter in a speech that challenged the excellence of the fine addresses that had been made earlier in the program. He began with the admission that while he had formerly felt the duties of his office carried heavy responsibilities, he now was doubly impressed with these obligations, and that he felt he should have to labor diligently to discharge the duties in a way that he would feel would be acceptable to himself and to the great organization he represented. In fully developing his theme Mr. McKinney was eloquent, convincing and very interesting. His speech was a pleasure to his friends and of profit to his club. The Lions of Burgettstown are fortunate in having at their head a man of the ability and sterling worth of Lee R. McKinney.

The assembly sang a closing song, and the meeting was adjourned about 9 o'clock. Many of the guests went from the banquet to the dance given by the Lions in the high school auditorium. In a way, this was a part of the program of the evening, and rounded out a most enjoyable evening.

The Burgettstown Lions Club now numbers 33 members, which makes the membership large for a club only organized about a month.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED FOR LIONS

Ralph Lee, President-elect of the Burgettstown Lions club announced the appointment of committees to serve during 1942-43. The regular meeting of the club was held in the Capitol restaurant with 12 members present.

The following members have been appointed to serve on committees:

First Vice President—Rev. W. J. McCashin.

Attendance—E. C. Petrucci, Edward Hamilton and Willard Welch.

Finance — Lee R. McKinney and James C. Wolfe.

Membership—B. J. Kenney, E. S. Wheeler, Willard Welch and P. J. Sciamanna.

Program—W. J. Whalen, F. H. Illig, H. L. Tennyson and A. H. Kunkel.

Constitution and By-laws—M. W. Murphy, W. S. Clark and R. L. Bell.

Second Vice President — Edward Hamilton.

Lion's Education—H. L. Tennyson Charles N. Cunningham and B. J. Kenney.

Convention—Charles N. Cunningham, Lou Caplan and Charles H. Scott.

Sight Conservation and Blind—Dr. G. L. McKee, Dr. W. H. Tomaseski and Dr. A. M. Williams.

Third Vice President— E. H. Vosburg.

Publicity—E. H. Vosburg, chairman, F. H. Illig, Gus J. Barbush.

Civic Improvement and Community Betterment—Charles H. Scott chairman, Sam Broida, B. E. Sloan.

Education—P. J. Sciamanna, chairman, E. S. Wheeler, R. L. Bell.

Health and Welfare—Dr. W. H. Tomaseski chairman, Dr. A. M. Williams, Dr. G. L. McKee, Dr. W. S. Clark.

Safety—Sam Broida chairman, W. J. Whalen, Jr., E. C. Petrucci.

LIONS COMPLETE PLANS FOR EYE CLINIC BENEFIT

Burgettstown Lions perfected plans for their annual eye clinic benefit dance at the regular meeting held in the Capitol Restaurant, Monday evening. The dance, which will be held in Union Gym on Wednesday evening, April 17, will feature round and square dances with Walter G. McNelly as master of ceremonies for the square dances. Music will be furnished by the Follansbee Cadets, musicians who made such a hit with the five hundred dancers who crowded the dance floor last year at this affair. A nominal admission fee is being charged in order that all members of families may attend the party, which is to be in the nature of family night, with entertainment features enjoyable to all ages.

Chairman Kunkel, in charge of arrangements announced that cakes for the cake walk are being donated by the Capitol Restaurant, Earl Petrucci and Clarence Wolfe.

The following men were named to assist the Entertainment Committee in conducting the dance: Lions McIntyre, Wolfe, Bell, Nicholls, Thomas Linn, Hamilton, Sciamanna, Longanecker, Wheeler, Wagner, Chambers, Aiken, Canning, Ralph Lee and Earl Petrucci.

Five hundred tickets were placed on sale this week, and from early reports a record crowd will attend the dance. The proceeds will be used for the eye clinic work of the club in providing sight-aid for under privileged children in this district.

President Murphy conducted a business session at which a letter of thanks from I. B. Sacks was read. Mr. Sacks, who is a patient at the Presbyterian hospital in New York City is reported as improving. He is receiving treatment, following an operation, in an effort to save the sight of an eye, which was injured when he fell on an icy street last winter.

An invitation from the Oil City club was read, urging local Lions to attend the state convention which will be held in that city on July 9, 10 and 11.

Scoutmaster Richard Holt, who was a guest of the club gave a short talk, in which he expressed the appreciation of the Lion Troop and the parents of the boys for the sponsorship by the club. He reported that he has 23 boys enrolled in the troop, 15 of whom are second class scouts. He expects to take a group of scouts to Washington this month to complete swimming tests to become first class scouts. In addition to the sponsorship of the Lions club, Mr. Holt reported that his boys have spent \$175 the past year for equipment and uniforms.

Mr. Holt requested that the new committee approve the selection of Rocco Boni for assistant scout master. Mr. Boni has recently spent several days at Camp Calhoun receiving scout training.

The club voted to continue sponsorship of the Lions Troop for the ensuing year.

Superintendent of Schools H. L. Tennyson requested that the club cooperate with the schools in establishing a dental clinic here. He asked that the club assist in raising funds to purchase dental equipment. The matter was referred to the Board of Directors for action.

Lions Complete Plans for Eye Clinic Benefit
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 11, 1940 Edition

DANCE OF LIONS CLUB TOMORROW EVENING

First Big Social Event of Local
Club to be Held in High
School Gymnasium

The first big social event of the Burgettstown Lions Club will be the President's Birthday Ball to be held in the gymnasium of the Union high school tomorrow (Thursday) evening. Advance sale of tickets indicates that the function will be one of the most largely attended ever held in the community.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the ball, composed of J. Ralph Lee, chairman, and Earl C. Petrucci, B. E. Sloan, W. J. Pyle and H. L. Baker, announces everything in readiness and expectations for a particularly enjoyable evening.

Ken Morris and his orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. This is one of the crack dance orchestras of the country, with a reputation that places the group among the top notchers. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock sharp, and continue until 1 o'clock. Many specialty numbers will be presented by the orchestra.

The ball is purely a charitable affair. Of the proceeds 30 per cent will be donated to the Warm Springs Foundation for the benefit of research work in combatting infantile paralysis, and 70 per cent will be retained by the Lions Club for charitable work in the local community. The club has used all its available funds in donations to charitable causes in the community, and it is hoped the returns from the ball will be sufficient to set up a good fund for future charities.

Tickets may be obtained from members of the committee or at stores in town where window cards indicate tickets are on sale. The members of the club are hoping to meet all their friends at the ball.

Keep the date and place in mind: Thursday evening, January 30th, from 9 to 1, in the Union high school gym.

**LION DELEGATE REPORTS
ON ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Don Whalen, secretary of the Burgettstown Lions Club, who represented the local club at the annual convention of the Lions International, held at Providence, Rhode Island, last week, returned home a few days ago and has submitted an interesting report of the convention.

Mr. Whalen states the convention was the most largely attended of any in the history of Lion Club organization. More than 5000 delegates were present, representing every state in the United States and two foreign countries. It was estimated the Lions spent something like a quarter of a million dollars at Providence while in attendance at the convention.

Admiral Richard E. Byrd, noted explorer, Prof. L. H. Phillips of Purdue University and Colonel Drew of Canada were principal convention speakers.

Edward Kingsley of Parkersburg, W. Va., was elected the new president of Lions International.

Lions Club Donates To Honor Roll Funds

Burgettstown Lions heard a message from Atty. Max Applebaum, member of the Pittsburgh Round Table, at a regular session of the club Monday evening. Atty. Applebaum spoke on the "Individual Citizen's Responsibility in a Democracy," and W. P. Miller, president, reports that the message was well received as indicated by the number of members who congratulated the speaker at the close of the evening.

The Board of Directors of the club voted to pledge \$250 to the permanent honor roll in Burgettstown and \$100 to the Slovan honor roll.

It's "Peachie's Night" At McCashin Hall



It was "Peachie's Night" Friday at McCashin Hall, where over 225 attended and joined the Lions Club in honoring Earl C. Petrucci as the 1979 Citizen of the Year.

He is shown above holding a plaque presented to him on behalf of the Lions by J. R. Lee.

Shown admiring the plaque is William Whalen, Burgettstown native, who is the National Park Service Director.

Mr. Whalen, in addressing the crowd, thanked "Peachie" and his wife, Grace, for their help with the young people of the community.

"His words of encouragement, pats on the head and good feelings were appreciated by all who grew up in Burgettstown," Whalen said.

Whalen described briefly his role with the National Park Service and the many functions it performs. He likened Mr. Petrucci to the Park Service for "stewardship" (making better lives for the community) and "self - fulfilling prophecy" (looking on the good side of life).

Also speaking about the honoree were his son, Earl Ray Petrucci; daughter, Sandra Gilbert; brother,

Eugene "Jimmy" Petrucci; and fellow Lion, Dr. A. J. Spanogians.

Additional plaques were presented to "Peachie" by cousins from Italy, and from Eto Maroni representing Kucher-Saska VFW Post 6955.

A delicious stuffed pork chop dinner was catered by Carl Filippini and his aides.

Jerry Martin was the toastmaster.
(Enterprise photo)

Earl "Peachie" Petrucci
"Peachie's Night" at McCashin Hall

Lions Elect And Plan Ladies' Night

Eighteen members of the Burgettstown Lion's club held a dinner meeting in Pompe's Restaurant to elect officers for the ensuing year and to plan for the annual Ladies' Night, and the entertainment of Burgettstown's liberated veterans, home on furlough.

The election resulted as follows: President, H. L. Tennyson; First Vice President, L. W. Coffey; Second Vice President, William P. Miller; Third Vice President, Henry Klugh; Secretary-Treasurer, B. J. Kenney; Directors, Phil Gray and T. C. Linn; Lion Tamer, Joseph Seibel; Tail Twister, I. B. Sacks.

I. B. Sacks and Earl Petrucci were named members of a committee to invite liberated G. I's who have been prisoners of war and are home on furlough to attend the next meeting of the club, July 9 as guests of the club.

Earl Petrucci, Ralph Lee and Fred Illig were named members of the committee to plan for Ladies' night on July 23.

Henry Quinet, Proprietor of the Quinet Beauty Salon was voted into membership.

Eugene Tucci – Citizen of the Year May 1993

It's a pleasure to be back with family members and among long-time friends. Even though I have spent most of the last twenty years away from here, the memories, the associations and the influences from my early years are a daily part of my life.

Not only did the years of growing up in Burgettstown shape my character and fate, but the person I am now is still partly the I was then.

It is good to keep in touch with that; it is marvelous to be here for such an honorable occasion. Needless to say, my whole family is thrilled that our main of every year is being honored tonight as the Lions Club's Citizen of the Year.

Both the community and it's civic organizations such as the Lions Club have always been important to my father. It is gratifying to have his efforts recognized. We have always been proud that Eugene Tucci is our father and we are especially so tonight.

This evening I would like to tell you a little about him as I have known him. My father is a simple man, an honest man and a man of strong and good character. His beginnings were humble. He was the only son of immigrant parents, the third of five children. His father died when he was three. At an early age he had to quit school to work to help support his family. He continued to work hard until his retirement ten years ago. He is a man of tremendous energy. I remember hearing him say that he never knew what it was like to be tired, until he was sixty-five. Previous to that he thought anyone who said he was tired was just lazy. I don't think I ever saw him just sit around during my growing years.

My father is a man of modest needs and tastes. His main goal has always seemed to be to provide for his family and to live honestly. When he earned money he did not spend it on himself, he spent it on his family. He was an automobile dealer who never drove a new car until he retired, his usual attire was his coveralls, his favorite entertainment was the Union High School football games. During our growing years he worked hard to feed, clothe, house and educate us. From a very young age I remember having him tell me and my brothers that he was saving money for our college educations because he much wanted for us to have the opportunity for an education.

My father has always been a giving person and seems truly happiest giving of himself, his time and his energy.

I think my father was a successful businessman because he is intelligent and personable. His business motto was "Not better than the rest but as good as the best.". That is how he tried to live his life and conduct his business. He tried to do things in a professional way. I remember once after a dental check-up; he received a bill from Dr. Spiegel which included a charge for "Analysis of Roxanne's X-rays". Not to be outdone by the dental profession the next time the Spiegel's car was in the garage for service the Spiegels received a comparable bill from my father for "Analysis of the Spiegel's car's engine." And, since the car was not a Dodge it probably need therapy also.

One of my father's favorite stories to tell you about my Dad, is a kind of family secret. Whenever someone complained to him about some problem with their car and after he or she was out of

earshot Dad would say: "There's nothing wrong with that car, he just doesn't know how to drive it."

What was it like growing up with Eugene Tucci as my father? He so obviously had a tremendous pride in his family and as his child you wanted to be worthy of it. Sometimes it was even embarrassing; for too many years, a picture of "Our Roxy" graced the several hundred calendars given out by Tucci's Garage every Christmas. He was that proud of me and my brothers.

Dad taught us by thought and by example. He was always telling us to work hard, especially in school. He always taught us to be thrifty, to do our share and give our share for any our endeavors or obligations. He was busy with business and civic obligations but he always had time for us. In fact, we were first. If we called him with some problem he often came home to help us solve it. He took us to places we need or wanted to go, even to and from school dances when the last person we wanted to be seen with was a father.

He made sure we were able to attend activities as diverse as Brownie Scouts and college weekends. I think I can speak for my brother Bob who could not be here tonight. For three years my father took Bob to the Soldier's and Sailor's Hall in Pittsburgh on Sundays during the orchestra season to rehearse with the Youth Symphony. His dedication and sacrifice helped Bob become a professional musician. We always knew that we came first with our parents.

When I think of my father the characteristics that are prominent in my mind are patience, kindness and generosity.

My brothers and I did a lot of dumb things in our growing years but Dad always took us in his stride. During my first driving lesson I promptly put the car in a ditch and he didn't even yell; he just walked two miles to call a tow truck. I never saw my father do a mean thing or hurt anyone or try to hurt anyone.

Then as now he has been generous to us, sharing everything he has. No children could ask for more.

As I said earlier, we are very proud that his community service is being recognized tonight and that Eugene Tucci is being honored. In closing I'd like to add a personal note. On Wednesday evening when I arrived in Burgettstown my mother showed me a copy of the Burgettstown Enterprise article describing tonight's program. When I saw my name listed as the principal speaker I must confess some mixed feelings. I felt awed and overwhelmed and frankly, I wanted to head out of town immediately. To me, principal speaker designates someone who ought to inspire, enlighten at least entertain his audience. I felt inadequate to deliver any of those things. However, it caused me to think about what of value I might have to say tonight. I realized then that my father has lived the "American Dream". He has shown that the poor son of immigrant parents could succeed in our society. Eugene Tucci was able to raise and support a family, be a successful businessman, run for political office, serve in local government and help others personally as a member of civic organizations like the Lions Club. And, he is now retired and living comfortably. In a sense it is remarkable, but in a great sense, his life is an example that others of us can aspire to hope we can achieve.

LIONS FAVOR DRIVE TO SECURE HUT FOR SCOUT GROUPS

Members of the Burgettstown Lions' club in regular session at the Capitol Restaurant on Monday evening, had a pre-observance of Boy Scout week which will be celebrated from February 7 to 13, by an animated discussion of possibilities for building a Scout Hut for local groups. It was stated during the discussion that land for such a project and the bricks necessary for the hut have already been donated, and it was the opinion of several sponsoring Lions that steps should be taken at once for a local campaign to secure the necessary funds to proceed with the project. The Boy Scouts at present are homeless, meeting whenever they can at the over-crowded Boro building. The progress of Scouting in Burgettstown, both among the boys and girls has been greatly hindered because of lack of a suitable meeting place.

The speaker for Monday's meeting was State Forester V. M. Bearer of Ligonier who spoke on "State Parks" and showed films concerning his work.

At the business meeting Sam Broida Elmer E. Harper and L. W. Bender were welcomed into the club. Secretary Wolfe read a thank you letter from the Friday club for assistance given by the Lions for the Christmas party for the Community's Children, which the Woman's club sponsored. A letter was read from the Pittsburgh Association for the Blind, inviting club members to a "Sucker Party" on February 7. Mr. Wheeler, program chairman reported that a guest speaker will tell the story of Anthracite, illustrated by films, at the February 10 meeting. On February 24, a representative from the Department of Revenue will be guest speaker and will help members untangle their income tax problems.

Louis Caplan reported that he had transported five children to the Eye clinic at Washington on January 15 and that three had been outfitted with glasses. Charles Scott volunteered transportation for the February 5 eye clinic, which Dr. Tibbens will conduct.

Lions Favor Drive to Secure Hut for Scout Groups

Burgettstown Enterprise, January 20, 1941 Edition

**More Than Required Number Charter
Members Has Been Secured for
Social Organization**

Efforts of Larry Slater, special representative of Lions International and a number of local business men have been successful in recruiting a sufficient number of men for the formation in the town of a Lions Club, of which brief mention was made in this paper last week. In fact, up to the time of the writing of this article more than a sufficient number to secure a charter has been registered.

The first meeting of the new organization will be held in the Clark Hotel dining room on Thursday evening of this week, at 6 o'clock Standard time. Townsmen operating on daylight saving time will call the hour 7 o'clock and it is hoped there will be no confusion over the time, as dinner will be served at the hour named.

Larry Slater will preside over the organization meeting and there are expected to be a number of visiting Lions present, coming from Pittsburgh, Washington and other neighboring towns. As the time of organization has been short, and there has been much to do in preparation, only a tentative program has been outlined. The election of officers for the club and other business incidental to new formation may be accomplished at the meeting on Thursday evening but it may be these matters will be deferred to a later session.

The organization of the Lions Club in Burgettstown is the realization of a hope of at least one business man of the community who has been endeavoring for a number of years to get the town on the map with a club of this kind. Repeated attempts to interest Kiwanis and Rotary met with failure, and as late as about six months ago the Lions International looked with no favor upon a petition for an affiliated club. When Mr. Slater called the interested man on the phone he was given hearty encouragement, and the club has resulted.

The Lions Club is the first of this kind that ever has been organized in Burgettstown. For years there have been strenuous attempts to organize the business men in some sort of group, but such organizations never flourished very long or very effectively. Comprehending vast superior objectives, the Lions Club should prove a real community asset.

Charter members of the Club, whose names are available at the moment are: C. F. Barr, H. L. Baker, I. Caplan, Dr. W. S. Clark, Dr. V. Dickson, A. A. Haines, C. A. Ham, Oscar Jackson, Thomas C. Linn, Lee, W. V. Lee, E. B. Maurey, I. McKinney, Dr. George L. McKee, Glenne Nicholls, Earl C. Petruc, N. Phillips, Boyd E. Sloan, Scott, Thomas A. Smith, R. W. S. Meyer, Don Whalen, W. J. Whalen, Jr., W. J. Whalen, Sr.

**Group Asks Charter for New Lions Club
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 15, 1935 Edition**

LIONS CLUB HAS ATTENDANCE CONTEST

A regular meeting of the Burgettstown Lions Club was held Monday evening, October 28, at Pompe's Restaurant.

An attendance contest was won by a team captained by Joseph Pusateri, over a team captained by Harold Malone. The teams follow:

Team No. 1 — Harold Malone, captain — John Antonetti, Ralph L. Bell, Morris Brownsky, Jack Cree, Charles Cunningham, James Dellaria, Bill Farnar, John Gilson, Angel Gonzalez, Don Hall, Willard Jackson, Emile Kowalski, Andrew Laurich, Manuel Martinez, Harold Murphy, Asa McCoy, D. L. Malone, Charles Pappas, Eugene Petrucci, Gus Repole, George Swanik, Richard Spitzer, Harold Schilling, John Stiffler, Charles Scott, Victor Testa, Eugene Vosburg, Jr., Larry Witherow, and Robert Hornak.

Team No. 2 — Joseph Pusateri, captain—Robert Bent, Elmo Bernola, Joe Caplan, Al Christy, Andy Dovec, Thomas Craig, Steve Dugas, Charles Fletcher, Al Fulton, Manuel Garcy, Phil Gray, David Harris, B. J. Kenney, Howard Kress, J. R. Lee, Thomas Linn, William Miller, Atillio Napolitano, Earl Petrucci, Armando Rapani, Dave Spiegel, Dr. A. Spanogians, Michael Schooles, William Sausser, Pete Secco, Eugene Tucci, and Paul Ward.

The club was honored with the presence of the District Governor, Price Jenkins, of the Oakland Club of Pittsburgh, who was the principal speaker. He gave an interesting talk, and then was asked to demonstrate the power of hypnosis. He did, with Charles Pappas and Joseph Pusateri as his subjects. It was one of the Lions best programs in a long time.

Paul Ward, gave a report on the Midget football.

Lions Club Has Attendance Contest
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 1957 Edition

LIONS HEAR TALK ON LEGAL MATTERS

"Your wife is no relative of yours, the first of the month, when the bills come in or any other time," Judge J. Boyd Crumrine informed 41 members and guests of the Lion's club at the regular January meeting held in Pompe's Private dining room on Monday evening, Judge Crumrine, Probate Judge of the Orphans Court of Washington County then enlarged on his subject, "The Matter of Wills." He said, a will can be written on any thing, a piece of paper, the back of an envelope, etc., that no set form is required, and that the only legal requirement is that the person writing the will be over 21 years of age. It is wise, said Judge Crumrine, that the writer be as brief as possible in specifying the disposition of his possessions after his death. He said no witnesses are necessary on writing a will, but that the ladies should be sure to sign their names in full, particularly after they have exercised their feminine prerogative of changing their minds by adding codicils or postscripts to a will already signed. Otherwise the postscripts are void.

Judge Crumrine summed up his talk by advising his listeners first to make a will and second, if such a will is at all complicated, to consult a lawyer to make sure that the will is written in such a manner that the Judge of the Orphans Court will interpret your desires after your death.

J. H. McIntyre, a past president presided in the absence of President Kunkel, who was ill. The speaker was presented by Program Chairman Wheeler, who first read a paper on the Founding of the Lions' clubs. Dr. G. L. McKee reported that four children have been fitted in glasses by the local club during December and that plans have been made to take five more children to the eye clinic in January.

LIONS PLAN HORSE SHOW

Burgettstown Lions Club members at their dinner meeting Monday evening at Durinzi's Restaurant, discussed the Horse Show planned for July 25. George Rhinehart, proprietor of the Golden Horse Ranch, was present to offer suggestions.

Mrs. M. L. Scott was winner of the ten dollar jack pot.

Lions Club Plans Horse Show
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1948 Edition

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Dr. Horner Talks
On Education Week

Dr. Meyer Horner of Washington, Pa., was guest speaker at a meeting of the Lion's club Monday evening in the private dining room of Pompe's restaurant. Dr. Horner, a well known educator in Washington County spoke on National Education Week. He stressed the fact that business should support an educational program as it pays dividends on a long term basis.

President Harry Tennyson announced that a membership contest, similiar to the one held several weeks ago, will be held again on November 26, at the next meeting. Members of the losing team will pay for the winners' dinner. Guest speaker at this meeting will be Ernest E. Brown, chairman of the Re-habilitation Program For Veterans in Washington County.

Zone Chairman W. J. McCashin reported that a zone meeting of District 2, Region 3, will be held at Waynesburg Thursday evening at 7:45 p. m., at the East End Restaurant. Several Burgettstown Lions plan to attend.

Members voted to cancel the second meeting in December as it falls on Christmas eve.

Lion Coffey announced that a "digging" project would be held Saturday afternoon, November 17, at the scout hut for the purpose of excavating a basement so the new furnace can be installed. Eight members volunteered their services for the project. (RAIN)

Lion's Club Hosts Speaker on Education Week
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 15, 1945

Lions Club Installs Officers Ladies' Night

The Burgettstown Lions Club held its annual Ladies' Night and installation of officers at Iannetti's Tavern, Route 22, Monday evening. One hundred twenty five Lions and their ladies were present to enjoy a steak or chicken dinner. W. P. Miller, retiring president, introduced District Governor Elect Eston Poorbaugh and District Governor Boyd S. Sharpe. The latter installed the new officers as follows: W. Harold Malone, president; J. M. Cunningham, first vice president; Ralph Fulton, second vice president; Phil Gray, third vice president; B. J. Kenney, secretary-treasurer; Avenear Christy, tail twister; Joseph Clark, lion tamer; and directors: M. L. Scott, John Foflygen, W. P. Miller, Eugene Tucci, Joseph Seibel.

It was announced that James F. Hillman had been elected an honorary member of the Lions Club and that his honorary scroll was being sent to him.

A highlight of the evening was the circulating of an extra addition of the Burgettstown Lion by newsboys Hallahan and Wheeler. The issue contained a summer schedule of activities and committee appointments. The latter arranged by President Harold Malone as follows: The chairman of each committee is named first.

ATTENDANCE: R. E. Fulton, T. C. Linn, W. J. Whalen, Dr. David Spiegel, M. L. Scott, I. B. Sacks.

MEMBERSHIP: John Foflygen, A. H. Kunkel, R. H. Meisenhelder, Steve Dugas, D. L. Malone.

PUBLICITY: A. L. McCoy, E. S. Wheeler, Dr. David Spiegell, Joseph Caplan, E. H. Vosburg.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: B. J. Kenney, Dewey McCreight, J. B. Walker, Eugene Tucci.

LIONS EDUCATION: Joseph Seibel, Rev. W. J. McCashin, H. L. Tennyson, Wallace Coffey, Charles Ulmer.

PROGRAM: J. M. Cunningham, W. P. Miller, George Dugas, J. R. Lee, Avenear Christy.

SIGHT CONSERVATION: Charles Argentine, P. J. Sciamanna, M. W. Murphy, Dan Capozzoli, Jack M. Noy, Dr. Angelo Spanogians.

BOYS & GIRLS: E. C. Petrucci, E. F. Charlier, W. V. Lee, Rob't Shaffer, Joseph Clark.

CONVENTION: Paul Deliere, Dushin Nicksick, Earl Lawson, Joseph Seibel, H. L. Tennyson.

SAFETY: Enos Smith, Dr. Angelo Spanogians, Fred Leib, Dushin Nicksick.

EDUCATION: James Kimberland, W. P. Miller, Ermil Caleffie, E. V. Sciamanna, M. L. Scott.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT: I. B. Sacks, Charles Scott, Lou Caplan, Ed. Hamilton, Wayne Culley, Wm. Lawson.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT: E. V. Sciamanna, R. L. Bell, Ed. Lukon, L. E. Foster, Harold Horovitz.

CITIZENSHIP & PATRIOTISM: W. J. Whalen, Wallace Coffey, Alfred Chritsy, Steve Dubich, Michael Beharry.

FINANCE: L. R. McKinney, E. F. Charlier, J. C. Wolfe, B. J. Kenney.

HEALTH & WELFARE: Rev. W. J. McCashin, Dr. G. L. McKee, Phil Gray, H. L. Buckwalter.

**Lions Club Installs Officers
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1948**

ATTEND LION'S CLUB SHOW

Mr. and Mrs. James Todoverto of Langeloth attended the Outdoor Show held by Lion's clubs of the Southwestern district in Forbes Field, Monday evening and were fortunate in being awarded prizes from the Penny Sale Ticket project. They won a Westinghouse Console Radio and Phonograph and a Flint Hollow Ground Vanadium Host Carving set. The show was held to benefit Polio victims.

Lions Club holds Outdoor Show
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 1, 1949 Edition

LIONS SPONSER SALES TO AID UNFORTUNATES

Local Club Will Supervise Sale of
Articles Made by Blind Workers
of Pittsburgh Branch

The following statement, relative to a charitable activity being sponsored by the local Lions Club, has been submitted for publicity by the chairman of the committee in charge of the movement:

"Practically every home uses rugs, tea towels, ironing board covers, and aprons. These are a few of the articles made by the blind workers of the Pittsburgh Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind.

"This display and sale, sponsored by the Burgettstown Lions Club, will be held February 27th, 28th and 29th in the room formerly occupied by the Ladies Shoppe, Katzenmyer building.

"The Burgettstown Lions, always interested in doing something worthwhile, are making a special effort to increase the sales of the Association for the Blind, as their contribution to that work. They are not taking any subscriptions for money but are offering for sale articles which everyone needs and must buy somewhere. These products, which may be seen and examined by all interested, are all made of the best quality and workmanship is equal to that of any sighted workman producing the same articles.

"You will have three days in which to visit this exhibit, sponsored by the local Lions, Thursday and Friday, the 27th and 28th from 1:00 to 6:00; and Saturday the 29th from 9:00 to 9:00.

"It is the sincere hope of the Lions that at some time during this exhibit you will visit the store and examine the articles for your own satisfaction."

Lions Meet

Post-war planning for the development of aeronautics in this district occupied the attention of Burgettstown Lions at their regular dinner meeting in the Capitol restaurant on Monday evening. Rev. W. J. McCashin, President, who conducted an informal discussion session appointed Charles Scott, local aeronautics enthusiast to meet with members of the State Game Commission relative to securing a site to be prepared for a landing field, should the demand arise at a future date. Mr. Scott turned over to the club, the results of surveys he has made as to suitable locations in this district for such a field. George R. Lewis, member of the Union High school faculty was welcomed into the club as a member. Mr. Lewis, who teaches Mathematics and Aeronautics at Union was in opinion that the development of such a project in this district could prove of real value to Burgettstown in the expected post-war period of development and expansion. Commercial possibilities of such a project were discussed by members. Assistant Principal of U.H.S. William P. Miller and Leonard Dunegan of the U.H.S. faculty were voted into membership in the club. Afa McCoy of Center avenue was the guest of Lion Coffey at the dinner. Sixteen members were present.

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Lions Meet

Burgettstown Enterprise-January 13, 1944 Edition

LION'S CLUB MEETING

Thirty members of the Lion's club held a dinner meeting in Pompe's Restaurant on Monday evening and heard an interesting talk by John Durno, Greensburg, regional executive of the Southern District of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Durno discussed Youth Problems and the Proper Approach by a Personal Interest in Youth.

Mr. Eichelberger of Washington, District Deputy Governor, A. C. Braun, Secretary of Blind Work for the Washington Lions and "Doc" McCreery of Hickory were guests of the club. Mr. McCreery, a blind man presented samples of work that is being done at the Washington school for the Blind, which has been established in Bronson House, Washington under the sponsorship of the Washington Lions club.

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Spirited Contest At Lions Club Brings Out 45

A spirited drive for perfect attendance at the Lion's Club meeting Monday evening in Pompe's restaurant brought out forty-five members. Guest speaker at the meeting, District Governor Walter W. Turner of Meadville was introduced by the chairman Reverend W. J. McCashin. Mr. Turner reported that the national organization now has a membership of over 350,000 in 14 countries. He announced that there would be no international convention this year, and reminded members that a state convention would be held next June in Pittsburgh.

Deputy District Governor John Eckelberger of Washington, Pa., extended his congratulations to the club on the fine work of Secretary McKinney for sending reports in promptly and complete every month last year.

Next meeting of the organization will be held September 24, when a full attendance is expected as Burgettstown will be host to members from surrounding clubs with the first zone meeting of the year.

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LIONS NAME KEY COMMITTEE MEN

President E. S. Wheeler announced appointment of committees to serve the ensuing year at the dinner meeting of the Lions Club in the Capitol Restaurant on Monday evening.

First Vice President—J. R. Lee.

Attendance:—J. R. Lee Chairman, Gus J. Barbush, E. F. Petrucci, S. G. Nicholls.

Finance:—J. C. Wolfe, Chairman, L. R. McKinney, F. H. Illig, M. W. Murphy, T. C. Linn.

Membership: — E. F. Petrucci, Chairman, I. B. Sacks, P. J. Sciamanna, A. H. Kunkel.

Program:—H. L. Tennyson, Chairman, Ed. Hamilton, R. H. Bell, W. R. Shiner, Charles H. Scott, L. Caplan.

Constitution and By-Laws:—M. W. Murphy, Chairman, R. L. Bell, Gus D. Barbush, G. W. Wagner, W. S. Clark.

Second Vice President, W. J. Whalen.

Lions Education:—Lee R. McKinney, Chairman, J. H. McIntyre, J. R. Lee, H. C. Colesberry.

Convention:—L. Caplan, Chairman, J. O. Fredericks, G. W. Wagner, W. S. Clark.

Sight Conservation and Blind:—Dr. G. L. McKee, Chairman, Dr. W. H. Tomaseski, Dr. A. M. Williams, T. A. N. Hindman, W. K. Power.

Boys and Girls:—T. C. Linn, Chairman, A. H. Kunkel, J. C. Wolfe, H. L. Tennyson, Oscar Jackson, F. H. Illig.

Citizenship and Patriotism:—W. J. McCashin, Chairman, L. W. Bender, H. C. Colesberry, J. O. Fredericks, B. E. Sloan.

Third Vice President—W. S. Clark
Publicity:—E. C. Petrucci, Chairman, E. H. Vosburg, W. J. Whalen, Ed. Hamilton, Sam Broida.

Civic Improvement: — Sam Broida, Chairman, S. G. Nicholls, Oscar Jackson, Gus S. Barbush, W. R. Shiner.

Community Betterment: — I. B. Sacks, Chairman, Gus D. Barbush, E. C. Petrucci, Charles H. Scott.

Education:—E. H. Vosburg, Chairman, W. K. Power, P. J. Sciamanna, S. T. Powell.

Health and Welfare:—Dr. W. H. Tomaseski, Chairman, Dr. G. L. McKee, Dr. Hindman, Dr. Williams, S. T. Powell.

Safety:—S. T. Powell, Chairman, W. J. Whalen, L. W. Bender, J. R. Lee.

PLANS ARE COMPLETE FOR LIONS CLUB BALL

Committee Secures Famous Orchestra
And Completes Other Details
For President's Ball

The President's Birthday Ball, sponsored by the Burgettstown Lions Club, will be held in the Union high school gymnasium on Thursday evening, January 30th, with music by Ken Morris and his orchestra, an outstanding musical organization of excellent reputation. The committee, composed of J. R. Lee, chairman, and Earl C. Petrucci, B. E. Sloan, W. J. Pyle and H. L. Baker, has been "on their toes" arranging for the event and now announce readiness to distribute tickets.

Tickets will be available from members of the committee and others to be designated later, and will also be placed on sale in many of the stores and business places of the community. The function is purely charitable, and 70 per cent of the net proceeds will remain in Burgettstown to be set aside as a fund to be used in cases of infantile paralysis as needs may arise.

No political considerations are involved in this movement. The birthday anniversary of the President of the United States is being used as indicated, and only for the reason that the President, himself, was a sufferer from the dread disease. Those interested in this charitable affair are in no particular sense interested in the political fortunes of any one.

Last January 30th the people in every corner of the land enjoyed a good deed and a good time. They held charity balls in honor of the President's birthday, and sent most of the net proceeds, amounting to about a million dollars, to the Warm Spring Foundation, established in Georgia for the treatment of infantile paralysis cases.

So, the coming January 30th promises to be a happy birthday, not only for the President, but for the Nation as well.

A safe prediction for the new year is that the President's national birthday ball will mark another long step toward conquering infantile paralysis.

Plans are Complete for Lions Club Ball
Burgettstown Enterprise - January 15, 1936 Edition

Lion's Club Presents Telebinocular To Schools



The Enterprise photographer presents a picture taken this week at Union high school, showing the presentation of a Keystone Telebinocular Visual Survey Machine, which the Burgettstown Lion's club purchased for use in the local schools at a cost of \$226.00.

The machine is being presented to Supervising Principal of Schools William P. Miller by Joseph Pusateri, President of the Lion's club. An interested spectator is Mrs. Elizabeth Garcy, school nurse.

The machine, an eye screening device for use in schools is given by the Lion's club as this year's project in its' sight-saving campaign. The machine will be used to screen all pupils to locate any type of visual defects. Parents are then notified by the school and advised to take children to a consulting physician.

**Lion's Club Presents Telebinocular Visual Survey Machine to School
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 23, 1953 Edition**

President's Birthday Ball Scheduled by Lions Club

The local Lions Club will sponsor a ball to be held in the Union high school auditorium on the evening of January 30th, uniting with more than 5,000 other towns and cities in the President's birthday party. The committee in charge of the event is composed of J. Ralph Lee, chairman; Earl C. Petrucci, B. E. Sloan, W. J. Pyle and H. L. Baker.

The purpose of this Birthday Ball for the President is to establish through the direct help of the citizens of the country an endowment fund, so that the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation and other agencies engaged in the fight against infantile paralysis may carry on the national crusade. Seventy per cent of the proceeds will go to the community in which they are raised; thirty per cent will be sent to Warm Springs Foundation.

And the best of it is that everyone can take part. It need not even be done in a spirit of self-sacrifice, for there is no one who will not enjoy the Birthday Ball for the President. So come to the ball and be gay. Be doubly gay, for your good time will be doubled by the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing good.

Infantile paralysis (acute anterior poliomyelitis) accounts for 27.26 per cent of the cripples among children. Every year some 10,000 youngsters are struck down, and in epidemic years the toll of this disease increases to 40,000. Until a comparatively short time ago so little was known about the disease that the stricken ones were absolutely without hope.

It was the first President Roosevelt who first stirred public interest in cripples by inviting to the White House in 1909 the social workers' conference on dependent children. The desire for knowledge with which to conquer infantile paralysis was intensified by the sufferings of the victims of epidemics in Vermont and New York during the period of 1914-1916, when in New York City alone 6,574 surviving children required clinical treatment.

And now another President Roosevelt is taking the lead in this great fight against the scourge that can, in a few days, sweep up a child in the full bloom of health and cast him into a pit of terror and pain. Tremendous advances are being made in research, methods of treatment and preventive measures. All over the country the battle is being waged that will, it is hoped, eventually stamp out the dread disease entirely.

In 1925 President Roosevelt discovered that bathing in the water at Warm Springs was particularly efficacious in helping infantile paralysis victims. He was so impressed with his own and others' improvement that he decided in 1926 to conduct some experimental work. Twenty three patients were placed under observation, and at the end of their treatment a detailed report of each case was made to three prominent orthopedic surgeons. Each expressed unqualified approval of the establishment of a hydro-therapeutic center at Warm Springs, and on July 28, 1927, the Warm Springs Foundation was incorporated.

LIONS CLUB PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT DINNER

Town Service Group Interested in
Various Community Projects
of Pressing Need

Continued discussion of the project for the cleaning up of Raccoon creek through the borough, planting of trees along the highways and other matters connected with community progress marked the dinner meeting talks of members of the Lions Club on Monday evening.

In the absence of President Charles F. Barr, the meeting was presided over by Dr. George L. McKee, a vice president and one of the most competent leaders of thought in the group. A fried chicken and spaghetti dinner, served in the upper dining room of the Capitol Restaurant, was thoroughly enjoyed by an assemblage of about 25 Lions. Late-comers provided a lot of amusement by being subjected to the usual fine of a thin dime by the Tail Twister, who reported the collection of a couple of dollars from the tardy ones. One speaker was assessed a dime fine for an infraction of rules.

Brief remarks were made by Fred H. Illig, J. S. Palin, J. H. McIntyre, E. B. Maurey and Lee R. McKinney. Mr. Illig delivered a stirring address on home town boosting, and received much merited applause.

Secretary Don Whalen gave a detailed, but necessarily brief report of his visit as the delegate of the club to the International convention at Providence, Rhode Island. It was regretted that the time at Mr. Whalen's disposal was limited and his report could not cover much of the activities of the convention. Next year's convention is to be held at Chicago, and Edwin R. Kingsley of Parkersburg, W. Va., was elected president of the International for the ensuing year.

The names of two residents of the town were submitted for membership. As the club quota is now filled, these names will have to be held for vacancies.

Lions Club Problems Discussed at Dinner
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 13, 1936 Edition

Lions Roar Faintly.

About half the membership of the Lions Club turned out for the semi-monthly dinner meet at the Clark Hotel Monday evening. While the heat was intense outside, the dining room was comfortably cool and considerable business was transacted, including the election to membership of seven new applicants. The next dinner meet will be held in the Presbyterian church at Cross Creek on Tuesday evening, August 27th, in connection with meetings there of the Washigton and Donora clubs. The ladies are invited to this meeting. Dr. George L. McKee, vice president, presided over the Monday evening meeting in the absence of the president, Lee R. McKinney, who is absent on vacation.

SCOUT EXECUTIVE TELLS LIONS CLUB EXPANSION PLANS

Ray Weir of McDonald, district representative for Boy Scouts in the Burgettstown-McDonald district spoke to members of the Lions club at their regular meeting on Monday evening and outlined plans for the extension of Scouting in this area. Mr. Weir said there are now 1,400,000 men and boys enrolled in Scouting in the United States with 83 troops and a membership of 1840 scouts and 240 adults in the Washington-Greene County Council.

Working under Jack Watson, leader of the Washington-Greene County Council, Mr. Weir hopes to enlist the help of Burgettstown and McDonald men in the organization of a McDonald-Burgettstown Region. He said a survey has shown possibilities for the organization of 17 troops in this region. To date there are but three active troops, McDonald, the Burgettstown Lions Patrol and the Langeloth Scouts.

Secretary of the local club, Clarence Wolfe read a letter from the state organization, announcing a regional meeting in Pittsburgh, Wednesday evening, March 27. Lions McIntyre, Nicholls, Wheeler and Murphy were named to represent the local club at the meeting which was held in the Fort Pitt hotel, following a 6:30 banquet.

Mr. Wofe also read a letter concerning the International which will be held in Havannah, Cuba on July 23. He stated that a chartered boat for Lions on the Holland-American lines will sail from New York on July 20.

A. H. Kunkle, chairman of the entertainment committee announced that due to the fact that McDonald Lions are holding a dance on April 10, the dance to be sponsored by the local club has been postponed from April 10 to Wednesday, April 17, when the Follansbee Cadets will furnish music. The McDonald dance will be held in the high school gymnasium with music by Baron Elliott's orchestra.

It was announced that the state convention will be held in Oil City on June 9, 10 and 11 and that many of the local members are planning to attend.

**Scout Executive Tells Lions Club Expansion Plans
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 28, 1940 Edition**

Walker Addresses Club

At the Monday meeting of the Lions club John Walker, assistant superintendent at Morganza gave a very informative address on the system at the school. Thomas Linn reported that the stone masonry on the scout hut has been completed and that the carpenters are at work on the building. Mr. Wheeler announced that the executive board of the club has voted to contribute \$15 of club funds to the Friday club to be used to give a Christmas party for underprivileged children in the Burgettstown district.

SCOUT LEADERS BEGIN DRIVE FOR FUNDS TO BUILD COMMUNITY HOUSE

At the regular dinner meeting of the Lions club on Monday evening, with President E. S. Wheeler presiding, plans were outlined by Chairman Thomas Linn for a drive for funds this week end to secure money to erect a Scout Hut in the near future.

The Lions club, sponsor of Boy Scouts in Burgettstown has completed plans for a community-wide canvass to be made by members of the Boys and Girls Committee, the community Betterment committee and the Civic Improvement Committee with Thomas Linn as directing chairman. Members of the Girl Scout Committee of the Friday club will assist with the canvass.

Lack of proper clubroom facilities threatens to disrupt boy and girl scout activities and growth in this community. Realizing that such organizations for boys and girls are vital factors in the proper development of our youth, members of the Lions club and the Friday club have decided to take the matter right into the homes of the Community and ask for donations sufficient to pay the cost of erecting a Community building, that will serve as a meeting place for wholesome recreation and playtime activities for our boys and girls.

A building lot has been donated by T. C. Linn, at the top of Culley street and by courtesy of Oscar Jackson, has already been levelled and graded, so that the building of the hut can proceed as soon as the necessary funds are raised. The sponsoring organizations gave a dance early last

spring, and realized approximately \$200, which will be added to the Community fund to be raised for building purposes.

Sam Broida, a member of the Lions' Scout committee suggested that persons be generous in their contributions to this fund and deduct same from their income tax. A "V" Donors' list will be canvassed this week end and beginning the first of the week, a community wide canvass will be made.

Persons who are working on the Scout Committees are: Friday club—Mrs. J. R. Culley, Mrs. Warren Tope Mrs. Harry Tennyson, Mrs. C. S. McCormick and Mrs. Hayes Scott.

Lions Club: T. C. Linn, A. H. Kunkel, J. C. Wolfe, F. H. Illig, H. L. Tennyson, I. B. Sacks, Gus D. Barbush, E. C. Petrucci, Charles A. Scott, Sam Broida, S. G. Nicholls, Oscar Jackson and W. R. Shiner.

It has been suggested that all money contributed in this drive will be used right here at home for the benefit of the future citizens of Burgettstown. Generosity on the part of the donors will reap benefits a hundred-fold in Civic Betterment.

If you have a donation, and a solicitor does not reach you within the next few days, leave your contribution at the Burgettstown Enterprise office and proper credit will be given you on Burgettstown's Scout Roll of Honor.

A complete accounting of all funds collected will be made public as the drive progresses.

LIONS SPONSOR DINNER FOR TEAM

Members of the Burgettstown Lions club in regular meeting on Monday evening voted to give a testimonial banquet in honor of the Champions of Union high school. President Wheeler named H. L. Tennyson, E. H. Vosburg and W. J. Whalen, Jr., as a committee to make plans for the banquet.

The committee, meeting on Tuesday evening, decided the banquet should be held on Thursday evening, December 4, in the First United Presbyterian church. Tickets will sell for \$1.00 and anyone is eligible to attend. The committee anticipates that there will be a big demand for reservations. Tickets may be secured from club members on Friday, November 28.

Harold Malone, official broadcaster for Canning's victorious eleven will act as toastmaster. The speakers will include Stuart Holcomb, Coach of Washington and Jefferson Football eleven; J. C. Dunn, principal of the McDonald high school who is chairman of W.P.I.A.L. football committee and W. K. Evans, Superintendent of the Braddock schools and President of the W.P.I.A.L. Mr. Evans will present the local boys with a trophy at the banquet.

A feature of the entertainment will be movies of the McDonald game and of the Championship game.

Lion's Sponsor Dinner for Team
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 27, 1941 Edition

TWO NEW MEMBERS VOTED INTO LIONS

Supervising Principal of Schools H. L. Tennyson and Dr. W. H. Tomaseski of Slovan were voted into membership of the Lion's club at the regular meeting, Monday evening. Thirty members and two guests were present. The guest speaker was John Kingsley of Parkersburg, W. Va., past international president of the Lions who brought a message concerning the international convention which will be held in Pittsburgh, July 18, 19, 20, and 21, 1939 with headquarters in the William Penn hotel. He solicited aid from the local group in making preparations and in financing the 1939 convention.

A. H. Kunkle and Lee R. McKinney, chairman on arrangements for the Inter-club Guest night, reported that the event, to have been held this week has been indefinitely postponed. Members of the Washington club have been invited to participate the meeting at a future date.



The Lions Corner

The Burgettstown Lions, at the direction of its Board of Directors, began in mid-September to investigate the possibility of sponsoring a Halloween party for the area's children. This was originally intended to be in lieu of the traditional door-to-door "trick or treating" that has become a source of concern in many communities in the past several years. It was the intent of the organization to solicit donations from residents and area businesses and to provide parties in three centrally located areas for all children from preschool to grade six. The parties were to be held on the same evening, at the same time to avoid overlapping attendance and were to be supervised by Lions and other volunteers.

The children were to be provided with refreshments, games, entertainment and prizes for costumes. In addition, there would have been treats for the children to take home.

The preliminary investigation showed that indeed this is a worthwhile alternative to the present situation; however, it also proved that such a project must be started long before September. The sheer logistics of staging three parties simultaneously in such a large area as our school district was only the first obstacle. To ensure that the project worked well, all municipalities would have to be contacted and would have to agree to eliminate door-to-door "trick or treating." The Lions would have to solicit donations or would have to conduct additional fundraisers to finance the project. Three separate sites would have to be secured that would provide protection in case of inclement weather. Scheduling of volunteers would be neces-

sary. And naturally, "treats" would have to be purchased for the children of the area who chose to attend.

Finally, a method of governing which children, and how many, would attend each party would have to be developed. It was hoped that the local school district would cooperate with the Lions Club on this matter.

Needless to say, the project is not one that will see reality this month, nor is it one that will be forgotten. Since it has been brought to the forefront again this year, it has been constantly gaining support. Area residents who have heard of it are enthusiastic. Parents of smaller children feel it is a safer, saner way to have their children celebrate the holiday.

The merits of the program are undeniable. Smaller children would not be walking the streets at dusk—the worst time of the day for accidents. Parents would be assured that all food and treats are safe—an increasing concern every year. Communities would not be victimized by van loads of trick-or-treaters who travel from one community to another as the scheduled times and dates change from one municipality to another.

Police could concern themselves with the "prankster" element on Halloween rather than with watching over the smaller children who normally would be their major concern. Parents would know exactly where their children were, who was supervising them, and when they would be home.

The Lions are committed to a safe Halloween in our communities. We will be working toward that end throughout the coming year.

The Lions Corner

Burgettstown Enterprise-October 16, 1985 Edition



The Lions Corner

CITRUS SALE TO BEGIN

The Burgettstown Lions will be conducting a citrus fruit sale over the next few weeks as a fund raiser which they hope to initiate as an annual fund drive. Lions Club members will be selling 2/5 and 4/5 bushels of pink grapefruit, Hamlin oranges, tangelo oranges and navel oranges, boxed and shipped from Florida in time for the Christmas holidays.

All fruit is guaranteed shipment within three days of being picked from the tree. Look for additional information next week in the Lions Corner or contact a Lions Club member. In hopes of increasing Lions' support of Lion and local charities, the Lions plan to make this the annual major fund-raiser each year.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADDRESSES LOCAL LIONS

Thomas A. Pietrzak, District Governor of District 14-M of the Interna-

tional Association of Lions Clubs, addressed the local Lions on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Rae Lynn's Restaurant. Accompanying the District Governor were Garland Campbell, Deputy District Governor, and Bob Phillips, Zone Chairman. District Governor Pietrzak congratulated the local organization for its active support of Lions charities and urged continued efforts by the Burgettstown Lions.

The District Governor also emphasized two Lions programs, Drug Awareness in the Schools and Diabetes Screening. Pietrzak urged the Burgettstown Club to investigate them and to consider their adoption in our area. The emphasis on diabetes screening lies in the fact that diabetes in the number one cause of blindness that is preventable if it is detected in sufficient time. Both programs are to be investigated by the board of directors.

The Lions Corner

Burgettstown Enterprise-October 23, 1985 Edition

Lions Club to Sponsor Ball.

The first major social function to be held by the local Lions Club will be held on the evening of January 30th, if present plans do not go awry. The matter is still in the prospective stage, due to uncertainty as to whether a suitable hall can be secured for the event. It is hoped the high school auditorium may be available, but this has not as yet become assured. The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of J. R. Lee, chairman, and Earl C. Petrucci, B. E. Sloan, W. J. Pyle and H. L. Baker. The President's Birthday Ball has become a National annual institution, the objective being to raise funds for the relief of victims of infantile paralysis. This is one activity in which Mr. Roosevelt is vitally interested, due to his own affliction. It has no political significance whatever, except such prestige that naturally comes from any movement having endorsement of a prominent personage.

VISIT CECIL HUT

Members of the Lions club engaged in a round table discussion at the regular dinner meeting on Monday evening in the Capitol restuarant concerning plans for the proposed Scout Hut, which the club is sponsoring. After the meeting adjourned, President E. S. Wheeler, and Messrs Kunkel, Broida, Frederick and Linn motored to Cecil to inspect the Portable Scout Hut used by Cecil Scouts. They report they were well pleased with this type of building.

Visit Cecil Hut

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 14, 1941 Edition



MISS VIVIAN VANCE

Soloist with Ken Morris and his orchestra to be heard at the Lions Ball at the high school gym tomorrow night.

W. & J. President Addresses Lions Club

James H. Case, president of Washington and Jefferson college was guest speaker at the Burgettstown Lion's Club dinner meeting in Durinzi's Monday evening.

A request from B.V.F.D. for a change of dates for meeting night was vetoed, and the club will continue to meet the second and fourth Mondays. Plans were advanced for Ladies' Night and Installation of officers to be held in June.

President W. H. Malone, B. J. Kenney, J. Clarence Wolfe and D. L. Malone were appointed to attend a zone meeting of the Perry Lions Club, Wexford on Thursday evening.

Resolutions of respect on the death of Lion Joseph H. Seibel were presented by T. C. Linn, Rev. W. J. McCashin and Ralph Fulton and were adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst, our esteemed and worthy fellow member,

LION JOSEPH H. SEIBEL

AND WHEREAS, The pleasant and agreeable relationship which he has had with the Lions Club of Burgettstown, renders it eminently fitting and proper that we should record our feeling of appreciation of his services and our regret for his loss, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Lions Club of Burgettstown will ever hold in grateful remembrance, the excellent qualities, the integrity, patience, and fair-mindedness displayed by our late fellow member, LION SEIBEL, who was always active, faithful in attendance, and zealous in the performance of his duties, prompt to advance the interests of Lionism and devoted to its welfare and prosperity.

RESOLVED, That the sudden removal by death of our esteemed fellow citizen and loyal friend from the earthly position which he so faithfully occupied, creates a vacancy not easily filled, and while we bow in humble submis-

sion to the Divine Will of the Most High, we do not the less mourn for our fellow member and neighbor who has been called from his labor to rest, and as fellow members, fully realize and deeply deplore the loss occasioned to our Club and to the community at large.

RESOLVED, That we, the members of The Lions Club of Burgettstown, hereby extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved wife and family of the deceased, hoping that even in the sadness of their affliction, they may yet find some consolation in knowing that the true worth of his private qualities and the value of his public services are properly and profoundly appreciated.

RESOLVED, That the foregoing Resolutions be properly recorded in full in the minutes of The Lions Club of Burgettstown as of the twenty-fifth day of April, 1949; that a copy be presented to the bereaved wife of our deceased member and friend, and that they be published in The Lions Club of Burgettstown Bulletin and The Burgettstown Enterprise.

THE LIONS CLUB OF BURGETTSTOWN

By:

Thos. C. Linn
Ralph E. Fulton
W. J. McCashin
Committee on Resolutions

**Lions Club-W & J President Addresses Lions Club
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 28, 1949 Edition**

LIONS' CLUB WILL DINE FOOTBALL SQUAD

Union high school 'gridmen' will be guests of the Burgettstown Lion's Club Monday, December 17 at a football banquet it was decided at the regular meeting Monday night. Lion Bill Miller is in charge of arrangements for the banquet to be held in the private dining room of Pompe's restaurant.

Guest speaker at Monday's meeting was Ernest E. Brown director of the Vetreans' Re-Habilitation Center in Pittsburgh. Mr. Brown explained the five point program of the G. I. Bill of Rights and at the conclusion of his talk conducted a question and answer period.

Chris Maropis, president of the Union high school Hi-Y club, and James Lee, vice president, attended the meeting and presented the club with a check of \$50 to be used for the scout hut furnace. I. B. Sacks reported that to date \$300 had been collected of the \$600 goal necessary for the new furnace.

Program chairman Bill Miller told the group that a representative of the Pennsylvania Railroad safety division would be guest speaker at the next meeting December 10.

Members whose names were included in the upper half of the alphabet were winners of the attendance contest again with 22 contestants present. Eighteen members of the other team tasted defeat for the second time this fall.

Lion's Club Will Dine Football Squad
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 28, 1945

LIONS WILL HOLD APRIL DANCE FOR EYE CLINIC FUND

Members of the Burgettstown Lions club will hold their annual spring dance in the high school gymnasium on Wednesday evening, April 10. The affair, which promises to be one of the largest social events of the spring season, is being arranged by the local Lions club to raise funds to continue the eye clinic work among this Community's under-privileged children. The entire proceeds of the dance will be used to send children from this district to the Washington eye clinic, where treatment is recommended and given and they are fitted for glasses. The local group has a fine record of achievement in this work during recent years. As a result of their efforts many children with defective vision have been aided to better sight, who otherwise could not have received such help.

A. H. Kunkel, chairman of the Entertainment committee of the club is general chairman for the dance. Assisting him will be H. L. Tennyson, E. S. Wheeler, Paul Longan-ecker and E. H. Vosburg.

The Follansbee Cadets, popular dance orchestra, who made such a hit with Burgettstown dancers at last year's Lion's dance will again play for this year's fete, returning by popular demand.

Tickets for the dance will be placed on sale next week and may be secured from any member of the club.

**Lions Will Hold April Dance for Eye Clinic
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 21, 1940 Edition**



The Lions Corner

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Burgettstown Enterprise-November 27, 1985 Edition

LIONS AND LION TAMERS FEAST AT ANNUAL FETE

Renewed interest in the social service aims of the Lions club was seen at the annual installation and ladies' night dinner held Monday evening at the Fort Pitt Inn, when members pledged themselves to participate in a campaign to "up" attendance at regular meeting and to continue the program of "vision" aid to under privileged children.

Twenty Lions and their ladies were pleasantly entertained at dinner and by specialty acts by the Carroll family. After a business meeting conducted by retiring president, J. H. McIntyre the remainder of the party was devoted to dancing.

Mr. McIntyre gave a splendid report of the activities of the club for the year just ended. He stated that glasses had been provided for 22 children, the funds to purchase same having been raised at dances and parties given by the club during the year.

Honorable mention for faithful attendance was given the following members of the club: Dr. G. L. McKee, with a 100 per cent perfect record; also A. H. Kunkel, Louis Caplan, John McIntyre, Glenne Nicholls, E. S. Wheeler, Paul Longanecker, E. H. Vosburg and J. R. Lee and Lion Tennyson, whose record shows attendance at 10 out of 12 meetings since he joined the group, January 1.

Mr. McIntyre asked the members to give their support to incoming President M. W. Murphy during the Lions' fifth year here. He called for remarks from Past Presidents McKinney and McKee, and introduced the new official family for the group: President Murphy, Secretary-Treasurer J. Clarence Wolfe; first vice president, A. H. Kunkel, second vice president, Louis Caplan, third vice president, Glenne Nicholls, Lion Tamer, I. B. Sacks and Tail Twister Paul Longanecker.

Appreciation for the fine work accomplished by President McIntyre during his administration was shown when the club gave him a hearty ovation as he symbolically passed his gavel to Mr. Murphy.



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MARIE—HELENA LODGE

The Marie-Helena Lodge No. 203 of Raccoon, held its regular monthly meeting on February 3, in Argenta's Hall. It was a regular business meeting. Mrs. Lena Washico of Munhalle District Deputy of Washington county, was present, and a new member, Mrs. Mary Restaino was installed into membership.

Next meeting will be held on March 3, 1941, in Argenta's Hall, at 6:30 p. m.

RACCOON LODGE HAS 1ST BIRTHDAY

The Marie-Helena Lodge No. 203, met Sunday at 2 p. m., in Argenta Hall for the purpose of installing newly elected officers. Mrs. Lena Washico, district deputy of Washington County, was presented with a corsage of white snap-dragons, by Leona DeHiere, in behalf of the members. She conducted the installation of officers assisted by several other grand officers. D. D. Lena Washico presented Ex-Bard Rena De Valkeneer, the out-going Over-Barden, in behalf of the officers of the Marie-Helena Lodge, for her service as Over-Barden the past year. After a few words of thanks, Mrs. De Valkeneer presented D. D. Lena Washico with a gift of appreciation for the assistance rendered the officers, on behalf of the cers.

D. D. Lena Washico presented Ex-Barden Rena DeValkeneer with a gift, on behalf of the officers of Marie-Helena, in appreciation for her services this past year. Mrs. DeValkeneer responded and then presented D. D. Lena Washico with a gift for her assistance in behalf of the retiring officers.

Several members of the Cealla Lodge No. 201 were also present. Before the closing of the meeting, Ex Barden, Rena De Valkeneer announced that it was the first anniversary of Marie-Helena Lodge No. 203, and a plate lunch was served.

Raccoon Lodge has 1st Birthday

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The Marie-Helena Lodge No. 203, met Monday evening in Argenta Hall with O. Barden Frances Lander, presiding. After a regular business meeting, two new members, Frances De Valkeneer and Vera Culley, were initiated. A bank was set on the O. Barden's desk and each member contributed a cash donation, which is to be presented to Mrs. Julia Gerard, as a stork gift. Mrs. Gerard gave birth to a baby girl in Washington hospital, Sunday, July 6. Sunday, July 20, was set as the installation date.

Marie Helena Lodge No. 203

Dunwoodytown Enterprise July 10, 1944 P. 11

**D. O. H. LODGE
IS ORGANIZED
AT RACCOON**

Officers of the D. O. H. Lodge of Pittsburgh organized a Chapter in Raccoon, Sunday January 14 at 2 p. m. Thirty-eight members were received. The charter will be kept open for 6 months for new members. The district officers, Messrs. Coates, Gfoss, Koontz and Warsnic and Deputy, Mrs. Lena Washico initiated the new members after which installation of officers was held as follows, Elsie Danek, Ex Barden; Rena DeValkeneer, Over Barden; with Leona Deliere, R. H. Assist.; Mary C. Gilbert L. H. Assistant; Under Barden, Mary O. Gilbert; with R. H. Assistant, Francis Lander; L. H. Assistant, Gertrude Vigero n; Guide, Rena J. DeValkeneer; Warden, Fifi Kristoff; Secretary, Margaret Deliere; Treasurer, Mary DePaul; Inner guard Iene Lander and Outer guard, Dora Kristoff.

This Chapter was named Marie Helena, D. O. H. Lodge No. 203.

Members of the Cecilia, D. O. H. Lodge of Cecil were present and assisted in the installation of officers.

Lunch was served by the members.

The meetings will be held the second Sunday of each month.

This is the second chapter to be organized in Washington County.

**Marie-Helena, D. O. H. Lodge No. 203 is Organized at Raccoon
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 18, 1940 Edition**

MARIE—HELENA LODGE

The Marie-Helena Lodge No. 203 of Raccoon, met Wednesday evening in Arzenta Hall with Oyer-Barden Marquerite Dalverny, presiding. Three members were reported on the sick list, Mrs. Marv DePaul, in Mercy hospital, Mrs. Erma Seipel in Presbyterian hospital and Julia Bable at home. A baby bank with cash donations from the members was presented as a "Stork Gift" to Mrs. Rena Hannequant for her new arrival. District Deputy Mrs. Lena Keller, of Homestead, was present and spoke on the good of the order. Pig-in-a-noke prize was won by Marquerite Dalverny. The next meeting will be held on November 16.

50 Year Members-Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454 Free and Accepted Masons, Burgettstown.



First Row- J. Morrell MacKenzie, Harold B. Purdy, Daniel V. Chew, Charles M. Colwes, Edward M. Silvers, K. Bruce Myers, John S. Palin, J. Ralph Lee. Second Row- J. Lee Foster, Ralph Retzer, Lloyd O. Hart, Past District Deputy Grand Master; Hiram P. Ball, Right Worshipful Grand Master; John E. Bailey, Past District Deputy Grand Master; Walter L. Sykes, District Deputy Grand Master; James M. Weigman.

Burgettstown Enterprise-May 27, 1970 Edition

100 Year Anniversary- Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454 Free and Accepted Masons, Burgettstown.

On January 24, 1970, in traditional and impressive ceremonies, Richard Vaux Lodge 454 Free and Accepted Masons, Burgettstown, celebrated the 100th Anniversary of its founding, highlighted by the presence of Hiram P. Ball, Right Worshipful Grand Master. Three hundred masons from several states attended the meeting and banquet held in the Union High School building on Bavington Road.

At the special meeting of the Lodge on Saturday afternoon, 50-year Masonic Service Emblems were presented to the following men:

Daniel V. Chew, Charles M. Colwes, J. Lee Foster, J. Ralph Lee, John M. McKensie, K. Bruce Myers, John S. Palin, Harold B. Purdy, Edwin Silvers and James M. Wiegmann.

Robert W. Stottlemyer received his emblem on January 23 at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.

Also a special Medallion was presented to Harry L. Lee, Worshipful Master, by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, who discussed the many changes in our way of life in the past 100 years.

The Warrant of Constitution was dated December 1, 1869, and was issued to Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454. It authorized either Brother James C. Acheson, District Deputy Grand Master, or Brother Alfred C. Creigh, Past Master of Washington Lodge No. 164, to open and constitute the new Lodge and install the proper officers.

Alfred C. Creigh, Past Master of Washington Lodge No. 164, reported to Grand Lodge that he did open and constitute Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454 and install the officers thereof, according to ancient usage and form on January 21, 1870, in the village of Burgettstown, Washington County. There were ten warrant members. The new Lodge was named for Richard Vaux, who was Grand Master in 1869. He had a very distinguished career, having been admitted to practice at the legal bar before 21 years of age. He held offices in Philadelphia and was elected Mayor in 1856.

The first Lodge room was in a building at Railroad Street and McClure Avenue. In 1902, a Lodge Hall was established in the National Bank Building on the corner of North Main Street. Later the Lodge Hall was moved to the Haines Building where the Lodge has met for many years.

In 1920 the Lodge celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary. At the end of that year the membership had grown to 242. By 1970 the membership has grown to almost 400.

Burgettstown Masons Celebrate Seventy-Fifth Anniversary With Banquet Thursday Evening

One hundred members and guests will assemble on (this) Thursday evening, June 28 to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Masonry in Burgettstown. Richard Vaux Masonic Lodge, No. 454, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania was constituted on January 21, 1870, and first meeting quarters was across the street from the Squire Culley office, where the Pennsylvania railroad now has tracks. During the past seventy five years, the lodge has met in three rooms, the Railroad street location, which was later burned out, the Peoples National Bank building and the Haines building, where the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration will be held.

The Lodge and guests will meet at the First Presbyterian church at six o'clock, where an informal banquet will be served. The party will then adjourn, to re-assemble in the Lodge rooms, Haines building, for the formal observance at 7:30 o'clock.

A history of Richard Vaux Lodge will be presented by Secretary Thomas B. Stevenson. Early Masonry in Pennsylvania will be the subject of an address by W. P. Wilson of Washington Lodge, No. 164. District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-Ninth District Lloyd O. Hart of Washington, Pa., will attend the ceremonies.

Members of the banquet committee are: Edward Johnston, Ralph Lee, and W. D. Wilson. Officers of the Lodge who are planning the celebration are: Worshipful Master John M. Jones; Senior Warden, Stephen Mehalic; Junior Warden, Reuben W. Taylor; Treasurer, Thomas C. Linn, and Secretary, Thomas B. Stevenson. The trustees are Boyd E. Sloan, Lee Elice Foster, Winfield R. Allison,

William F. Rankin of Tampa, Fla., is the oldest living member of the lodge. Mr. Rankin was presented with a Fifty Year Medal in October, 1940.

Richard Vaux Lodge was named for Richard Vaux of Philadelphia, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1868 and 1869. Sixty eight persons have served as Worshipful Master in the past 75 years, of whom 31 are still living and are active members of the organization. G. F. McCord was the first Worshipful Master, when the lodge was constituted with the following charter members: George T. McCord, Pressley Henwood, Alfred C. Stephenson, Jesse Kemp, John C. Reed, William Marshall, John B. Hayes, Robert T. C. Stevenson, William O. Stephenson and William Cole.

Past Masters of the lodge have been: G. F. McCord, 1870; John B. Hays, 1871; Robt. T. C. Stephenson* 1872; Henry C. Anderson, 1873; Jesse Kemp, 1874; John B. Hays, 1875; Samuel McGough, 1876; Robert M. Scott, 1877; Charles McCarty, 1878; Robt. T. C. Stephenson,* 1879; John L. Scott, 1880-81; James McFadyean, 1882; William Cole*, 1883; Matthew R. Parks,* 1884; Robt. T. C. Stephenson,* 1885-86; Clement M. Elder,* 1887-1890; J. Howard Cramer, 1891; Albert G. Lee, 1892; Louis C. Bodkin, 1893; James A. Donaldson,* 1894; J. Howard Cramer, 1895; J. Kerr McFarland, 1896-97; Thomas D. McCarty, 1898; John C. Scott,* 1899; W. F. Rankin, 1900; J. P. Linn, 1901-1902; Edwin McGregor, 1903; Charles Vance,* 1904; John L. Hill, 1905; Samuel S. Morgan, 1906; Wilmon B. Culley, 1907; Robert F. Linn,* 1908; George H. Conrad,* 1909; George L. McKee, 1910; Charles A. Bingham,* 1911; George R. Norris, 1912; Joseph H. Anderson, 1913; Charles W. Tope,* 1914; William W. Stewart,* 1915; William B. Linn,* 1916; John J. Russell, 1917; Conley O. Taylor, 1918; Charles O. Inglefield, 1919; James O. Fredericks, 1920; Lee R. McKinney, 1921; James C. Smith, 1922; Frederick H. Illig, 1923; William J. Pyle,* 1924; Harry M. Richey, 1925; Boyd E. Sloan, 1926; James C. Wolfe, 1927; Thomas C. Linn, 1928; John L. Riley,* 1929; Harry L. Pedicord, 1930; Walter W. Riggle, 1931; Charles L. Kirsch, 1932; Elmer E. Harper, 1933; Edward Hamilton, 1934; Dwight N. Cook, 1935; Henry B. C. Helmers, 1936; Joseph W. Ridgway, 1937; Robert H. Culley, 1938; John W. Sloan, 1939; Joseph V. Hemphill, 1940; J. Francis Reed, 1941; Thomas B. Stevenson, 1942; R. Lee Adamson, 1943; James H. Jones, 1944.

*Indicates Past Masters deceased.

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With Banquet Thursday Evening
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 28, 1945 Edition**

J. O. FREDERICKS ENTERTAINS LODGE MEMBERS ON HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AS A MEMBER OF RICHARD VAUX LODGE 454



One hundred members of the Masonic lodge assembled in Burgettstown, Friday evening to pay tribute to James O. Fredericks, well known local businessman and retired lumber dealer, on the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary as a member of Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454 of Burgettstown. Mr. Fredericks, during his career in Masonry has served in all the chairs of the Burgettstown lodge, and for half a century has been a valued member of the organization. At a special session of the lodge on Friday evening in the lodge rooms, Mr. Fredericks again served as Master, conferring the third degree on a candidate. With him in the chairs were two former officers, who had served during his term as Master in 1920. They were Lee R. McKinney as Senior Warden and Dr. George L. McKee as Junior Warden. When the lodge session adjourned, Mr. Fredericks invited those present to be his guests at a sumptuous turkey dinner which was served in the Westminster Presbyterian church dining room, by the King's Daughters Sunday school class.

Seated at the speaker's table was: Wilson R. F. Whaley, Pittsburgh, John R. Cunningham, W. Franklin Harkey, Washington, J. O. Fredericks, Albert P. Bundy, Lloyd O. Hart, Washington; James W. Wiegmann, John M. Scott, Hobson R. Chastain, Dr. George L. McKee, Paul R. Morgan, George P. Trenary, Attorney I. C. Bloom, Victor J. Wicks, Sr., Dr. A. J. Spanogians, Lee R. McKinney, John L. Hill and T. B. Stevenson.

T. Bradley Stevenson served as toastmaster and introduced many friends of the honoree who spoke in glowing terms of his service to his community, his church, and his lodge. Among those addressing remarks to Mr. Fredericks were his friends of many years, Lloyd O. Hart of Washington, Pa., District Deputy and representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Wilson R. Whaley of Pittsburgh, Dr. W. Franklin Harkey and Attorney I. C. Bloom of Washington, Dr. McKee and members of the Burgettstown lodge.

Introduced was the oldest member present in point of years of the Richard Vaux Lodge, John L. Hill of Center avenue and the two newest members, Dr. V. J. Wicks and Paul Ward. Mr. Hill has been a member of Richard Vaux lodge for 53 years.

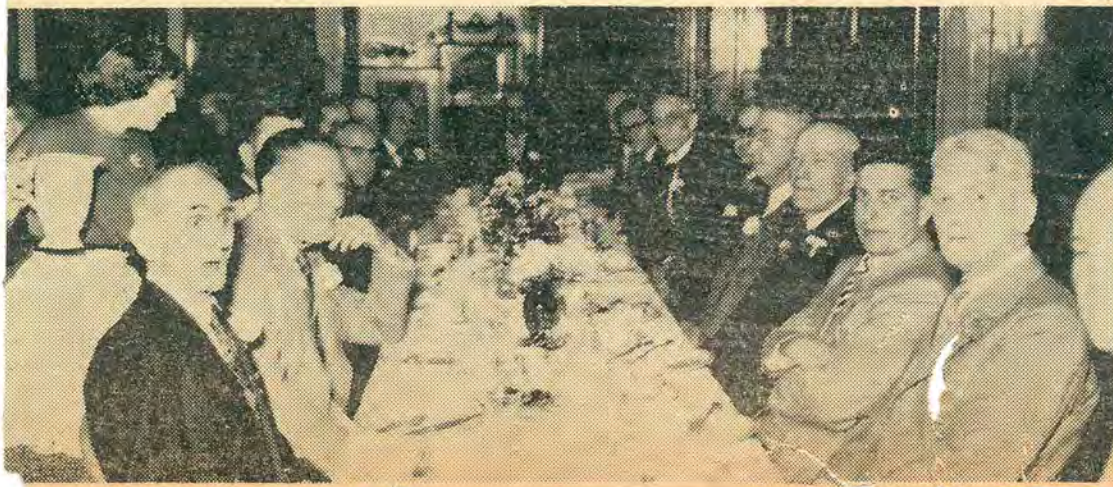
Guests were present from Pittsburgh, Washington, the Richard Vaux lodge and other lodges in neighboring communities.

Also present was Victor J. Wicks, Sr., of San Francisco, Cal., who with Mrs. Wicks has been spending the past month visiting his son and family, Dr. and Mrs. V. J. Wicks of Tenan street. Mr. Wicks is a member of the Homestead, Pa. lodge.

Officers of Richard Vaux Lodge who attended Mr. Frederick's testimonial dinner are: Albert P. Bundy, worshipful master, James W. Wiegmann, Senior Warden; John R. Cunningham, Junior Warden; Thomas C. Linn, Treasurer and Ellis C. Carmichael, Secretary, also John M. Jones, Charles L. Kirsch, and Winfield R. Allison, trustees and George P. Trenary, representative in the Grand Lodge.

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SPEAKERS' TABLE AT FREDERICKS' DINNER



**J. O. Fredericks Entertains Lodge Members
on his 50th Anniversary as a Member of Richard Vaux Lodge 454
The Burgettstown Enterprise-October 30, 1952 Edition**

Rare Masonic Distinction.

Leonard H. Kinnard, president of the Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania, was made a "Mason-at-Sight," one of the most impressive ceremonies of the order as a part of the celebration at Philadelphia this week of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Masonry in Pennsylvania. Only 17 persons in the last 47 years have been so honored by the Grand Masonic Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Masons open new lodge doors

By Kathleen Wilson

The Record-Enterprise

Last April, the Burgettstown Masons broke ground for construction of a new temple. Now, the building is nearly complete and the group held their first meeting inside Sept. 19.

The new lodge, located on Steubenville Pike across from the Hanover Township Municipal Building, is the first permanent home of the 127-year-old organization, properly known as the Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454 Free and Accepted Masons. This is also the first building the group has owned.

The local group began in 1870 with 10 members, Pyle said. Now the lodge has more than 300 members.

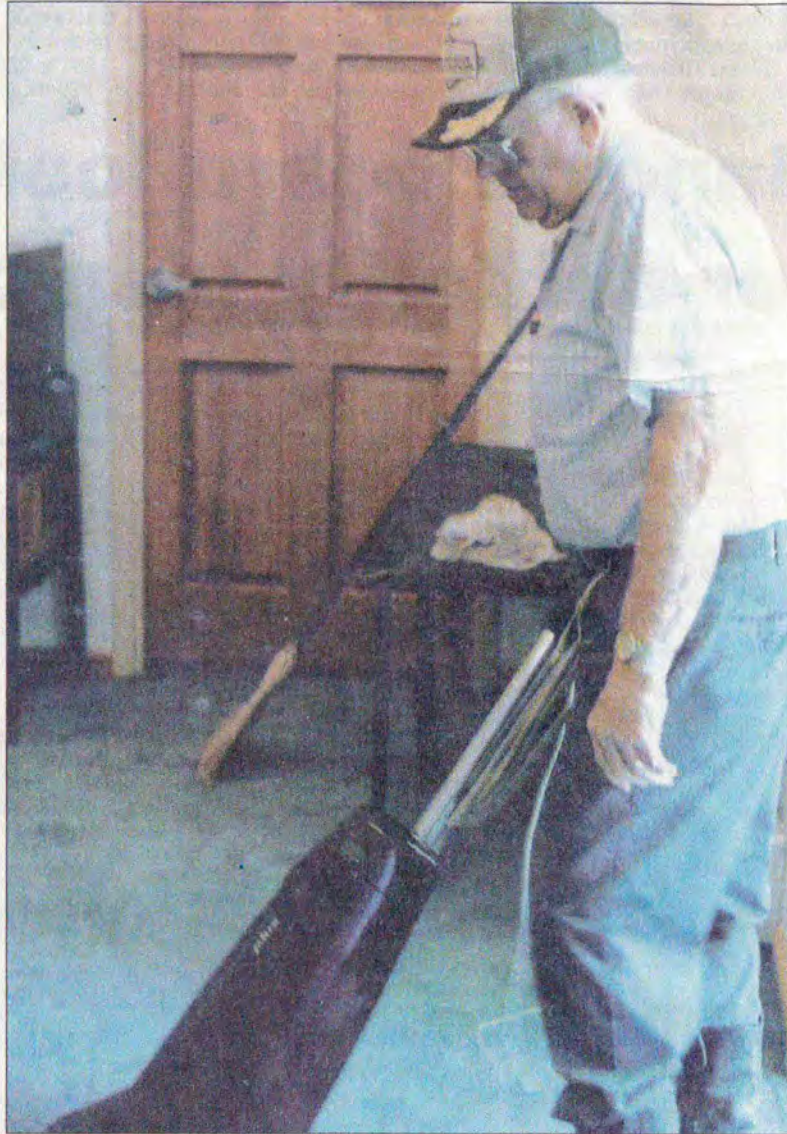
Since 1905, the Masons conducted their meetings in a rented room above the Burgettstown Hardware store on Main Street. Other temporary locations were previously used.

"We're doing (the work) ourselves," said Hilbert Pyle, president of the building committee. "We're proud of it. We have some pretty talented guys working here."

Member Andrew Chicovic gives the credit to Pyle and member Charles Kirsch, who have done the most work.

Starvaggi Enterprises offered the 3.5 acres where the building now stands. Originally, the company offered property along Route 18, but when Starvaggi built Coca-Cola Star Lake Amphitheatre, the Masons did not think a location next to the concert site would be quiet enough.

Money for the project was obtained through fundraising and donations. Much of the building money has come



MASON CHARLES KIRSCH makes things sparkle at the new Masonic building in Hanover Township.

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from the Builders Foundation, an organization formed in 1985.

"They raised money by selling chicken at the Washington County Fair," Pyle said. "That's how we made most of our money."

Other fundraising events, such as Saturday breakfasts, also provided money. The breakfasts, that have been held at the Florence Grange Hall, will be held in the new lodge

once work is complete.

Donations of money and other items, such as clocks, have also come in, Pyle added. The chandelier hanging near the entrance was donated by John R. (Jack) and Hazel Cunningham of Burgettstown. Cunningham is a past master of the lodge.

Mrs. Cunningham said the chandelier was given in memory of her husband's father, Phil S. Gray.

Pyle said that approximately \$185,000 has been used for the project. "So far, we haven't had to borrow any money," he

added.

Carpeting was placed on the main floor of the new building Sept. 10, with more furniture arriving soon after. Pyle said furniture the group previously owned was built in 1912, but the new furniture is even older.

Downstairs, there are plans for a dining hall and a kitchen. "That's down the road," Pyle said.

Some finishing touches, such as hanging the portrait of George Washington, a brother Master Mason, were also added, Pyle said.

Several other presidents were

also Masons. Pyle said Abraham Lincoln wanted to become a Mason, but the story goes that he did not have the \$16 initiation fee.

Pyle said it is thought the Masons' origin was with a tribe building King Solomon's Temple during Biblical times. The Masonic organization is founded in religious beliefs, but, it is not a religious organization, Pyle said.

Masons also don't actively seek new membership.

"We never ask anybody to join our lodge," he added. "They have to ask us."

Masons Open New Lodge Doors
The Record Enterprise-September 24, 1997 Edition

MASTER MASONS TO PICNIC AUGUST 18

The fifth annual picnic for master masons and their families of Washington and Greene counties will be held at the Washington Park, Monday August 18. The program for the afternoon and evening will consist of sports and games from 2 o'clock until 6 o'clock d. s. t., when the big family basket dinner will be a feature.

Coffee, lemonade and ice cream will be furnished free from 6 o'clock until 7:30 or during the dinner hour. Each person or family is asked to bring containers for coffee, etc.

The picnic will take in all masonic lodges in the 29th district which includes lodges in Waynesburg, Canonsburg, Burgettstown, McDonald, Beallsville, Claysville and Washington. Masons from other lodges outside the 29th district and sojourners will be invited to join in this annual affair.

The outing is sponsored by the Masonic Temple activities committee of Washington. The officers are, Chairman Delmer E. Ferrell; vice chairman Clifford H. Iams; secretary, J. Franklin Rutan; treasurer Lloyd O. Hart.

B. C. Hellmers of Burgettstown will be chairman of the dance floor. Others from the Burgettstown and Panhandle section serving on the reception committee are Mrs. E. E. Harner, Mrs. Thomas B. Stevenson, of Burgettstown; Mrs. Henry B. C. Hellmers Langeloth; Mrs. Opal Ridgway, Eldersville; Mrs. Lee Adamson, Rea; Mrs. Robert Davidson and Mrs. John L. Dunlop, Midway, Mrs. Albert W. Burns, and Mrs. M. Wallace Kelso, McDonald, Mrs. G. E. Boak and Mrs. Milton E. Hamel, Venice.

Master Masons to Picnic August 18
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 14, 1941 Edition

Past Noble Grand Club Holds Meeting

The Past Noble Grand Club held its regular meeting April 23, in the home of Mrs. Adelaide Singleton, of Bavington. Co-hostess was Mrs. Eliner Herbert. Mrs. Evelyn Bohey, vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. Carole Lee Ward, the president.

Mrs. Hazel Grabsky was in charge of devotions. Eight members answered roll call. Mrs. Ardean Harris and Mrs. Juanita DeCook were guests. A lunch was served by the hostesses.

Prizes were awarded to the following: Mrs. Hazel Grabsky, first; Mrs. Evelyn Bohey, second; Mrs. Alice Bable, third; Mrs. Juanita DeCook, guest and Mrs. Evelyn Bohey "Mystery."

Tampico, Tamaulipas, March 28, 1954

To All the Folks:

And here I am near the end of March. I have moved from Monterrey, N. L. to Tampico and am agreeably surprised in that is a rough seaport town and I was not expecting anything unusual.

Because I traced a Masonic Lodge here from having only a Post Office Box number, I have come in contact with a splendid group very active Masons. When I came fifty years ago, we Pennsylvanians recognized no one in this country. A new Grand Lodge was set up here at the very time that I installed that trial irrigating plant a short distance up the Panuco river for the French sugar company. I shall know about the irrigating business in a few days.

The lodge has 42 branch lodges in the adjoining three states. ^{was} I introduced to the officers of the Grand Lodge and shown the rooms and furnishings. Also some of their activities. The women of the members families are very active and strongly organized. I saw the public schools opened here more than fifty years ago. The children of the poor started to school but many, a great many boys and girls went to school without any breakfast, but they went to school. The good women of this district organized and provided and giving thousands and thousands of good wholesome breakfasts to school children.

The members here have been very active in promoting patriotic meetings and in celebration of the birthday of a great and good president, Lic. Don Benito Juarez, Past President of México and a Mason. Born March 21, 1806. (Pronounce Juárez - Wharez - μ accent on first syllable).

I was shown many interesting things about this community and invited to return in the evening and meet more than 75 delegates from the interior. I did, some wealthy and business executives, some from people of country communities. But they settled their problems with justice and skill. We have much to learn from the Mexicans.

A small pyramid not far from the city, some scientist believe it may be older than the pyramids of Egypt. I am sure there was definite communication between this continent and Egypt many centuries before Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492. Most people believe that the Egyptians or other Old World folks crossed the Atlantic in ancient times and taught the natives here.

I shall leave this city by mid-week or sooner, probably Hotel Colonial in San Luis Potosí; but do not use that address until I say I am leaving.

My first mail received yesterday evening, Aunt Susannah and Aunt Margaret McKeown. Thank you and more at a later time.

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Thos. P. Bremner

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Daniel V. Chew, Charles M. Colwes, J. Lee Foster, J. Ralph Lee, John M. McKensie, K. Bruce Myers, John S. Palin, Harold B. Purdy, Edwin Silvers and James M. Wiegmann.

Robert W. Stottlemeyer recieved his emblem on January 23 at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.

Also a special Medallion was presented to Harry L. Lee, Worshipful Master, by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, who discussed the many changes in our way of life in the past 100 years.

The Warrant of Constitution was dated December 1, 1869, and was issued to Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454. It authorized either Brother James C. Acheson, District Deputy Grand Master, or Brother Alfred C. Creigh, Past Master of Washington Lodge No. 164, to open and constitute the new Lodge and install the proper officers.

Alfred C. Creigh, Past Master of Washington Lodge No. 164, reported to Grand Lodge that he did open and constitute Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454 and install the officers thereof, according to ancient usage and form on January 21, 1870, in the village of Burgettstown, Washington County. There were ten warrant members. The new Lodge was named for Richard Vaux, who was Grand Master in 1869. He had a very distinguished career, having been admitted to practice at the legal bar before 21 years of age. He held offices in Philadelphia and was elected Mayor in 1856.

The first Lodge room was in a building at Railroad Street and McClure Avenue. In 1902, a Lodge Hall was established in the National Bank Building on the corner of North Main Street. Later the Lodge Hall was moved to the Haines Building where the Lodge has met for many years.

In 1920 the Lodge celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary. At the end of that year the membership had grown to 242. By 1970 the membership has grown to almost 400.

Pasta dinner will benefit Florence man

A benefit pasta dinner will be held from noon to 5 p.m. May 3 at the Richard Vaux Masonic Lodge banquet hall, 896 Steubenville Pike, Burgettstown.

The dinner will benefit Andrew McCay of Florence, a retired truck driver who has been diagnosed with glioblastoma brain cancer. Proceeds will go toward medical bills, home repairs and other financial issues that have mounted since he had to retire.

Dinner will include penne and spaghetti; meat, marinara and alfredo sauces; salad and dressings; bread; beverages; and several desserts, including sugar-free options.

Music will be provided by a disc jockey, and there will be a bake sale, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. Winners do not need to be present.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Takeout is \$7.

**Andrew McCay-Benefit Dinner
Observer-Reporter-April 22, 2015 Edition**

Sun shines on Masonic building start

By Sara F. Snyder
The Record-Enterprise

The shining sun was seen as a good omen in the life of Burgettstown Masons last week.

After years of disappointments and hard work, the organization broke ground for its permanent home in Hanover Township April 21.

Begun in 1870 with just 10 members, Burgettstown Masonic Lodge has grown to 305 members. In all that 126-year history, the members have never had a permanent home, according to lodge master Dennis Dimmack.

Since 1905, the group has met above the hardware store in Burgettstown, where it rents a room. Prior to 1905, the Masons had to use other temporary meeting places.

According to Building Committee chairman Hilbert Pyle, a

Masonic Hall Association was formed in 1969 to consider building a home. Today, that home is becoming reality.

Originally, the lodge was donated an acre of land off of Route 18. Starvaggi Enterprises, who offered the land, then built Star Lake Amphitheatre and the Masons didn't think a home next to the concert spot would be peaceful.

Starvaggi then offered to swap land, giving the Masons instead 3.5 acres of land along Steubenville Pike, next to Hanover Park.

The fundraising process has been a long one and now, with approximately \$160,000 in the bank, the building can begin.

Dimmack said the architect's been hired and construction should begin soon with completion in the fall or winter.

Winfred Higgins Jr. explained the Masons are no strangers to



BY DEBBIE POPP / STAFF

TURNING THE FIRST shovelful of dirt of the new Masonic Lodge in Burgettstown are building committee chairman Hilbert Pyle and lodge master Dennis Dimmack. The lodge will be the first in the organization's 126-year history.

disappointment. This was a triumphant day for the organization.

"Masonry has had its ups and downs over the years," Higgins said. "It faced persecution several times and has had peaks and lows in membership."

He said the organization is founded in religious beliefs and is believed to have begun by a tribe building King Solomon's Temple during Biblical times. While today, few of the members practice the craft of masonry, the organization is rooted in solid foundations laid by those craftsmen long ago.

The Burgettstown Masons might be best known for their chicken barbecues at the Washington County Fair. The secret recipe will move with them to their new home, where they hope to construct a pavilion and host barbecues on their own heartland next to the park.

Sun Shines on Masonic building Start
The Record Enterprise-May 1, 1996 Edition

TO PRESENT 50 YEAR
MASONIC JEWEL TO FORMER
MASTER OF LOCAL LODGE

William F. Rankin of Tampa, Florida, a former resident of Burgettstown will be presented with a Grand Lodge Jewel for Fifty years service in the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Rankin was Master of Richard Vaux Masonic Lodge of Burgettstown the year of 1900 and was secretary of the lodge in 1901 and 1902. Because he is unable to attend presentation ceremonies here, the presentation will be made by the Tampa Masonic lodge at fitting ceremonies in that city.

William F. Rankin
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 194 Edition

Memorial Day Parade.

A Memorial Day parade will be held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Burgettstown on Memorial Day, May 30, at 2:30 p. m., Standard Time. The procession will form on the flat near the railroad station at Center avenue and will proceed to Fairview cemetery where the regular services of the V. F. W. will be held by members of Post 567 of McDonald. All ex-service men, fraternal organizations and other groups of the community are invited to participate in this parade and program.

Clark Hotel Is Guttled By Disastrous Fire, Saturday Afternoon Believe Blaze Was Started At Rear Of Building By Burning Rubbish



Reporter Photo

Burning of rubbish at the rear of the building, is believed to have started a disastrous fire in the heart of the Burgettstown business section last Saturday afternoon that completely gutted the 14 room Clark hotel. Joseph Ranovich, owner estimates his loss at nearly \$25,000.00 which is covered by less than \$14,000 fire insurance, and Angelo Nardo, proprietor of the hotel and lessee from Mr. Ranovich estimates his loss of equipment at \$20,000.

Quick response to the fire alarm, which summoned Burgettstown, Slovan, Midway and McDonald Volunteer companies and efficient work by the fire fighters held the blaze to the hotel building's three floors and prevented it from spreading to other frame business establishments, adjacent, which could have destroyed the whole block.

The only occupant of a bed room Bud Crosby, Aliquippa mill worker, crawled to safety over an adjoining roof. The other bed rooms were unoccupied at the time of the fire.

Fire Chief Phil Gray directed activities of the fire companies. Eight streams of water were used on the fire and traffic was halted and rerouted by Chief of Police Henry Vega, assisted by State Police from the Washington barracks.

Mr. Gray reported that the fire evidently started from a burning pile of rubbish at the rear of the building and was not discovered until 2:30 p.m., when it had spread through the rear portion to the roof.

Two rooms, second floor front were the only rooms to escape fire damage and the remainder of the building was entirely gutted by the fire, including the tap room

operated by Nardos, which, recently remodeled, runs the full length of the building on the first floor.

Mr. Ranovich, the owner, it is reported, had recently cancelled insurance policies which would have helped to cover his big loss. He is undecided at the present time as to whether he will rebuild the structure.

The Clark Hotel was remodeled this past summer, and the old wood front made way for a new stone facing. Other improvements were made to the building, to accommodate transient travelers in this area. The Clark hotel, one of the older buildings in the main business section of Burgettstown had been operated as a hotel for nearly half a century. It was formerly owned and operated by Dr. Clark, well known dentist who retired several years ago and now lives in California.

Clark Hotel is Guttled by Disastrous Fire
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 30, 1952 Edition



MIDWAY V.F.D. MEMBERS Bob Growden and Dale Baird show off the department's emergency response vehicle, recently upgraded with the QRS state certification.

VFD team earns high certification

By Sara F. Snyder
For The Enterprise

The Midway Volunteer Fire Department Emergency Medical Service has been awarded a quick response service (QRS) certification of rescue from the state Department of Health, medical services division.

Fire Chief Doug Baird said the QRS distinction is merited by few volunteer departments. Midway is an exception to the rule, having acquired the status through meeting state criteria.

A QRS team responds to emergency situations in areas where ambulance companies may have difficulty arriving within the mandated 10-minute response time. The QRS

team fills the time gap, sometimes meaning the difference between life and death.

Various policies in Midway were written to conform to state requirements. Essential medical equipment, including an automatic external defibrillator (AED), was also required to meet the QRS criteria. The defibrillator is used to start hearts stopped due to heart attacks. Only those who are trained on the equipment are permitted to use it.

Trucks are outfitted with vehicle extraction equipment and sterile medical equipment. Oxygen, portable suction units, triage tags, infectious disease equipment and other items had to be on board before certification was granted.

"You never know what you're getting into until you get there," said Baird of the preparation.

The vehicles have to be marked with medical stars, and lighting must be visible entirely around the truck.

All reports must be completed in triplicate, with a copy sent to the state department of health.

Members of the QRS certified Midway EMS team are Ed Ruffennauch, Tom Bruce, Sean Alfred, John Bain, Lisa Culley, Robert Gilbert, Gerald Hatton, John Hopper, Cathy Ray, Sam Reno, Toddy Rudy, Scott Speicher, Gerald Stone, Cort Bozic, Ken Linkish, Kurt Nice and Shawn Webb.

Midway Volunteer Fire Department
The Enterprise-February 5, 1995 Edition



Midway V.F.D. Members Bob Growden and Dale Baird show off the department's emergency response vehicle, recently upgraded with QRS state certification.

Midway Volunteer Fire Department
The Enterprise-February 5, 1995 Edition



Midway Volunteer Fire Department-Fire and Rescue

Agreement With Midway For Fire Assistance OK'd

At their meeting last Monday night in the Municipal Building at Cherry Valley, the Smith Township supervisors approved an agreement with the Midway volunteer firemen to provide assistance with fires in the eastern section of the township.

The supervisors budgeted \$1,500 for the joint fire agreement. The cost of workmen's compensation has yet to be worked out.

Midway answers fire calls in concert with the Smith Township volunteer fire department, it was explained.

Supervisors Vince Gianfrancesco, Thomas Schilinski and Bob Fuller were unanimous in their approval of the agreement.

In other business at the brief meeting, the supervisors learned from the state Department of Environmental Resources that Mill Service's application for a hazardous waste site near Bulger is being processed. According to the DER's hazardous waste coordinator, John Haluszczak, county and local municipalities should have the application for review some time in February.

Solicitor Robert N. Clarke reported that an appeal of the Snyder zoning violation will be heard before Judge Rodgers on Feb. 24 at 1:30 p.m.

A letter from state Rep. Victor J. Lescovitz indicated that response to possible van pooling in this area was "poor."

Agreement with Midway VFD for Fire Assistance OK'd
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1988 Edition

MIDWAY HOME BURNS WHILE FAMILY ABSENT

Loss of \$5,000 Sustained by Family
From Fire of Unknown
Origin on Sunday

Fire which started while the family was away from home Sunday night about 10 o'clock destroyed the \$5,000 farm home and household goods of the Martin Strupk family, on the former J. E. Cummins' farm, near Midway. Loss was placed at \$5,000 on the home and \$2,500 on the contents, with \$3,000 insurance on the house and \$1,000 on the furnishings.

The origin of the fire is not known, though it is believed to have started in the kitchen, where there was fire in a coal cook stove. When a neighbor, Reed Cummins, discovered the fire the house was enveloped in flames, and when the Midway volunteer fire department arrived the fire had made such progress that nothing could be done.

The house stands a quarter mile from the road, so that the blaze was not seen until it was too late.

Mr. Strupk expects to start rebuilding at once, it was learned a few days ago.

Martin Strupk House Fire
Burgettstown Enterprise- July 9, 1931 Edition



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAY TURNER

A fire late Monday afternoon destroyed an apartment building in Smith Township.

Dogs killed in Smith fire that destroyed building

By KATHIE O. WARCO
Staff writer
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Three dogs were killed in a fire late Monday afternoon at a former gasoline station/convenience store that was turned into an apartment building on Steubenville Pike near Creek Road in Smith Township.

Slovan fire Chief Brandon Kriznik said there was heavy fire on the second floor of the building and smoke on the first floor when firefighters arrived after getting the call just before 4 p.m. He said only one of the four apartments in the

building had a tenant.

"From what I understand, 911 was getting multiple calls about the fire," Kriznik said, adding it is along busy Steubenville Pike, not far from the Robinson Township line.

Firefighters had to rely on tanker shuttles for water to fight the fire, including a larger tanker from Greater Pittsburgh International Airport.

"There were hydrants, but there was low water pressure," Kriznik said. "We never had that problem before."

He said a crew from Pennsylvania-American Water Co. came to investigate the cause

of the problem..

Aside from the dogs, no injuries were reported in the fire. That stretch of Steubenville Pike was closed for about five hours, Kriznik said, although school bus traffic was not affected.

A state police fire marshal will be asked to investigate the cause.

Assisting at the scene with the tanker shuttle in addition to the crew from the airport were firefighters from Midway, McDonald and Hanover, Jefferson and Mt. Pleasant townships. Burgettstown firefighters were on standby.

**Slovan VFD-Smith Twp. Fire that Destroyed Building
Formerly Prado's
Observer-Reporter-April 27, 2016 Edition**

Fire Destroys Farm Home.

Fire shortly before 7 a. m. last Friday totally destroyed the farm house on the W. L. Cowden farm in Mt. Pleasant township, about two miles east of Hickory, together with its contents. In attempting to extinguish the flames the tenant, Andrew Fisher, was severely burned about the face, hands and shoulders. The blaze was discovered in the pantry by members of the family, and Fisher, who was at the barn doing the morning work, was hastily summoned. When he arrived at the house one end of the building was ablaze, and in an attempt to put out the fire he sustained the burns. The fire is supposed to have caught from a hot plate. Fire companies from Houston and Midway were summoned and although nothing could be done to save the building their efforts prevented the blaze from spreading. A meat house and spring house nearby were saved. The house was a large brick structure containing eight rooms and was totally consumed entailing a loss estimated at \$5,000 partially covered by insurance. The household goods were a total loss, not being insured.

Fire Destroys W.L. Cowden Farm Home
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 11, 1936 Edition

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The Enterprise-June 1, 1994 Edition

Muscular Dystrophy Campaign To Begin



Eddie Louder, Jr., of Burgettstown, seated, in picture, fourth from left, is shown with William B. Hill, standing, County Chairman for the 1961 March for Muscular Dystrophy, and three others of his young friends. The boys are: left to right: Keith O'Hara, Muse; Richard Tarr, and Chuckie Boyan, Washington.

Muscular Dystrophy Campaign to Begin
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1961 Edition

Music Club To Present Concert

Miss Dorothy Farrar of Burgettstown R. D., was hostess for the initial meeting of the Tuesday Music Club on Sept. 4th. The program for the evening was planned around the Life of Victor Herbert with members presenting the most popular songs and instrumental numbers. During the business meeting with Mildred Morrow, presiding, plans were made for presenting a Sacred Concert in December at one of the Local Churches. Janet McGregor is to direct the club for this Concert and practice has already been commenced. There were 19 members present at this meeting. Delcie Sanders of Burgettstown R. D., was a guest. Mrs. Edna Luttrell will entertain the club on October 2nd when Autumn songs and Instrumental music will be presented.

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Music Club to Present Concert
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 13, 1945 Edition

FINE MEETING IS HELD BY FRATERNAL GROUP

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Unite
With Past Grands in
Open Session

The spirit of Odd Fellowship still abides in Burgettstown in spite of hard times, late seasons and the general inclination of man to pull away from the old-time desires for closer grouping in fraternal and social organizations. This was evidenced on Thursday evening of last week when a large gathering of men and women assembled in Haines hall for the annual meeting of the Past Grand Association of the Northwestern district. Odd fellows, Past Grands, Rebekahs and non-members of the organizations were out in strong numbers for the session which was open to the general public.

The meeting was presided over by T. A. Bell of McDonald, president of the association. Other officers and many members were in attendance. Reports on fraternal activities in the various parts of the district were given by Past Grands Louis Weigmann of Eldersville, H. A. Chambon of Midway, W. W. Weigmann of Avella, B. B. Tuttle of Cross Creek, C. R. Wade of Burgettstown and J. H. Cornell of McDonald.

Following the transaction of the regular business a speaking program was presented with the following speakers: The Rev. Dr. Wilson Stitt of Florence, Past District Deputy J. G. Crum of Canonsburg, E. B. Maurey of the Burgettstown Enterprise and President T. A. Bell. Remarks on the question of a visitation to the children's home were made by a number of members.

A committee from the local Rebekah lodge served a tasty luncheon and excellent coffee. The committee was composed of Mrs. D. C. Dowden, chairman; Mrs. T. F. Nicholls, Mrs. John Beard, Miss Nancy Moore, Mrs. Sallie Booth. Assistants were Mrs. Winnie McHenry, Mrs. Ora Chambon, Mrs. Dr. Anna Hubble, Mrs. C. R. Wade and Mrs. George Dennis.

By an odd coincidence the meeting was held on the 25th anniversary of the formation of the local lodge of Odd Fellows. This auspicious occasion could not have been celebrated more appropriately.

An orchestra composed of George Dennis, violin; Ralph E. Bell, trumpet; Ray Jackson, piano; Ray Pack, banjo, supplied music of such inspiring character that many were led to join in an old time quadrille to the excellent prompting of C. R. Wade.

**Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Unite with Past Grands in Open Session
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 28, 1931 Edition**

OWLS LODGE AT RACCOON MOVES INTO NEW CLUBHOUSE

Raccoon Order of Owls, Nest 1294 celebrated their twenty-ninth anniversary this year by moving into the beautiful new brick clubhouse, just off the main highway of the town. The first important social event held in the new clubhouse was a testimonial dinner and installation for the recently organized Nest of Sister Owls, on Sunday, July 19. The Sister Nest was organized by Miss Nell Christy and Mrs. Kathryn Baron.

The Raccoon Ladies' Order of Owls Nest No. 2130, received its charter from the Home Nest Order of Owls and the officers were installed by Mrs. Betty Elder, president of Nest No. 2102 and Mrs. Rose Allen of Nest No. 1062 of McKees Rocks. Officers installed are: President, Nell Christy; Vice President, Fifi Christoff; Secretary, Kathryn Baron; Treasurer, Leona Deliere; Recording Secretary, Marguerite Dalverny; Warden, Dora Lira; Invocator, Bernice Dabek; Sentinel, Mary Paul; Picket, Argeo Secco; Past President, Mary Gilbert.

Charter members of the men's lodge who were present for the opening ceremonies at the new club house were John Pendracky, Louis Argenta and George Lilly. The Lodge now has a membership of 140 men, 3 of whom are in the service of the United States, George Prach Jr., Mike Lucas Jr., and William Tonetti. The men at home are backing up the boys in war service by buying bonds and stamps.

Officers of the Men's Lodge are: Avenear Christy, President; John Gratchen, Secretary and Andrew Baron, Treasurer. The Trustees are: George Lilly, Frank Selogi, Bruno Scopel and Second Taglapiera.

The Men's Lodge was organized September 5, 1913 and progressed until World War No. 1, when all efforts were turned towards helping win that war. In the post war depression years, the membership dwindled, until only enough active members were left to maintain the charter, but recently the Lodge has had a new growth with the result that the new clubhouse was constructed. In 1941 the Order purchased a tract of land from the Carnegie Coal Company and commissioned J. Lawrence Hopp of Pittsburgh to prepare plans for a clubhouse. The contract for building the clubhouse was given to A. A. Yecko of McDonald.

The new clubhouse is a two-story red brick building, 35 by 60 feet. The first floor, pleasantly furnished in modernistic design with chrome and leather furniture, is used by the men as a club room. The second floor is used as a Lodge hall by the ladies and as a social room where dances and parties will be held.

Put the Owls to Flight

Burgess C. A. Bingham got a tip that an Owl organization was being organized among some of the foreigners for the purpose of dispensing booze. After more inquiry he located the meeting place at Benny Rapole's, and in company with Officers Gordon and Conn he visited the place on Sunday after quite a number of the feathery tribe had assembled. Burgess Bingham read the riot act and told them it was up to them to try their wings, which they did very successfully. Before their flight they promised there would be nothing more doing in the Owl business.

The burgess and officers then proceeded to the poolroom of Paul, the Greek, where it seems to be the custom of he and his countrymen to gather on Sundays for a card game. The game was broken up and Burgess Bingham warned them against future offenses.

Put the Owls to Flight
The Burgettstown Call-February 18, 1915 Edition

**RACCOON OWLS
LODGE WILL HOLD
DANCE IN H. S.**

Under the sponsorship of the Order of Owls of Joffre, Music Corporation of America will present Bill Munday and his Gentlemen from New Orleans for two stage shows at the Mary Ann Theatre to be followed with a dance



BILL MUNDAY

at the Union High School Gym on Wednesday, January 14. Bill Munday formerly featured with Artie Shaw and Vincent Lopez, is the southland's fastest climbing musical organization. Numerous NBC network broadcasts have brought them international fame. This is the first of a series of entertainment promotions to be followed on January 28th with Jimmy Joy and his Dance with Joy orchestra sponsored by the Langeloth Entertainment Committee and to be followed in February with Lang Thompson and Ina Rae Hutton.

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**Raccoon Owls Lodge Will Hold Dance in H.S.
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 8, 1942 Edition**

Civic Improvement Award Presented



The Professional Home Health & Home Care, Inc., on old Route 22 in Paris, was awarded the Civic Improvement Award for 1982 by the Paris Garden Club. The award is given to businesses that maintain their property and use garden materials to enhance the building and grounds. The award is given by the Pennsylvania Division of National Farm and Garden Clubs.

Shown in the picture above are Patty Blankenship, civic improvement chairman, presenting the award to Therese McFadden, RN,

associate director, and Patricia Murphy, RNMSN, executive director. The health care group moved into the house three years ago and have nearly completed remodeling and updating facilities. Harold McFadden, owner of the building and husband of Mrs. McFadden, keeps the grounds in shape.

Professional Home Health & Care, Inc., has 88 employees with three offices -- Paris, Washington and Steubenville. They also supply durable medical equipment to patients.

**Paris Garden Club-Civic Improvement Award
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1983 Edition**

Polio Fund Nets \$932.15 In District

The Mothers' March for Dimes last Thursday netted a total of \$932.15 for Burgettstown Borough and surrounding towns according to chairman Mrs. W. V. Lee, Hindman ave. Although this amount did not top last year's quota, the contributions will play an important part in combatting polio and aiding its victims.

Mrs. Lee extends her sincere appreciation to the following women who made the house to house canvass in each town that evening. Contributions given in each town are also listed.

Burgettstown Borough (\$410.53) Josephine Gilliland, Elizabeth Whalen, Cathy Culley, Mrs. Smalley, Ethel Bish, Jennie Donovitch, Mrs. Amelia Beard, Ruth Robinson, Hazel Nemeth, Carrie Ather-ton, Nannie Carmichael, Gretchen Harvey, Paula Pyle, Bertha Farmer, Ann Miller, Camille Wiley, Nettie Martin, Elizabeth Robinson, Hilda Montequin, Shirley Laurich, Mildred Mervosh, Agnes Donati, Sophie Pavan and Veronica Chatter.

Slovan (\$124.45) Josephine Sciamanna, Jeanette Matesic, Joan Marie Latella, Joan Hagen, Irene and Dorothy Yadrick, Gina Filip-poni, Shirley Delfrate, Enice Rag-gi, Josephine Borio, Amelia Scia-manna, Virginia Bovalina, Beatrice Vladich, Emma Koraido and Nell Nicksick.

Langeloth (\$123.74) Mrs. Hester Kuzior, Marcia Rodriguez, Betty Smith, Angie Bundy, Jessie Jacobs, Ann Wysocki, Ruth Trenary, Mildred Sabo, Mary Mader, Mary Lombardo, Magdelene Paganovich, Wanda Fratini, Elsie Dudeck, Betty Prendez and Ann Alonzo.

Atlasburg (\$44.88) Mrs. Evelyn Main, Eleanor Storf, Mrs. Mary Harvey and Mary Golobofsky.

Francis Mine (\$34.20) Thelma Rossy and Mrs. Charles Kreszock.

Raccoon (\$73.20) Juanita De-Cook, Pauline Labishak, Emma Moore, Margaret Standish, Margaret Sabo, Rena DeValkeneer, Ann Yanek, Caroline Black, Fran-cis Allison, Louise Jancart and Mrs. Alice Goleski.

Bulger (\$38.60) Mrs. Louise Burchianti, Lena Zeumie, Rose Bianchi, Mary LaRocka, Mazie Shumaker, Theresa Lukan, Betty Fratini, Peggy Lukancich, Mary Dellapina, Gema Sterckle.

Cherry Valley (\$31.05) Helen Bertovich, Julia Bable, Mary Standish, Julia Sabo, Ann Meerdo and Sara Orga.

Erie Mine (\$22.50) Mary Chat-ter, chairman.

Harmon Creek (\$28.70) Mrs. Mary Jean Addington.

Eldersville district was in charge of Mrs. James Mc Farland who did a solo canvass Thursday night. Her total contributions amounted to \$43.27.

Old-Fashioned Christmas Fest

PRIMROSE — The Primrose School and Museum will host an Old-Fashioned Christmas Fest from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 30 at the school located at 2 Primrose Road, near the intersection with Fort Cherry Road.

The event will include food, music, crafters and vendors and drawings.

The one-room schoolhouse is newly restored, and the event is a fundraiser to help raise money to complete the museum.

For information, call (724) 993-0561 or email primrosechristmas@gmail.com.

**The Primrose School and Museum-Old Fashion Christmas Fest
PA Focus-November 7, 2013 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

RACCOON LADIES' OWLS' NEST IS ORGANIZED



The above picture of the Charter Members of Raccoon Nest, No. 2130, Ladies' Order of Owls, was taken on Sunday, July 19, when the new lodge was installed and officers were initiated in the new clubhouse of the Men's lodge.

BACK ROW—Miss Mildred Konchek, Miss Jean Gilbert, Mrs. Mary Gobleck, Miss Frances DeValkeneer, Miss Louisa Gobleck, Miss Carmella Gobleck, Mrs. Christina Kuhn, Mrs. Margaret Homitz, Miss Stella Stopenski, Mrs. Julia Metz, Miss Lucy Barish.

SECOND ROW—Mrs. Alcesta DeValkeneer, Mrs. Mary Restanio, Mrs. Lucia Maroni, Mrs. Angeline Gilbert, Mrs. Marie Dalverny, Mrs. Clotilde DeValkeneer, Mrs. Clemence Thorel, Mrs. Helen Karas, Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph, Mrs. Henrietta Gobleck, Miss Louise Secco, Mrs. Mary Gilbert, Mrs. Vincenza Longo, Miss Julia Paul.

FIRST ROW—Mrs. Betty Elder, President of Nest No. 2102, McKees Rocks, Pa., Miss Argea Secco, Miss Bernice Danek, Mrs. Leona Deliere, Mrs. Marguerite Dalverny, Miss Nell Christy, Mrs. Fifi Kristoff, Mrs. Dora Lira, Mrs. Erna Scopel, Miss Mary Paul, Mrs. Kathryn Baron and Mrs. Rose Allen of Nest No. 1062, McKees Rocks, Pa.

Charter members who were unable to attend are: Mrs. Antoinette Christy, Mrs. Mary Korado, Mrs. Elizabeth Yanski, Miss Leah Argenta, Miss Sophie Paul, Miss Mary Maroni, and Mrs. Mary Linchek.

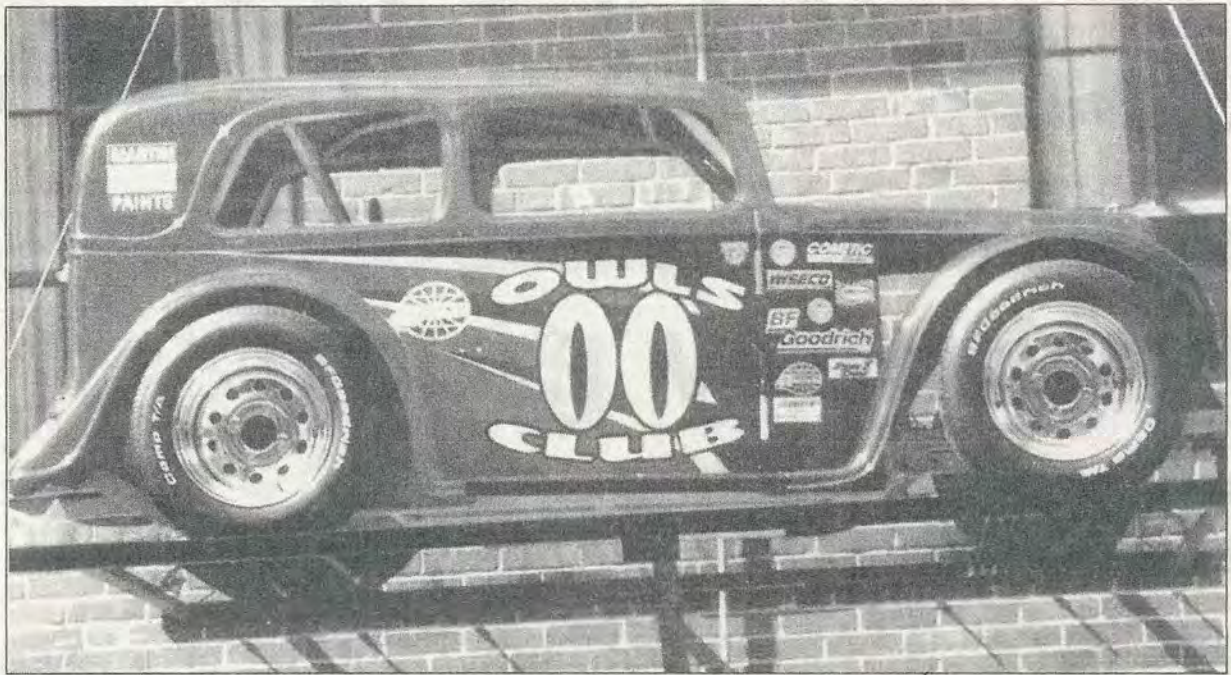
Raccoon Ladies' Owls' Nest is Organized
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 30, 1942 Edition

Raccoon Owls Morra Winners

The Raccoon Owls Club, won first place in the annual Garibaldi morra tournament at Follansbee, West Virginia.

Raccoon won the championship by defeating the Cherry Valley six in the finals. Raccoon went undefeated through the tournament until losing one game in the best-of-three finals.

**Raccoon Owls Club-Annual Garibaldi Morra Tournament
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 26, 1965 Edition**



THIS CAR ONCE raced at a Charlotte, N.C. track.

Joffre club has 'racy' mascot

By Bridgette B. Nofsinger

The Record-Enterprise

Members of the Owl's Club in Joffre have taken their love for racing to a new level.

Literally.

A bright blue and red race car, that once gripped the asphalt, now gracefully hangs from the front of the Owl's Club building in Joffre.

A nationally recognized social club, member activities center around race car driving.

"The inside of the club is decorated with car parts and autographed helmets and shirts from Nascar drivers," said secretary and treasurer Greg Jones.

To keep from getting bored last winter, the 125

member organization held its own Daytona 500.

"We cut out cardboard cars and raced around a track, with our legs tied together," Jones said.

In fair weather, however, the group frequently travels to North Carolina to watch the scaled-down versions of 1930s and 40s cars speed down the track.

Bill Paniaha, whose father is the president of the Owl's Club, works at the Charlotte-based race track. The car that now hangs from the Joffre building, was once raced there.

"Billy rebuilt it and did all of the custom paint work," said Jones. Green's Towing helped to elevate the car to its two-story status, he added.

The Owl's Club, with a 35 percent female membership, has been in existence for 65 years.

Joffre Owl's Club has 'Racy' Mascot
The Record Enterprise-October 1998 Edition



Raccoon Owls Club
Joffre, PA.



Raccoon Owl's Club Soccer Team-Late 1940's

Front Row, L-R: Joseph Sella, Dominick "Mickie" Gobleck, Henry Gaus, John Zilich, Angelo "Babe" Scariot, Leo Antonopoulos, John Kandray, and George "Sheriff" Schrockman. **Second Row, L-R:** Andy Scopel, Harry Elias, Americo "Tete" Sella, Paul "Putko" Lily, Lou Maltony, Sam Kovach, and George Zibritrosky.

RACCOON SPORTSMEN ELECT OFFICERS

The recently organized Sportsman's Association of Raccoon, met Friday evening and elected officers to serve the ensuing year. Pledged to conserve game and eventually work out a program of benefit to the wild life in this section, the Raccoon Sportsmen has already enrolled 33 members, who received their membership cards and buttons at Friday's meeting. The aim of the organization is a membership of 50.

Officers, who will lead the group this year are: President, Paul Deliere; vice president, Jake Metz; secretary-treasurer, Peter Gobleck.

The club will meet the first and third Friday of each month in the Argenta building at Raccoon. Men from this section who are interested in the ideals and program of the club are invited to join. Dues are \$1.00 a year. Application has been made for a charter, which it is expected will be presented at the next meeting.

Raccoon Victory Club Celebrates 14th Year

Fourteenth anniversary of the Victory Club was celebrated at a dinner meeting Monday night, Jan. 10, in the Raccoon Owl's hall.

President Helen Bertovich presided. After a general business session, Nancy Mikula and Caroline Black were initiated as new members. Installation of the following officers was held in charge of Julia Bable, past president.

President, Pauline Labishak; vice president, Sara Orga; secretary, Rena DeValkeneer; treasurer, Helen Bertovich.

After the ceremony, dinner was served. Games were played and prizes awarded to conclude the evening. The next meeting will be held in the Owl's hall, Monday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

REBEKAHS ENTERTAIN

Members of the Margaret Scott Rebekah Lodge No. 539 entertained with an enjoyable informal banquet on Thursday evening, March 9 at 6:30 o'clock in the Horstman and Davis dining room on the Steubenville pike. Guests of honor were the District Deputy President Bess McNutt and her installing staff of the Lady Clay Lodge of Claysville.

The dining room was attractively decorated in spring flowers and the table was centered with flowers in a color scheme of pink and green.

The program began with the invocation by Noble Grand Hazel Grabsky. Miss Isabelle Riehl entertained with several piano solos. District Deputy President Bess McNutt spoke a few words and closed by reciting a friendship poem. Informal talks were given by those present, interspersed with group singing. The program closed with the singing of God Bless America.

The guests included District Deputy President Bess McNutt and her staff: Mary C. Marshall, Ella S. Shellar, Nellie Scott, Anna Cozad, Anna Chambers, Lizzie Lindsay and Margaret McClelland, also Harold McNutt and C. M. Scott.

Those who gave the party were Hazel Grabsky, Noble Grand and Ruby Matesic, Isabell Riehl, Frances Martin, Wilma Grant, Frances Yukevich, Anna Lee Hulick, Ruth Wade, Margaret Bruchianti, Leona Deliere, Ada Campbell, Elizabeth Bane, Florence Dowden, Cora Mae Lescalett, Ora Chambon, Mae Tuttle, Mary Holland, Anna Belle Sedoris, Agnes Robinson, Margaret Proudfit, Bessie Hulick and Clifford Wade.

REBEKAH LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Margaret Scott Rebekah Lodge No. 539 held their installation meeting last Tuesday evening, April 10, in the Haines Hall.

Mrs. Hazel Grabsky, District Deputy President, and her staff which consisted of Mrs. Elizabeth Bane, Mrs. Mae Tuttle, Mrs. Mary Holland, Mrs. Isobel Reed, M. S. Frances Yukevich, Mrs. Margaret Proudfit, Mrs. Bessie Hulick, and Mrs. Cora Mae Lescallete, installed the following officers and appointed officers into their respective stations Mrs Dorothy Andrews, Noble Grand and Mrs. Carrie Atherton, Vice Grand. Mrs. Frances Yukevich, Warden; Mrs. Clover Mathews, Conductor; Mrs. Mary Holland, Chaplain; Mrs. Isabel Christopher, Musician; Mrs. Edith Noah, Right Support; Miss Wilma Grast, Left Support; Mrs. Sylvia Saxton, Inside Guard; and Miss Betty Buchanti, Outside Guard. Mrs. Ruth Wade, Right Support to the Vice Grand; and Mrs. Anna Lee Hulick, Left Support to the Vice Grand. The Past Noble Grand was Mrs. Flora Neil and Mrs. Harrietta Certich was the Outgoing Noble Grand.

Following the business meeting a delicious lunch was served by the lunch committee. Visitors from Claysville, Washington, and Crafton were present including Sister Horner, the Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge to the Rebekah Home of Crafton.

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1934 Red Cross Poster
Invites Your Membership



1934 Red Cross Poster Invites Membership
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 1934 Edition

Burgettstown Communities have shown their patriotism and their willingness to support an all out war effort by donating generously to the Red Cross War Fund Drive and being one of the first districts in the County to reach it's assigned quota of \$5000. The local district for the War Fund Drive included all of Smith and Hanover Townships.

Donations are still coming in and most towns report that there are still a few door bells to ring.

The check that put the drive over the ton was presented Mrs. J.H. McIntyre by Mr. C.M. Marino president of the Langeloth Smeltermen's Union. On Monday evening of this week, the Smeltermen's Union met and voted to contribute fifty cents for each man belonging to the union. This amounted to \$420.00 and enabled the local district to attain it's goal before the March 18 dead line.

With reports still due from the Langeloth Community, Francis Mine, Langeloth Mine Union as well as additional donations from the other communities, it can now be expected that the local district will exceed it's quota by nearly \$1000.

Citizens of the Community can feel justly proud of themselves for the manner in which they have supported the financial campaign designed to help the war effort. Such actions speak well of the community spirit.

All citizens who took an active part in this Red Cross War Fund Drive are to be complimented upon their initiative and splendid co-operation. Without this the drive could not have been successful. The latest reports from the various communities are;

Corporation Gifts	\$3050.00
Lgth. Smelberman's Union	420.00
Burgettstown Borough	862.00
Florence	220.25
Paris	113.00
Bulger	138.10
Raccoon	122.00
Cherry Valley	13.10
Atlasburg	20.00
Langeloth	5.00
Slovan	140.00
Harmon Creek	50.00
Erie Mine	35.00
Rural	27.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	5315.45

Additional workers for Burgettstown have been appointed as follows: Mrs. Clarence Morrow, Mrs. J. G. Scott and Mrs. George Grabski.

Slovan: Mary Dugas, Gina Filipponi, Maë Mungello, Matilda Novak, Helen Mellovick, Juliette Medved, Amelia Sciamanna, and Anita Sciamanna.

Florence: Grace Cassidy, Mrs. Norman Tucker, and Mrs. Jay Denny.

Paris: Stella McCracken, Carrie Stephenson, Myrle Virtue and Mary Hanlin.

Langeloth: Mrs. J. H. McIntyre, Mrs. Charles L. Kirsch, Mrs. Donald Downer, Mrs. Charles Mester, Mrs. Henry Hellmers, Mrs. Dewey Russell, Mrs. Harold Purdy, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. William Morris and Mrs. Dimit.

Atlasburg: Mr. William Sechollaert and Miss Rose Mary Nicola.

Bulger: The Red Cross Organization is under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Shearson and a group of high school girls.

Cherry Valley: John Maroni, Ernest Guio.

Harmon Creek: Mrs. Lee Addington, Mrs. Walter Robertson.

Joffre: Mrs. Harry Colesberry, and Miss Nelle Christy.

Co-chairladies, Mrs. William Sabo and Mrs. John Shearson have reported that they have completed the Red Cross drive in Bulger and have turned in a total of \$138.10.

Mrs. Emma Freville had charge of the Bake Sale last Saturday which netted a grand total of \$55.60.

The members of the Verner Mine Union contributed \$21.75.

The balance of the \$138.10 was collected from individual donations.

**COURSE IN FIRST AID
IS OPEN TO PUBLIC**

A course in First Aid training is being carried on in Burgettstown by members of the WPA Educational Division and is following the prescribed lessons of the American Red Cross. The course is under the supervision of an expert first aid worker and will include 20 hours of instruction. Any person in this district is eligible to membership, free of charge.

Classes are being held each Monday and Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 and will continue for five weeks. Afternoon classes meet in the Borough building and evening classes, in the high school.

**Course in First Aid is Open to Public
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 30, 1941 Edition**

FRANKFORT SPRINGS

Mrs. Jean Dowdell of New Brighton met with the Red Cross Sewing Group, Thursday, June 17, and presented pins and Red Cross insignias for uniforms to twelve of the group who have given 100 hours or more of their time to the work.

The following received pins. Mrs. Morgan Swingle, Mrs. La Verne Lewis, Mrs. Robert McHugh, Mrs. Norman Cain, Mrs. Helen Ramsey, Mrs. John Aten, Mrs. Campbell Tarr, Mrs. Imogene Reed, Mrs. Raymond McMillan, Mrs. Dorothy Darke, Miss Nannie Dunlap, and Miss Lizzie Frazier.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the church, Thursday, June 17. The day was spent quilting on the two quilts. The hostesses, Mrs. Morgan Swingle and Mrs. O. B. Stevenson, served a delicious luncheon.

Going over the top, striking out beyond our objective is just a habit with the people of Greater Burgettstown Community.

Burgettstown again, or shall I say as usual, is way out front in the Red Cross War Fund Drive. Latest reports from straggling solicitors indicate that we have not only reached our quota, \$5000, but will top it with \$1500, a \$6500 total in gifts.

Outstanding in his work as District Chairman for the Burgettstown Red



Cross, William P. Miller proudly points today to the people of Francis Mine. Now this little Community at the edge of Burgettstown has been hit harder by the war than most of us realize. Several "missing in action" telegrams have been delivered to sorrowful families. Francis Mine also boasts a Distinguished Flying Cross, which has been awarded to Athlete Benny Navage, who is still reported missing.

On Tuesday, John Palin, Super of the G. C. C. & C. Mine whose son Jack left his work with "black diamonds" to try for his wings with Uncle Sam, has done a fine job as Red Cross chairman at Francis Mine. He reports total gifts of, I quote correctly, ladies and gentlemen

EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS!

The Francis Mine Local Union No. 595, with Dennis Harshall, the new U. M. W. Field Representative as President, gave a cash gift of \$100 to the War Fund. Now Mr. Palin reports that employes of his Company have pledged \$700. This will be collected in installments on pay days.

The Red Cross is moving into Burgettstown to give active aid to indigent families in the District, whose bread winners have gone to war. An examiner is in our midsts who will investigate cases, and offer aid until compensation checks come through to those families.

Bill Miller talked to me today about bringing the Red Cross Mobile Unit here early in May to give the people of this Community an opportunity to donate their blood. While plans are indefinite at the present time, it is believed that the Burgettstown Firemen will work with Mr. Miller in Burgettstown and that District Red Cross Committees will make the contacts in other Communities to secure 350 applications prior to the day that the Mobile Unit will be in town. There will be duties of responsibility for many people. If Mr. Miller is successful in securing the Unit which I believe is to be in Washington County for one week only, a canteen will have to be set up, food will have to be served to blood donors, and there will be much detail work to be cleared before the Unit arrives.

Of course, Burgettstown, an "example community" for its splendid record in the December War Bond Drive and for its Red Cross War Fund quota, will no doubt find many more than the required 350 blood donors needed to bring the Unit here.

Stella Culley, who gives generously of her Welsh singing talents at public affairs, is all bound up in her duties as assistant chief observer to husband Wayne, these days. Stella mans the Culley telephone, which clears literally hundreds of calls, in her effort to keep the Legion post manned: 24 hours a day. Stella knows of many unsung "little" people who are serving in silence at these posts in the "wee sma" hours.

She cites B. J. Kenny, the West Penn's front man here and Buzzie Farner as two volunteer spotters who really take their work seriously. Again last week on "dog watch," no relief came at 4 a. m. so they worked an 8 hour trick.

The Gardiner Post received a "spot check for efficiency" on March 18 at 2:28 a. m. from the Filter Center. The report stated the Observers were alert and satisfactory. Stella says, "Call your chief observer, if you have not already done so and give him the help he needs for after midnight tricks. Inspections come after midnight and so will Olseoff rrrrwd night and SO WILL THE ENEMY.—mly.

**William P. Miller, District Chairman for the Burgettstown Red Cross
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1943 Edition**

Bavington Pack, Troop, Halloween Meet

By Lynn Shook

Pack and Troop 1396 held their annual Halloween meeting on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Burgettstown Grange in Bavington.

The Webelos den opened the meeting with a flag ceremony. The opening song was led by Mark Kramer. Cubmaster Judy Kramer welcomed the scouts and their families.

Cub Scout Bobcat awards were presented to the following new scouts: Eric Ciammaichella, Brian Jeannette, Howie Delaney, Tim Staub, Norman Staub, Rick Spencer, Nathan Holmes, Dale Bish, Craig Donaldson, Brian McHugh, Philip Wingertsahn and Brian Yetsik.

Webelo scouts received the following activity badges: Brandon Demnyan, outdoorsman; Tim Burgoyne, outdoorsman, handyman, engineer, readyman and fitness; Matt Glass, artist and outdoorsman; Cameron Kramer, fitness, artist, outdoorsman and handyman; Patrick Kramer, athlete and outdoorsman; and Eric Kightlinger, outdoorsman.

Entertainment was provided by the Rappin Webelos den, who put on a skit entitled "Nightmare on My Street."

Judy Kramer introduced this year's leaders, and Mark Kramer led the Cub Scouts in a song about the new leaders. The leaders for this year are Wolf Den, Joan and Rich Horvath; Bear Den, Jan Kramer, David Kramer and John and Jan Demnyan. Webelos leaders are Don Burgoyne and Dennis Glass.

Boy Scout awards were presented by scout troop committee chairman Jim Thorpe. The scouts received merit badges earned last summer at the Heritage Boy Scout Camp in Uniontown. The following boys received merit badges:

Lou Ardillo, cooking, dog care, fishing and woodcarving; Ralph Soukup, cooking, fishing and woodcarving; William Smith, cooking, fishing, woodcarving and environmental science; Ben Mehlmauer, woodcarving; James Thorpe,

woodcarving; Bernie Smith, woodcarving; Mike Schaedel, cooking, fishing and woodcarving; Tim Yost, woodcarving; Eric Kramer, communications, citizenship in the world, space exploration, rowing, archery and small boat sailing; Wayne Lander, botany, environmental science and woodcarving; Sean Kramer, small boat sailing and rowing; Lee Henke, fishing, woodcarving, basketry, cooking and rifle; Kelly Henke, woodcarving, canoeing and cooking; Ryan Duran, small boat sailing, archery, camping, rowing and leather work; Brian Kurtz, small boat sailing, woodcarving and cooking; Mike Krek, woodcarving, basketry and cooking; Tim Lyons, small boat sailing, archery and rowing; and Brian Walter, pioneering and fishing.

Boy Scouts who advanced in rank are William Smith, 2nd Class; Sean Kramer, Life; Lee Henke, 2nd Class; and Lou Ardillo, Tenderfoot.

While at the Heritage Boy Scout Camp, a fishing trophy was won by Bernie Smith. James Thorpe won a marksmanship trophy for the scouts, and Mark Kramer won a marksmanship trophy for leaders.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served. The Cub Scouts were entertained in the basement of the grange, where a haunted house was set up.

The meeting was closed with the song, "We Are Climbing Scouting's Ladder" and the scout master benediction.

The Boy Scouts will be working on their religious awards this month.

The Cub Scouts will be going roller skating at Canonsburg on Saturday, Nov. 19.

The Boy Scouts and the Burgettstown Grange members will be working together on the Christmas good turn. They will be visiting area shut-ins, singing carols and delivering baskets of baked goods.

**Bavington Pack and Troop 1396-Annual Halloween Meeting
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1988 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Skinner-Brun Ladies' Dinner

The annual dinner of the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post # 7218, Bulger, will be held on Saturday, July 9, at 7 p.m.

It will be at Hoss's Steak House in Canonsburg and will be followed by dancing at the Canonsburg Eagles.

Reservations must be made no later than July 5. Those interested may call Eva Tabone, 796-7834; Vincy Nencioni, 796-5455, or Rose Stiegel, 796-5247.



Societa Femenile Italiana M.S. Aquila D'Italia of Slovan

Officers of the Societa Femenile Italiana M.S. Aquila D'Italia of Slovan are viewing their fifteenth anniversary cake. The celebration was held in the Slovan lodge rooms on December 15, 1950, with more than 100 members attending. L-R: Mrs. Agnes Donati, Financial Secretary, Mrs. Jeanette Filipponi, Treasurer, Mrs. Stella Amistadi, President, Mrs. Angeline Sprando, Correspondence Secretary, and Mrs. Theresa Shearson, Second Vice President.

Burgettstown Enterprise-January 17, 1951 Edition

Fort Vance Historical Society

Slovan and Jefferson Township firemen were called at about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, to extinguish a vehicle fire that also caught grass in the area on fire. Jessie Venegaz of Second Avenue, Langeloth, was training his dogs in a rural area of Hanlin Station in Jefferson Township when a fire began in the motor compartment of his car. He had to walk more than a mile to notify the fire department. The car was destroyed, and the fire also burned about an acre of grass.



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1951 Italian Ladies Benefit Society 15th Anniversary -Slovan, PA**

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**Societa Femenile Italiana M.S. Aquila D'Italia of Slovan
1951 Women's Italian Club 15th Anniversary -Slovan, PA**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Firefighters receive honors for dedication

By AUDRA TAYLOR
Correspondent

As part of the 65th annual Washington County Firemen's Convention, the Burgettstown and Slovan Volunteer Fire Departments hosted a dinner and awards ceremony at the Langeloth Community Center July 17.

Friends and family were invited to attend the ceremony to honor and recognize the immense courage, hard work and dedication exhibited by the local firefighters.

Six service awards were given to the fire department members who have shown their commitment to the community through their many years of service. Other awards included two citizen awards, which were presented to those who helped make the Washington County Firemen's Convention a success for the 65th consecutive year.

Slovan area VFD honorees included: Louis C. Dugas, Paul Pakisz, and the late Benjamin F. Mader. Honorees of the Burgettstown VFD included: Walter "Buzz" Farner, Kenny Dennis, and James A. Gilson. Citizen awards were given to Jeanne and Donny Vega, as well as Jim Reedy, for their steadfast commitment to the success of this year's convention.

As a member of the Slovan VFD since 1950, honoree Louis C. Dugas served as an EMT, an engineer, engine captain, assistant chief and later as chief from 1960-1965.

"I am very honored to have received this (service) award," Dugas said. "I didn't expect anything like this in the 55 years I've been with the fire department. This really shows how the community appreciates what all these men are doing."

Kenny Dennis, a Burgettstown VFD life member since 1956, served as assistant chief in the years before acquiring his position as treasurer, the position he still holds today.

"I feel very honored to have this recognition from the community," Dennis said. "I have been doing this all my

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Firefighters

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life, and it's been a great experience serving this community in the fire department for as long as I have."

Walter "Buzz" Farner has been a Burgettstown VFD member since 1954. In 1958, at the age of only 29, Farner became chief and served in that position until 2002.

"I've been chief of the department for 45 years," Farner said. "I've had 50 years in the department. In my family there are five generations (of firefighters). My dad was chief back in the 1950s, two of my brothers are lifetime members, and my son is a lifetime member. (Serving in the VFD) is an honor you don't forget."



Photos by Emily R. Eberlin

MEMORIAL SERVICE – The Burgettstown and Slovan/Smith volunteer fire departments hosted a memorial service on Sunday to honor past and present firefighters.

Memorial

the audience full of many different faces, colors of uniforms, and the names of the towns they represent.

"We celebrate your commitment, service and dedication, as well as that of those names we read," he said.

According to Coleman, those with the fire departments in Washington County

are a "ban of brothers and sisters" that share in grief when another firefighter "is lost."

"God bless each of you," he said.

The memorial service was sponsored by Paul J. Walsh, attorney-at-law, and was hosted by the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department and the Slovan/Smith Volunteer Fire

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Department, who have teamed up to put on this year's 65th annual Washington County Firemen's Convention, which began Saturday and will continue Friday evening through Saturday in Burgettstown.

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**Firefighters Receive Honors for Dedication
PA Focus-July 23, 2005 Edition**

Today's schedule for Washington County Firemen's Convention

The 65th annual Washington County Firemen's Convention, hosted by the Smith/Slovan Volunteer Fire Department and the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department, will end today. The following is a list of events:

All Day - Food, games and carnival rides will be available at the Burgettstown VFD on Main Street.

10 a.m. - Opening ceremony for Convention/Community Day.

11 a.m. - Roseanne School of Dance will perform.

Noon - Light Touch band will perform.

2 p.m. - Center Stage Dance will perform.

3 p.m. - Luanne's School of Dance will perform.

4 p.m. - Shelly Duff country band will perform.

6 p.m. - Parade on Main Street, Burgettstown.

7:30 p.m. - Midnight Run country band will perform.

Dusk - Fireworks display.



THE ENTERPRISE / JIM DALLARA

A part of history

Steve Dugas, a trustee with Barto Veterans of Foreign Wars Post of Slovan, presents a painting to Edie Jones of the Burgettstown Community Library that will find a permanent place in the library's Historical Room. The 20 x 20 painting is a reproduction of a mural at the Slovan VFW. The original, titled "Faces of Freedom," was dedicated in 1993. It contains pictures and names of 16 Slovan area military veterans who were killed in the nation's wars.

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A part of history
The Enterprise-1995 Edition

40 COMPANIES MARCH IN SLOVAN FIRE DEPT PARADE

Led by Union High School band, directed by Maestro O. Glenn Aiken, about forty visiting Volunteer Fire Companies and twelve bands paraded last (Wednesday) night at the annual parade and street fair of the Slovan Volunteer Fire Department. The parade formally opened the street fair, which will continue for the next three days. Eighty dollars in prizes was awarded to the visiting companies in line of march, the judges being William Russell of Hickory, Vincent Walsh and P. J. Sciamanna of Slovan, A. J. Nairn of Langeloth and E. H. Vosburg of Burgettstown.

Slovan's annual celebration was directed by Fire Chief John Kubovich and Chairman Eugene Tucci. Members of the assisting committees are: Purchasing, Eugene Tucci, Steve Dugas; stands, Tony Guidy, assistant Fire Chief and Joe Wojnar; Parade, John Kubovic, Tony Guidy, Captains Sam Testa and Tony Latella and Drill Sergeant, Frank Lawrence.

Volunteer Fire Companies participating in the celebration included the following units:

Burgettstown Band, Weirton Fire Company, Crescent Twp. Jr. Drum and Bugle Corps, Stratton Fire Department, Avella Fire Department, Midway Fire Department, Wellsville, O. Drum and Bugle Corps, Fairhope Fire Department, Truck, Yorkville Squad Car, Chester, W. Va. Drum and Bugle Corps, Mt. Oliver Ladder Truck, Bridgeville Emergency Truck, Finleyville Truck and Bus, 80 piece Band.

Burgettstown Fire Department, Truck and Squad Car, McDonald Squad Car, Wilkins Twp. Truck and Fire Corps, Oakdale Squad Car and Band, Newell W. Va. Bus, Drum and Bugle Corps, Glendale Fire Department, Broughton Fire Department Truck, Fayette City Bus and Drum Bugle Corps, Baldwin Squad Car, South Fayette Ladies Auxiliary, Drum and Bugle Corps, South Fayette Twp. Truck, Buena Vista Squad Car, Hazelwood Girls Drum and Bugle Corps, Elrama Truck and Band.

West Elizabeth Fire Department, Canonsburg Squad Car, Drum and Bugle Corps, Hollidays Cove, W. Va. Fire Company, Neville Island Squad Car, Lincoln Park Squad Car, Franklin No. 3 Squad Car, Houston Fire Department, Bentleyville Truck, Imperial Truck and Band, Salinesville Ohio Truck.

40 Companies March in Slovan Fire Dept. Parade
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 25, 1940 Edition

**Slovan Firemen
Battle Blaze At
Delfrate Packing Co.**

The Slovan Volunteer Fire Department was called into action last Friday morning at 3:30 when the smokehouse of the Delfrate Packing Company caught afire. The fire was caused when the drippings from the hams and bacon became ignited. The entire contents of the smokehouse were destroyed and the damage is estimated at about \$600.00 The fire had advanced to the sausage kitchen when it was discovered and an alarm sounded. The damage to the kitchen was slight.

John Delfrate, proprietor of the Delfrate Packing Company, is in the St. Francis Hospital where he is undergoing treatment for a blood clot on his optic nerve. This unusual condition may cause the loss of the sight of one eye but the other eye is not affected. His condition is reported as much improved and in a couple of weeks he should be able to return to his home.

"Dee Dee" Yaksic, age 5 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Yaksic, broke her right arm just above the wrist when she attempted to jump across a small creek and fell. The accident occurred Thursday afternoon March 25th.

The Golden Cross Society of Slovan has contributed \$39.50 to the War Fund Drive of the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Tip Richey are spending a week visiting in New York.

Miss Mae Mungello has returned home after spending a week's vacation in Buffalo, N. Y., visiting with Miss Kathryn Dubich.

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BIRD NESTS JAM FIRE SIREN

When members of the Slovan Volunteer Fire Department pressed the siren button to summon aid for fighting a fire at the Hodge residence near Cherry Valley Sunday morning, they received no response and had to rely on the ambulance call.

The next day, firemen set about the task of discovering the cause for failure of the siren. After climbing to the top of the building, Tony Testa and Ben Mader were surprised to find a king-sized bird's nest and a flock of birds fluttering about. The birds had built their home inside the siren, jamming the works. The siren was cleared and is in working order again.



Charles A. Mader
Slovan V.F.D. Chief



Ben Mader
Chief of Slovan
Fire Department

Child Dies In Fire At Slovan; Help Quickly Given

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hicks, with the aid of neighbors and civic organizations, are making a good recovery after the loss of their four-month-old daughter in a fire about noon Wednesday, March 30, which destroyed all the furnishings and belongings in their Slovan home.

Fire broke out in their four-room apartment in one of the company block houses owned by Thomas J. Finley, while Mrs. Hicks was outside. Her husband was at work. Three youngsters were playing in the first floor of the apartment while the baby, Ellouise, was asleep in her crib upstairs.

The Slovan fire chief and fire marshal, Pete Scaleri of Washington have determined the fire was caused when one of the children lighted paper on the kitchen range and threw it into a wastebasket near plastic curtains which ignited causing the blaze.

Mrs. Hicks, who was away from the apartment no more than two minutes, returned, seeing the smoke, but was unable to open the door. After she managed to force the door open, flames shot out and the mother did the most important thing by closing the door to prevent more oxygen from abetting the fire, went to a window which she broke open to enter the home.

In her heroic attempt, Mrs. Hicks was able to save the three children but the infant Ellouise died from asphyxiation from the fumes and smoke of the quick-spreading flames.

A neighbor called the Slovan Fire Department and ambulance which within three minutes placed a ladder to reach the upper floor and was playing water on the blaze. When fireman Jim Guiddy reached the infant's crib, he found she had already succumbed.

The ambulance took two-year old Jerome to Washington hospital where he was treated for third degree burns and released Saturday, April 2. Gerald and Jennifer, twins, three, were treated for minor burns and Mrs. Hicks suffered cuts on her arm. Gerald is confined to his home now with measles and mumps.

Funeral services for the infant were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 31, from the Lee and Wilson Funeral home, in charge of Rev. Elliott of Midway. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Slovan Volunteer firemen fought the fire for more than an hour to prevent the blaze from spreading to the adjoining apartments.

All furniture and possessions of the Hicks family, amounting to more than \$2,000, were destroyed in the tragedy. Only recently had they completed payments for the furniture.

With help from the Red Cross who contributed a \$150 emergency clothing order, the Cameo club who took up a collection in the town, friends, neighbors and relatives in the community, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks have made a good recovery. They extend their sincere appreciation to the above groups and persons who donated aid, especially the Slovan firemen.

The family is now residing with Mr. Hicks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hicks of Slovan. The Red Cross has stated it will give assistance when the family is ready to go to housekeeping again, a part of its family rehabilitation service.

**Ellouise Hicks Dies in Slovan Fire
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 7, 1955 Edition**

Clark Hotel Is Guttled By Disastrous Fire, Saturday Afternoon Believe Blaze Was Started At Rear Of Building By Burning Rubbish



Reporter Photo

Burning of rubbish at the rear of the building, is believed to have started a disastrous fire in the heart of the Burgettstown business section last Saturday afternoon that completely gutted the 14 room Clark hotel. Joseph Ranovich, owner estimates his loss at nearly \$25,000.00 which is covered by less than \$14,000 fire insurance, and Angelo Nardo, proprietor of the hotel and lessee from Mr. Ranovich estimates his loss of equipment at \$20,000.

Quick response to the fire alarm, which summoned Burgettstown, Slovan, Midway and McDonald Volunteer companies and efficient work by the fire fighters held the blaze to the hotel building's three floors and prevented it from spreading to other frame business establishments, adjacent, which could have destroyed the whole block.

The only occupant of a bed room Bud Crosby, Aliquippa mill worker, crawled to safety over an adjoining roof. The other bed rooms were unoccupied at the time of the fire.

Fire Chief Phil Gray directed activities of the fire companies. Eight streams of water were used on the fire and traffic was halted and rerouted by Chief of Police Henry Vega, assisted by State Police from the Washington barracks.

Mr. Gray reported that the fire evidently started from a burning pile of rubbish at the rear of the building and was not discovered until 2:30 p.m., when it had spread through the rear portion to the roof.

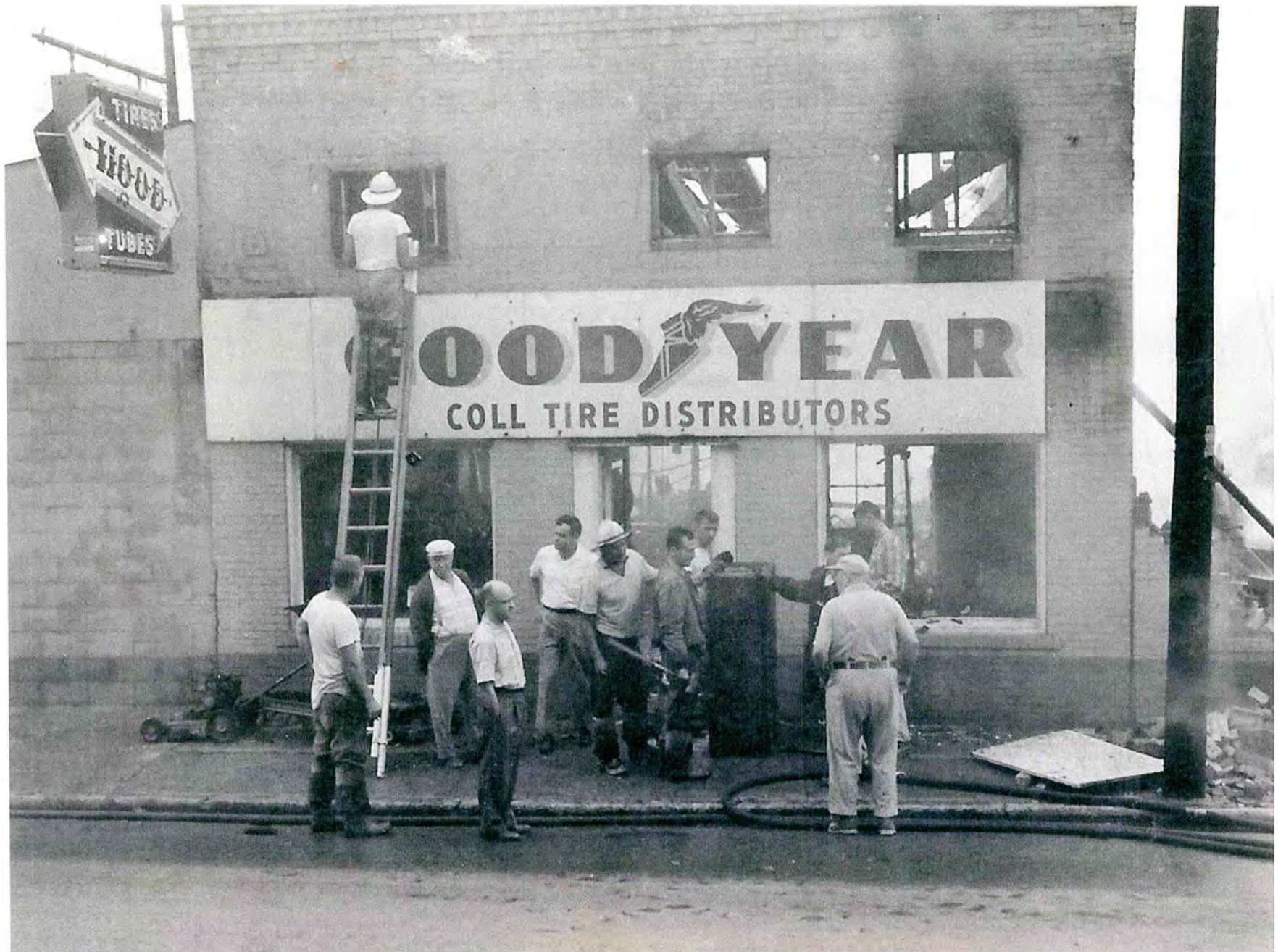
Two rooms, second floor front were the only rooms to escape fire damage and the remainder of the building was entirely gutted by the fire, including the tap room

operated by Nardos, which, recently remodeled, runs the full length of the building on the first floor.

Mr. Ranovich, the owner, it is reported, had recently cancelled insurance policies which would have helped to cover his big loss. He is undecided at the present time as to whether he will rebuild the structure.

The Clark Hotel was remodeled this past summer, and the old wood front made way for a new stone facing. Other improvements were made to the building, to accommodate transient travelers in this area. The Clark hotel, one of the older buildings in the main business section of Burgettstown had been operated as a hotel for nearly half a century. It was formerly owned and operated by Dr. Clark, well known dentist who retired several years ago and now lives in California.

Clark Hotel is Guttled by Disastrous Fire
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 30, 1952 Edition



**Volunteer Firemen Work Quickly & Expertly; Five Companies Battle Disastrous Fire
Burgettstown, Slovan, Avella, Hickory, and McDonald Volunteer Fire Departments
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 30, 1959 Edition**

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**Smoldering Ruins all that's Left of Coll Tire Plant
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SMOULDERING RUINS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF COLL TIRE PLANT



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Mr. Coll assembled his associates at an emergency meeting on Tuesday afternoon and plans were immediately drafted to continue the business in temporary quarters until new buildings can be erected. A crane moved in Wednesday morning to begin clearing out the debris, in preparation for re-building.

Temporary quarters were established Wednesday in the Coll Annex across from the furniture store on North Main street where the records of the company, which were saved from the fire were installed. Telephones and business machines were set in so that the office routine of the plant may continue uninterrupted. Mr. Coll has also rented the ice house on Market street, and the Boni building on Main street where retail phases of the business will be carried on.

Coll, largest tire re-capping business in the tri-state district supplied more than 450 district agents. Business associates of Mr. Coll have offered their facilities to continue the re-capping phase of the business until new buildings and machines can be put into use.

Fire broke out in the plant at 12:20 Tuesday, shortly after the midnight shift had taken over. It is said to have been caused when a can of solvents was spilt. The liquid tire cleaning fluid seeped into the basement, splashing against a hot water tank and ignited. Employees were unable to snuff this blaze, and in seconds the whole plant was a holocaust of fire, which burned steadily for several hours.

Five fire companies answered the call within minutes, Burgettstown, Slovan, Avella, Hickory and McDonald, with more than 100 firemen reporting for duty.

The county fire radio network, recently installed was instrumental in bringing quick aid by the fire companies. A six man detachment of state police was put on duty, who worked throughout the night rerouting route 18 traffic.

Great credit and praise was heaped upon the volunteer firemen who worked unstintingly to stop the fire. They were successful in confining the flames to the Coll buildings, saving a nearby garage and Robinson Pop buildings, adjacent. The Coll plant was reduced

to rubble, and all buildings and equipment are said to be a total loss. The fire broke out again, at 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, requiring a return of the Burgettstown fire company. The ruins were still smoldering on Wednesday. The firemen were again recalled Wednesday morning to stop another outburst.

The new Coll addition, recently completed was also destroyed by the intense heat.

Tim Vincent, a Coll employee suffered leg and foot burns; Harry Pappas, volunteer fireman ran a nail through his hand; Chuck Neil suffered burns of the hands and Tom Vajentic was bruised when a timber fell on his ankle.

Fire Chief Walter Farnier directed operations at the scene of the fire and was loud in praise of the valiant efforts of the fire crews.

Coll Tire Distributors was founded by Mr. Coll's father, the late James Coll, during World War II, when rubber, vitally necessary to the war effort, was placed first on priority lists. Mr. Coll set up a tire re-capping operation in a small building on North Main st., in 1938 to manufacture re-capped tires. James Coll later came into the business with his father and through the years has expanded and developed the plant, until it is one of the most staple industries in Raccoon Valley.

He kept increasing his crew until his payroll today includes sixty employees. He has further spread out into the retail business and conducts a furniture store in Burgettstown, a retail outlet at the plant, and is the owner of the Mac Brown store in Aliquippa. His fleet of trucks, loaded with re-capped and new tires, making deliveries at 450 branch agents, is a familiar sight in the tri-state area.

A recent innovation in the Coll industry was its entry into the industrial field, where all types of new and re-capped tires were marketed to large industries.

Mr. Coll stated Tuesday that his loss was partially covered by insurance.

"Pepe" Farulli, owner of Pepe's Restaurant supplied the firemen with coffee and doughnuts, as they worked to put out the fire.

Coll Tire Distributors Begin Re-Building of Burned Plant Burgettstown Enterprise-July 30, 1959 Edition

COMMUNITY WILL HONOR MEMORY OF WAR HEROS ON MEMORIAL DAY

Burgettstown Community will pay tribute to the men from the district who have been reported either killed or missing since Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, at the annual Memorial Day service at Fairview cemetery, conducted by the American Legion on Monday after noon.

The Legion will be assisted at this fifth annual memorial service by members of the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department, Solvan Volunteer Fire Department. The Tuesday Music Club, Union High school band and other Community Organizations. The service will begin at the Burgettstown Honor Roll at 3 p. m., with the selection, "America, the Beautiful" by the Tuesday Music Club. The parade will then form,

led by Union band and march to Fairview cemetery where a memorial service will be held.

District youth who have been reported killed or missing are: George Loraski, Joffre; Warren E. Ager, of Francis, Mine; Eli Vladich, Slovan; Clay McCarty, Cross Creek; Donald and Leonard LeCouvre, Bulger; Louis A. Lovin, Francis Mine; Michael Raymond Saska, Bertha; John H. Melvin, Langeloth; Benny Navage, Francis Mine; Edward Bish, Burgettstown; Michael Kucher, Francis Mine; George Yanek, Langeloth; John Brun Bulger; Howard A. Ferguson, Midway; Donald Fulton and Ernest N. Speer, Florence.

Memorial day services will be as follows:

America The Beautiful	Tuesday Music Club
Parade will leave Honor Roll Plaque at Burgettstown at 3:30 p. m.	
Assembly Call	Comrade Leo Sams
Star Spangled Banner	By The Assembly
Introduction of Officer of the Day	Dr. A. O. Hindman
Officer of the Day	Past Commander Dr. George L. McKee
Invocation	Rev. William J. McCashin
Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church	
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address	Ann Smith
Special Music	Union High School Band
In Flanders Field	Mary Marcus
God Bless America	Union High School Band
Address	John A. Stoup
Waynesburg, Pennsylvania	
American Legion Service	Officers
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	By The Assembly
Finlandia	Tuesday Music Club
America	Union High School Band
Closing Prayer	Rev. Leslie Van Inwegan
Pastor Langeloth United Presbyterian Church	

THREE FIRE COMPANIES BATTLE FLAMES THAT DAMAGED HISTORIC CROSS CREEK CHURCH

The bell tower of historic Cross Creek Presbyterian Church was completely destroyed and the surrounding roof burned Sunday afternoon in a fire which threatened to consume the entire brick church.

Fire companies of Burgettstown, Slovan and Avella fought the blaze for more than two hours. Neighbors and volunteers of the congregation hauled water in milk cans and other containers to supply water to fight the blaze.

Cause of the fire has not been determined.

A fire alarm was sent out at 1:30 p.m. The interior of the main auditorium was not damaged but the ceiling was badly water soaked. The church carries insurance but the extent of damage has not yet been estimated.

The bell in the tower is operated by hand and the entire tower structure fell from the church roof as it burned.

The Cross Creek congregation is one of the oldest in Washington County, having been organized in 1779. The present church building was erected in 1878. The congregation was formed when the Cross Creek and Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Churches extended a call to Rev. Joseph Smith to serve both congregations. At that time a log church was built. The two congregations had promised to pay Mr. Smith 75 pounds a year and at one time were three years behind in payment. It was necessary to have flour milled and shipped to New Orleans, a hazardous trip in the pioneer era, to raise money for the minister's salary.

Mr. Shane announced Sunday night that the Thanksgiving service scheduled for Wednesday evening will be held

**Three Fire Companies Battle Flames that Damaged
Historic Cross Creek Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 28, 1946 Edition**



Slovan Volunteer Firemen fight flood in coal mine-1950
L-R: Albert Kontz, Bongiorno, Giddy, Vance Farulli, Bill Filipponi and Tony Testa



**Slovan VFD-Fire Prevention Week
Atlasburg Grade School**

Firefighters receive honors for dedication

By AUDRA TAYLOR
Correspondent

As part of the 65th annual Washington County Firemen's Convention, the Burgettstown and Slovan Volunteer Fire Departments hosted a dinner and awards ceremony at the Langeloth Community Center July 17.

Friends and family were invited to attend the ceremony to honor and recognize the immense courage, hard work and dedication exhibited by the local firefighters.

Six service awards were given to the fire department members who have shown their commitment to the community through their many years of service. Other awards included two citizen awards, which were presented to those who helped make the Washington County Firemen's Convention a success for the 65th consecutive year.

Slovan area VFD honorees included: Louis C. Dugas, Paul Pakisz, and the late Benjamin F. Mader. Honorees of the Burgettstown VFD included: Walter "Buzz" Farner, Kenny Dennis, and James A. Gilson. Citizen awards were given to Jeanne and Donny Vega, as well as Jim Reedy, for their steadfast commitment to the success of this year's convention.

As a member of the Slovan VFD since 1950, honoree Louis C. Dugas served as an EMT, an engineer, engine captain, assistant chief and later as chief from 1960-1965.

"I am very honored to have received this (service) award," Dugas said. "I didn't expect anything like this in the 55 years I've been with the fire department. This really shows how the community appreciates what all these men are doing."

Kenny Dennis, a Burgettstown VFD life member since 1956, served as assistant chief in the years before acquiring his position as treasurer, the position he still holds today.

"I feel very honored to have this recognition from the community," Dennis said. "I have been doing this all my

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life, and it's been a great experience serving this community in the fire department for as long as I have."

Walter "Buzz" Farner has been a Burgettstown VFD member since 1954. In 1958, at the age of only 29, Farner became chief and served in that position until 2002.

"I've been chief of the department for 45 years," Farner said. "I've had 50 years in the department. In my family there are five generations (of firefighters). My dad was chief back in the 1950s, two of my brothers are lifetime members, and my son is a lifetime member. (Serving in the VFD) is an honor you don't forget."



Photos by Emily R. Eberlin

MEMORIAL SERVICE – The Burgettstown and Slovan/Smith volunteer fire departments hosted a memorial service on Sunday to honor past and present firefighters.

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the audience full of many different faces, colors of uniforms, and the names of the towns they represent.

"We celebrate your commitment, service and dedication, as well as that of those names we read," he said.

According to Coleman, those with the fire departments in Washington County

are a "ban of brothers and sisters" that share in grief when another firefighter "is lost."

"God bless each of you," he said.

The memorial service was sponsored by Paul J. Walsh, attorney-at-law, and was hosted by the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department and the Slovan/Smith Volunteer Fire

Department, who have teamed up to put on this year's 65th annual Washington County Firemen's Convention, which began Saturday and will continue Friday evening through Saturday in Burgettstown.

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**Firefighters Receive Honors for Dedication
PA Focus-July 23, 2005 Edition**

**Slovan Firemen
Battle Blaze At
Delfrate Packing Co.**

The Slovan Volunteer Fire Department was called into action last Friday morning at 3:30 when the smokehouse of the Delfrate Packing Company caught afire. The fire was caused when the drippings from the hams and bacon became ignited. The entire contents of the smokehouse were destroyed and the damage is estimated at about \$600.00 The fire had advanced to the sausage kitchen when it was discovered and an alarm sounded. The damage to the kitchen was slight.

John Delfrate, proprietor of the Delfrate Packing Company, is in the St. Francis Hospital where he is undergoing treatment for a blood clot on his optic nerve. This unusual condition may cause the loss of the sight of one eye but the other eye is not affected. His condition is reported as much improved and in a couple of weeks he should be able to return to his home.

"Dee Dee" Yaksic, age 5 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Yaksic, broke her right arm just above the wrist when she attempted to jump across a small creek and fell. The accident occurred Thursday afternoon March 25th.

The Golden Cross Society of Slovan has contributed \$39.50 to the War Fund Drive of the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Tip Richey are spending a week visiting in New York.

Miss Mae Mungello has returned home after spending a week's vacation in Buffalo, N. Y., visiting with Miss Kathryn Dubich.

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Burgettstown and Slovan fire companies answered a call at the Florence school house on Wednesday, February 7, 1951, when high winds fanned a fire of undetermined origin and threatened for a time to demolish the building, one of the old landmarks at Florence.

The building, said to be more than 50 years old, was a three-story frame structure heated by pot-bellied stoves. It was believed that a spark from the chimney became imbedded in the siding and fanned into a live fire. Prompt action on the part of the fire companies saved the building and kept damage at a minimum.

Over 100 children and their teachers, Miss Elsie Andrews, Mrs. Thelma Fliton and Edith McCombs, evacuated the building quickly and no one was injured. Eight grades were taught in the classrooms in use.

The children had a three-day holiday after the fire, but the next week were transported to the Paris school for half-day classes.

At the time of the fire, the Hanover school board was awaiting approval from Harrisburg for a new elementary building.

**1951 Old Florence School Fire Recalled
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1965 Edition**

Fort Vance Historical Society



THE ENTERPRISE / JIM DALLARA

A part of history

Steve Dugas, a trustee with Barto Veterans of Foreign Wars Post of Slovan, presents a painting to Edie Jones of the Burgettstown Community Library that will find a permanent place in the library's Historical Room. The 20 x 20 painting is a reproduction of a mural at the Slovan VFW. The original, titled "Faces of Freedom," was dedicated in 1993. It contains pictures and names of 16 Slovan area military veterans who were killed in the nation's wars.

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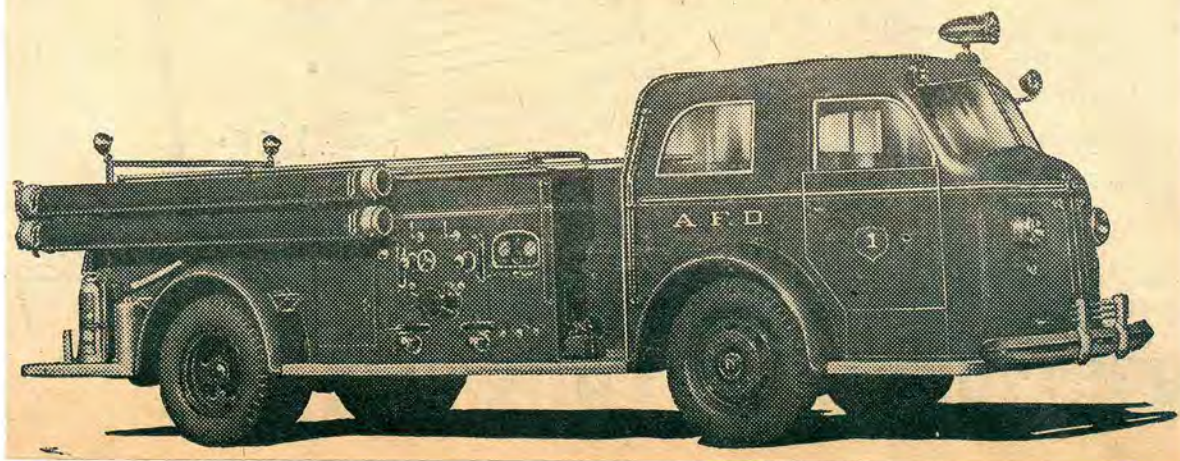
**A part of history
The Enterprise-1995 Edition**

PLAN SERVICE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Members of the Burgettstown Post No. 698 of the American Legion are making plans for Memorial Day Observance at Fairview cemetery. The Burgettstown and Slovan Volunteer Fire Departments are cooperating. Edward Hamilton, chairman on arrangements announces that the Memorial Day parade will form at the Burgettstown Honor Roll at 2:30 o'clock and led by the Union high school band will march to Fairview cemetery where the speaker for the day will be John A. Stoup of Waynesburg.

**Plan Announced for Memorial Day
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 20, 1943 Edition**

SLOVAN'S NEW LA FRANCE FIRE PUMPER



Slovan's New La France Pumper
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 18, 1948 Edition



Slovan Volunteer Fire Department equipment is displayed by Tony Testa, Ben Mader, Jim Guiddy and Joe Vladick, to show Smith Township residents the modern fire fighting machinery that has been acquired to give complete protection. The truck in the center was recently purchased by the firemen to replace a worn-out piece of equipment. On the right is the Slovan ambulance, the services of which are provided free of charge to Smith township citizens.

The Slovan Fire Department has recently started its annual campaign for operating funds. During the first ten months of 1955 the company answered 26 fire calls. Of these five were houses, four were barns, four were automobiles, one was a box car fire and the others were grass fires.

Ambulance calls during the first ten months totalled 92 and 23 persons were given resuscitator treatment. The firemen report that a house-to-house canvass is being made in Smith township.

Slovan Volunteer Fire Department
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 24, 1955 Edition



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Firefighters work Sunday at a fire in Smith Township.

Firefighters respond to calls in two townships

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Firefighters in Washington County were called to two fires Sunday, one in Smith Township and the other in West Finley Township.

A vacant mobile home was destroyed in a fire just after 6 p.m. at 85 Crossover Road in Smith Township. Three hours later, a fire destroyed a camper at Four Seasons Camping Resort.

Slovan Assistant Chief Jerry Hatton said the Smith fire started when a pile of rubbish that was being burned about 10 feet from the trailer spread. Hatton said the dry conditions and a breeze caused the fire to spread.

Fire crews used water on the pumper trucks as well as water from tankers to put out what Hatton described as a stubborn fire.

No injuries were reported. Hatton said the trailer, owned by Karen George, was destroyed. He estimated damage at \$15,000. Assisting were firefighters from Midway, McDonald, Eldersville and Mt. Pleasant Township.

A state police fire marshal responded Monday morning to the scene of the West Finley fire but was not able to determine a cause because of the extensive damage, said fire Chief Steve Emery.

A West Middletown volunteer firefighter who was in another part of the campground told Emery he had just finished grilling and was getting ready to sit down and eat about 9:20 p.m. when he heard a loud boom.

"He looked out and saw a ball of fire coming from across the hill," Emery said.

The chief said the camper was on Blue Jay Circle, about a half-mile from the main entrance to the campground. "We had a fast response," Emery said. "We had the fire out in about 20 minutes and were on the scene for about 90 minutes."

The chief said a tanker shuttle was used to get water to the fire. Emery estimated damage to the 40-foot camper and contents at \$50,000.

Randy and Sally Knoll of Ambridge own the camper. The couple told Emery they left about 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Emery said the fire also damaged an adjacent camper owned by a relative of the Knolls.

Assisting were firefighters from Morris Township and Claysville in Washington County, Richhill in Greene County and Dallas, W.Va.

This is the second time in less than a year that firefighters were called to the campground for a camper fire. A 35-foot camper was destroyed in a fire July 22.

Slovan Dedicates Service Men's Plaque

One thousand residents of Slovan and friends assembled on Monday, July 5th, for the formal dedication of a beautiful Honor Roll, tribute to the men from that section who are in the armed forces of the United States. The dedication and Honor Roll was planned by the Slovan Volunteer Fire Department.

Men, whose names appear on the roll are:

Henry Abate, Joseph Abate, George H. Abate, Frank Anzlovar, Jr., Anthony Anzlovar, Roy Allen.

Michael Beharry, Joseph Bezusko, Jr., Michael Babuka, Michael Baronick, Steve Baronick, Fred Barto, John Barto, David D. Barto, Joseph Blair, Edward Budwsky, Henry Z. Budwsky, Domenick Bongiorno, Edward Bongiorno, James Bongiorno, Andrew Bayus, Evo Bertini, Mario Borio, Stephen Burchik, George Budnich.

Albert Capazzoli, John Conjeski, Robert Coates, Edward Coates.

George A. Dugas, Albert J. Dugas, Louis W. Dugas, Joseph Dubich, Michael Dubich, John Dubich, John De Santo, Harry Drazio, Frank Dettorre, Joe Davis, Edward Davis, Doc Davis.

George Esno, John H. Evans, Carl Filipponi, Dante Filipponi, Albert Fowler.

Mat Guna, Edward Galonka, Joseph Galonka, Angelo Giacomelli, Sirio Gavazzi, Caesar Grossi, Milan M. Galish, Charles Getsinger, Mike Gruber, Jr., James J. Guiddy, Joseph Grabsky, Thomas Gretsky.

Robert L. Hunsinger, Samuel Hayden, Benjamin Horovitz, Horace F. Hicks, Stephen Hollick, Nick Hollick.

Edward Jackson, Luke Jordan, Walter Kaminsky, Albert Kuntz, John C. Kuntz, Nick Klimenko, Wesley A. Keyson, John Kluchanovich, Donald Kovich, Benjamin Kowalewski, Andrew Koval, John Kopolovich, Julius Kaminsky.

Henry Longevitch, Edmund Longevitch, Frank Longevitch, Louis Loncaric, Richard Lombardi, August F. Laurich.

Anne F. Militich, Lewis Mader, Walter H. Mader, Michael Mudre, Steve Mudre, Joseph Majernik, Joseph T. McGivern, Frank Mlatnik, John Mlatnik, Stanley Matula, John Matula, Chester Melton, Louis Modic, Jr., Robert J. McGraw, Peter McGraw, John Matesic, Edward McCloskey, Hobert Medved, Nicholas Mervosh, Ray Mitchell.

Joseph Novak, Theodore Nicksick, Stephen Olszak, John Ostop, Steve Ostop.

Louis D. Pascoe, Luke J. Pascoe, John J. Porchiran, Joseph Porchiran, Casimir J. Pakicz, Paul Pakicz, Andrew Petrus, Anthony Plate, Samuel Plate, Adolph C. Panconi, Mike Pozniko.

Frank Rozmus, Stanley Rozmus, Anthony Rivetti.

Edward V. Sciamanna, John Schilinski, Andrew Schilinski, Gene Sprando, Albert Sprando, John Swanik, Andrew Steiminger, Lawrence Steiminger, Jr., Stephen Surba, Jr., Julius Slopek, James Sabatasse, Jr., John Szybysti.

James Trombetti, Anzelo Troci, Joseph Tepsic, Nick Tepsic, Milan Tomich, Eugene G. Tommasi, Victor Testa.

Mary Vukas, Steve Vukas, Jr., Milan Visnich, Samuel Visnich, Jr., William P. Visnich, George Visnich, Eli Vladich, Nicholas Vranjes, Bogdan Vuksanovich.

Joseph Wojnar, Walter Wojnar, Edward Wojcik, Walter Wysocki, Joseph Wos, Jr., Clarence Williams.

Michael Yaksic, Nicholas Yaksic, Jr., Marko Yaksig, Bradley Yanni.

John Zelenko, Tony Zelenko, Stanley Zupan.

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SLOVAN FIREMEN BUY FIREHOUSE UNIFORMS, & CAR

Slovan Volunteer Fire Department stepped into the spotlight of this week's news when officials announced that this organization has completed negotiations for the purchase of its own building, that new uniforms have been ordered for 42 members and a new Chevrolet squad car has been purchased.

The property purchased, was formerly occupied by the Standard Garage and was formerly owned by Sava Musulin, et al of Pittsburgh. It is a one story tile and brick building, approximately 30 by 90 feet. Slovan Firemen, this week, received word that they were granted a WPA project for the remodeling of the building, with relief labor furnished free with the exception of tools and compensation. When remodeled and renovated the building will contain ample quarters for the Company's fire fighting apparatus, also a meeting hall and kitchen for the members, showers and a new heating system is to be installed.

Remodeling will be supervised by company member Dominic Dorenzie.

The new uniforms, ordered for early May delivery will be made of black whip cord with white braid trim and white Sam Browne belts. The hats are to be Pershing style with black crown, white band, white peak and black chin strap. The uniforms were purchased through Steve Zupan, Slovan merchant.

The new squad car, a Chevrolet, purchased from the H. A. Scott Company has been ordered for delivery, prior to the first parade date, May 15. It will be Vermillion red with gold trim, to match other equipment. The squad car, in addition to furnishing transportation for company members will also serve as a utility truck and will contain storage space for equipment. It is to be equipped with 1250 watt floodlights.

Acquisition of a building and the new squad car places the Slovan company in the front ranks of Western Pennsylvania companies, with modernized equipment second to none in communities of comparable population.

The Slovan Volunteer Fire Company was first organized in 1918 with Louis Hilson as first fire chief. That year, the company bought a hand car for about \$1000, and although outmoded, it is still used in parades. "Old Betsy" an Overland touring car was converted by the firemen themselves into the first motorized piece of equipment owned by the company. The touring car was re-built to include a chemical tank and ladder racks.

In 1931 the Slovan company was re-organized with John Kubovic as Fire Chief. Since then Mr. Kubovic has served continuously in this position with the exception of two terms. In 1931 the company bought a seven ton American La France Fire Truck, which is still in use.

Squire Steve Dugas, charter member of the group is an active member of the organization.

Officers of the company are: Fire chief, John Kubovic; House crew captain, Sam Testa; truck captain, Tony Latella; assistant chief, Tony Guidy; president, Charles Abate; secretary, John Wojner; treasurer, Max Guna and drill sergeant, Frank Lawrence.

The Slovan Fire Department, in addition to serving Slovan and co-operating and assisting Burgettstown firemen in emergencies, has contracts to furnish fire fighting assistance in Smith, Mount Pleasant, and Cross Creek townships.

**Slovan Firemen Buy Firehouse, Uniforms and Car
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 11, 1940 Edition**

Smith considering proposal for paid firefighter

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When the siren sounds, volunteer firefighters drop what they're doing and answer the call of duty. For many, that means closing businesses for the day or asking permission to leave work early.

Members of Slovan Volunteer Fire Department packed the Smith Township municipal building Wednesday and pitched the idea of hiring a full-time paid firefighter. The special meeting was held to address the VFD's concerns about emergency planning, personnel and impact fee money.

After a lengthy discussion, the board of supervisors said they would consider hiring a full-time employee who could handle both road work and fire department duties.

Supervisors said the employee should have a commercial driver's license in addition to the certifications needed to handle fire and medical calls. The board is just beginning to review applications for the road department, and they hope to hire at least one employee by April.

Last year, Slovan VFD received 330 calls, of which 117 were between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Shaun Felton, president of the department, said there are about 20 active firefighters, but most work regular 9-to-5 shifts.

Usually, the department's stations in Slovan and Cherry Valley are unmanned during the day.

"We've been very lucky that something major hasn't happened during the day," Felton said. "I'm afraid it's going to catch up to us, and we're just trying to do the



EMILY PETSKO/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Members of Slovan Volunteer Fire Department asked Smith Township supervisors Wednesday to consider hiring a full-time firefighter.

proper steps to be prepared in case something does happen."

Fire Chief Brandon Kriznik said firefighters of-

ten answer medical calls when an ambulance is unable to get to the scene on time.

"We're down to one ambulance in the township," he

said. "When that ambulance leaves (town), we're here to pick the pieces up."

The dilemmas faced by
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Firefighter

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short-staffed fire departments are not unique to Smith Township, though. Canonsburg Borough is taking steps to hire a paid firefighter, and departments in Mt. Pleasant, Midway, Hanover and McDonald already have paid firefighters, Felton said.

There were 300,000 volunteer firefighters in Pennsylvania in 1976, according to

SUPERVISOR ANTHONY GIANFRANCESCO SAID THE TOWNSHIP LIKELY WOULD NEED TO RAISE TAXES IN ORDER TO HIRE A FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER ...

a state report. That number dwindled to about 50,000, former state fire commissioner Edward Mann said during a Senate hearing in 2013.

Felton said a full-time fire-

fighter could manage burn permits and do on-site inspections to ensure that residents are adhering to the township's ordinances. He said the employee also could help maintain the trucks and apply for grants.

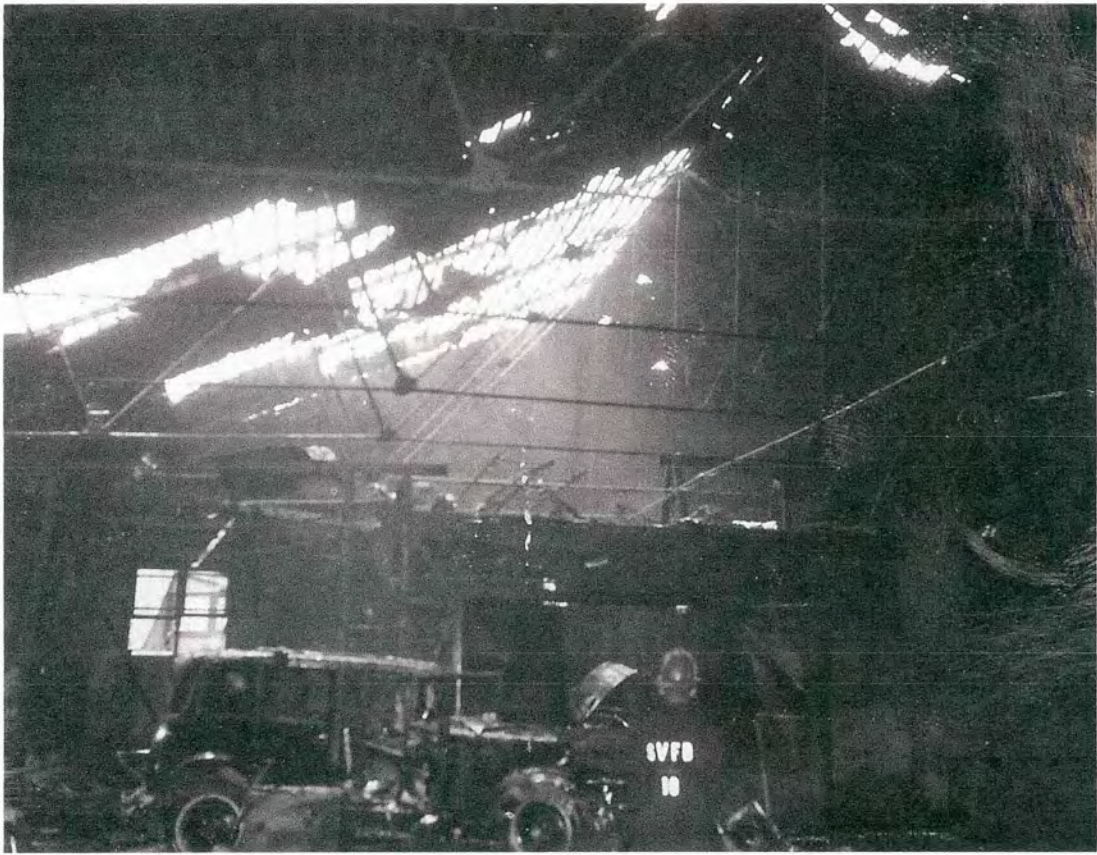
Supervisor Anthony Gianfrancesco said the township likely would need to raise taxes in order to hire a full-time firefighter, but he said the board would consider the suggestion of hiring an employee to split duties between the road department and fire department.

**Smith Twp. Considering Proposal for Paid Firefighter
Observer-Reporter-February 27, 2015 Edition**

STREET FAIR IN SLOVAN JUNE 11-16

The Slovan Volunteer Fire Department will hold its' annual street fair in Slovan June 11-16. Co-chairmen Ben Mader and George Porchiran report that all members of the fire department will assist with the fair which will again take place at the carnival grounds in Slovan. All rides will be furnished by the Davis Amusement Co., and various other stands for games and refreshments will be in operation.

The annual parade will take place Wednesday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. A total of 55 fire companies have given their consent to appear thus far and more are expected. The Union high school band, as well as bands from South Fayette and Robinson township, among others, will furnish music.



Tucci Garage Fire-Main Street, Slovan, PA

SLOVAN V. F. D. WILL PRESENT BOY VIOLINIST

Preparations have been completed by Slovan Fire Department to sponsor in concert Master Richard Henry Gerrero, 11 year old concert violinist in Burgettstown high school auditorium, Thursday, February 5, at 8:15 p. m.

The boy artist began his studies with his father at the age of five. In his programs he has always played from memory. He has surprised many audiences with his interpretive powers, unusual in one so young. He has won several first prizes with national honor in the competitive festivals.

His wonderful success has aroused the interest of the famed violinist, Rubinoff.

Invitation has been extended by Rubinoff's manager to Gerrero to meet Rubinoff himself and discuss plans for his future.

He will be attired in special suit for such occasions. His renditions of master works make a musical impression long to be remembered by those who have the opportunity to hear him.

Tickets will be on sale by members of the Slovan Fire Department.

**Slovan V.F.D. will Present Boy Violinist
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 15, 1942 Edition**

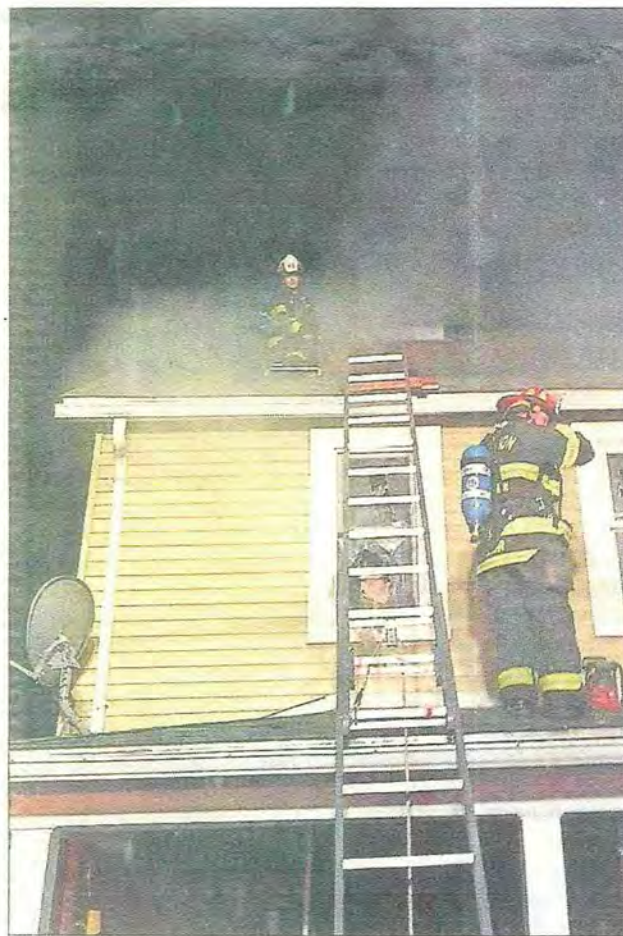


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Firefighters work to extinguish a blaze early Saturday at a duplex on Cross Creek Road.

Fire damages duplex in Cross Creek Twp.

Two Cross Creek Township families were displaced when a fire early Saturday heavily damaged their duplex.

Avella fire Chief Eric Temple said the call came in about 1:45 a.m. for the blaze at 469-A Cross Creek Road. He said the back of the structure was burning when fire crews arrived on the scene.

"They did a heck of a job knocking it down," Temple said.

The house had been converted into two apartments. Crews were on the scene until about 5:30 a.m. Temple said a

fire marshal is investigating the cause, but it did not appear to be suspicious.

There were no injuries, Temple said. Assisting were firefighters from Slovan, West Middletown and Jefferson. Canton Township brought an air truck, and Washington County's Department of Public Safety provided a cooling tent for firefighters. Firefighters from Franklin, W.Va., were on standby.

Temple said the residents, whose names were not available, were staying with family members.

Fire Damages Duplex in Cross Creek Twp
Observer-Reporter-August 16, 2016 Edition



Slovenian Brass Band-1918
Granish Hill, South Burgettstown, PA
Southwestern Pennsylvania No. 2-1982

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF
PROPOSAL FOR BIDS**

Sealed Bids will be received for the construction of a new club building and bowling alleys to be located in Smith Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, by the Board of Trustees of the Burgettstown Slovenian Home Association until August 20, 1948 at the hour of Five o'clock P.M., at the home of the Secretary of the said Association, Frank Laurich, 10 Linn Avenue, Burgettstown, Pennsylvania.

No bid will be received unless the party offering it shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the said Trustees that he has the necessary ability, facilities and pecuniary resources to fulfill the conditions of the contract and execute the work if the contract is awarded him.

Bidders will examine the blue prints and plans of and the place where the building is to be constructed and judge for themselves of all the circumstances and surrounding conditions affecting the cost and nature of the work.

The Board of Trustees of the Burgettstown Slovenian Home Association reserves the right to reject any and all bids received.

Inquiries may be directed to the Secretary at the above address. Telephone Burgettstown 6016.

Dated August 2, 1948.

Board of Trustees of the Burgettstown Slovenian Home Association.

By Frank Laurich, Sec'y.

**Slovenian Club-Requesting bids for new Club House and Bowling Alleys
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 12, 1948 Edition**

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INTERESTING PATRIOTIC MEETING

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO BE FORMED---SOME DATA CONCERNING THE G. A. R. AND VETERANS OF OUR COMMUNITY

The meeting arranged by W. S. Bradley Camp, No. 96, Sons of Veterans and held in their rooms in the Washington National bank building last Friday evening, was a very enjoyable event.

The primary object of the meeting was to enthruse the ladies into organizing a Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. About eighty persons were present, including veterans, sons of veterans and ladies eligible to membership in the auxiliary. The meeting opened with the singing of "America," followed with prayer by Rev. R. H. McCartney, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church. Rev. W. M. Hays, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church, then introduced the speaker of the evening—John E. Sauters, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. Mr. Sauters made an excellent address, paying tribute to the veterans and showing the importance of such organizations as the Sons of Veterans and the Auxiliary. H. B. McMurray, commander of Captain Samuel Campbell Post, No. 286, G. A. R., one of the few veterans able to be present, played a few notes on "the instrument with which Samson slew the Phillistines." Commander McMurray's extemporaneous speech was well received, and all were sorry that there were not a few more stanzas. Refreshments were served, consisting of sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake, and the remainder of the evening was passed in a social way.

We believe that every one of the more than forty ladies present signified a desire to unite with the Auxiliary, and this number will be considerably increased by those who could not be present Friday night. No further action was taken in the matter of organization, but a meeting will be announced later for this purpose. In this connection it may

again be stated that all wives, daughters, granddaughters and nieces of veterans and wives of Sons of Veterans are eligible and invited to become members.

As showing how rapidly the veterans are falling from the ranks, we present a little data concerning the local G. A. R. post. Of the ninety persons who have been members of this organization only twenty are now living. Nine of the survivors live in Burgettstown, but of this number only four were able to attend the meeting Friday night, the others being kept at home by sickness or disability. The complete membership follows:

E. M. Adams, Co. D, 12th W. Va.
Peter Andrews, Co. K, 140th Pa. Vols.
J. A. Boles, Co. D, 71st Ill.
Jos. Birtz, Co. D, 61st Pa. Cav.
James Brown, Co. H, 1st Ohio.
B. B. Buchanan, Co. K, 140th P. V.
Uriah Brown, Co. G, 30th Ohio.
Chas. Briceland, Co. D, 149th P. V.
Colen Buchanan, Co. H, 14th P. V.
Wm. Barton, Co. D, 149th P. V.
John Bell, Co. B, 61st P. V.
A. M. Brockman, Co. C, 22d Cav.
Capt. Samuel Campbell, Co. H, 140th P. V.
James Carnahan, Co. E, 9th Pa. Reserves.
Robt. Caldwell, Co. A, 85th P. V.
Jeremiah Cook, Co. D, 78th P. V.
S. W. Criswell, Co. A, 85th P. V.
R. Caldwell, Co. A, 85th P. V.
Wm. Crawford, Co. B, 1st W. Va.
Wm. H. Cowan, Co. C, 22d Pa. Cav.
John Cummings, Co. C, 22d Pa. Cav.
James Carothers, Co. A, 85th P. V.
J. P. Donnan, Co. A, 147th P. V.
Samuel Davidson, 154th P. V.
Wm. Ewing, Co. K, 1st Pa. Cav.
Thos. Forsyth, Co. C, 5th Pa. Art.
J. E. Freshwater, Co. K, 12th W. Va.
Geo. S. Graham, Co. D, 10th Pa. Reserves.
Thos. Greer, Co. E, 155th P. V.
N. Tier Gordon, Co. D, 149th P. V.
Isaac Green, Co. A, 147th P. V.
Wm. Hanlin, Co. K, 140th P. V.
F. E. Hill, assist. surgeon, 140th P. V.
Richard Hill, Co. A, 147th P. V.
A. H. Hartford, Co. H, 146th P. V.
J. H. Hays, Co. I, 154th P. V.
W. A. Jackson, Co. K, 140th P. V.
Samuel Keifer, Co. K, 1st Pa. Cav.
George Kimberly, Co. E, 74th N. Y. Vol.
W. K. Lyle, Co. A, 25th Mo.
Robt. Lyle, Co. K, 140th P. V.
John Leopold, Co. A, 147th P. V.
Wm. Lowry, Co. D, 39th P. V.
John Love, Co. A, 98th P. V.
S. E. Lyon, Co. L, 1st W. Va. Cav.
W. W. Lathen, Co. H, 140th P. V.
Wm. Morrison, Co. A, 85th P. V.
Alex. Morrison, Co. C, 102d P. V.
Frank Mayo, Co. C, 102d P. V.
Carson Malone, Co. G, 110th P. V.
Jas. Morrison, Co. B, 4th Pa. Cav.
Jas. Moore, Co. K, 91st O. V.
S. T. McFarland, Co. B, 22d Pa. Cav.
H. L. McMurray, Co. A, 14th Pa. Cav.

S. C. McGregor, Co. A, 85th P. V.
J. A. McCalmont, Co. K, 140th P. V.
Michael McVahan, Co. D, 16th Pa. Cav.
D. N. McFarland, Co. C, 22d Pa. Cav.
Jos. McGill, Co. A, 100th P. V.
J. D. McCabe, Co. K, 140th P. V.
John McKinley, Co. B, 155th P. V.
James Nelson, Co. D, 123 P. V.
J. W. Pry, Co. H, 21st Pa. Cav.
D. M. Pry, Co. K, 140th P. V.
Newton A. Parker, Co. A, 147th P. V.
J. A. Proudfit, Co. A, 85th P. V.
Jos. Pettit, Co. D, 149th P. V.
Samuel Ritchey, Co. A, 147th P. V.
Robt. Riddle, Co. K, 140th P. V.
B. F. Ralston, Co. I, 1st W. Va.
Wm. M. Rea, Co. K, 140th P. V.
Jas. Robinson, Co. H, 191st P. V.
Geo. A. Reed, Co. B, 140th P. V.
Geo. W. Smith, Co. A, 100th P. V.
Washington Spodgrass, Co. H, 46th P. V.
Timothy Sheahaney, Co. M, 1st U. S. Cav.
O. K. Simpson, Co. C, 5th h. art.
Martin Stiffler, Co. G, 5th h. art.
Wm. Sinclair, Co. I, 10th O. V.
Chas. Shaffer, Co. B, 4th Pa. Cav.
Jonathan Tucker, Co. C, 140th P. V.
H. J. Thorpe, Co. D, 135th Ind.
R. H. Thompson, Co. F, 22d Pa. Cav.
John Virtue, Co. H, 27th Pa. Cav.
Jas. Worstell, Co. K, 140th P. V.
Thos. Wilkin, Co. K, 140th P. V.
Uriah Wheeler, Co. K, 140th P. V.
Wm. Wherry, Co. H, 140 P. V.
J. S. Westlake, Co. A, 15th Pa. Cav.
James Young, Co. C, light art.

The survivors are H. B. McMurray, J. W. Pry, James Carnahan, S. B. Lyon, W. W. Lathen, Richard Hill, Carson Malone, D. M. Pry and Harvey J. Thorpe, all of Burgettstown; Robt. W. Criswell and O. K. Simpson, of Florence; John McCalmont, of Bulger; James Worstell, of Canonsburg; J. P. Donnan, of Steubenville; S. T. McFarland, of Berwyn, Ill.; W. M. Rea, of Hickory; George Kimberly, of McDonald; Chas. R. Briceland, of Oaxdale; W. Sinclair, of Florida, and Isaac Green, of Frankfort.

Aside from those mentioned there are three veterans living in Burgettstown who have never been members of the local post. They are Robert J. Culley, of the 22d Pa. Cav. (Ringgold); B. F. McClore, of the 100th, and Alexander Bowser, of the 154th Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Attorney Bishop Crumrine, aged 73, a brother of Attorney Boyd Crumrine, nestor of the Washington county bar, is dead at Topeka, Kan. He was born and reared in this county, and was a student in old Jefferson College, in Canonsburg, at the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted with the Sixth Battalion, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and served throughout the war. Then he was admitted to the Washington county bar. Later he removed to Kansas. Two daughters survive.

Threshers Meet

Washington county members of the Threshers' Association of Pennsylvania held their annual meeting in the court house Tuesday and in addition to discussing questions relating to their business listened to two interesting addresses and elected officers for the coming year. There was a good attendance, fully 50 threshers of the county being present.

Of those in attendance, 23 renewed their membership at that time. It is expected that this number will be more than doubled. All officers were re-elected as follows: President, E. O. Fullerton, of Burgettstown; secretary, Harry S. Lee, of Burgettstown; treasurer, B. B. Wilson, of Eighty-Four. Harry S. Lee, of Burgettstown, and D. W. Templeton, of Eighty-Four, were elected delegates to attend the state convention of threshers at Harrisburg on February 14, 15 and 16.

Thresher's Association
The Burgettstown Call- March 1, 1917 Edition

HISTORIANS PLAN OUTING AT WELLS FARM

Officers of the Tri-State Historical Society and committees of the organization are busy making plans for the third Annual Pioneer Sunday meeting to be held August 18 on the Bert Wells Farm on the George Washington Trail between Eldersville, Pa., and Follansbee, W. Va. in Brooke County.

This will be an all-day out-door meeting and will be held in a natural amphitheatre on the Wells Farm. At a similar meeting held on this farm in August 1939, approximately sixteen hundred persons were in attendance.

The meeting will be opened at 10:30 A. M. with a Sabbath School period the lesson to be taught by Prof. O. F. H. Bert, of the Department of Applied Mathematics of Washington and Jefferson College. The preaching service at 11:30 will be in charge of Professor Greene of the Faculty of Bethany College.

At noon a picnic dinner will be eaten, each group attending being asked to bring their own basket dinner. Dinner will also be sold on the grounds for those who do not care to take their own.

The afternoon exercises will begin at 2 P. M. and will be in the nature of a historical service, with addresses being delivered on topics of interest in local Tri-State history.

This service is being sponsored by the Tri-State Historical Society of which W. Elza Scott of Steubenville, O. is President, to aid in further arousing of interest in local history and to bring to the attention of the people of the Tri-State region and other localities the wealth of local history with which this region abounds. Mr. Scott gives weekly radio broadcasts on topics of local history, and the Tri-State Society has recently been very active in exploring and discussing sites and topics of local historical interest by means of meetings and tours.

Tri-State Historical Steam Engine Exhibit Scheduled Sept. 17-18 At Dean Fullerton's

The ninth annual exhibition of the Tri-State Historical Steam Engine Association will be held Friday and Saturday, September 17-18, at the Dean Fullerton farm, Route 18, between Hickory and Burgettstown.

Association officials have added several events this year to make the exhibit one of the most attractive in its nine-year history. Attendance has increased each year since the first exhibit was held and membership in the association also is growing.

The traction engines, portable engines, old gas tractors, threshers, balers and even a dog-powered churn will be shown. The engines will be in daily operation and a steam train will be operating.

There will be two daily parades of engineers, tractors, autos and horses. A 110 h.p. Case owned by Sam Redd, of Charleroi, will be in operation.

Special exhibits will include antique autos and trucks, modern farm machinery, and a watchfob collection. There will also be a trading post to show hobby and antique items.

A band will play at noon and 7:30 both days and a square dance is scheduled for Saturday night. Parking is free and refreshments are available.

H. Lester Lee, of Cross Creek, is president of the association. Other officers are V. M. Paul, of Hickory, vice president; Mrs. Evelyn Mitchell Crow, of Charleroi, R. D. 1, treasurer; and Paul F. Crow, of Charleroi, R. D. 1, secretary.

**Tri-State Historical Steam Engine Exhibit Scheduled Sept. 17-18 at Dean Fullerton's
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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

TUESDAY MUSIC CLUB

The Tuesday Music Club met with Mrs. T. C. Linn on Tuesday evening April 6. The business meeting was conducted by the Vice President, Mrs. Howard Dunbar. The following names were reported by Mrs. Warren Tope, chairman of the nominating committee to serve for the coming year: President, Mrs. L. Wallace Coffey; Vice President, Mrs. Edwin McFarland; Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. T. B. Stevenson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Scott. After the presentation of the Program the members rehearsed for an Easter Program which is to be presented in the First United Presbyterian church Burgettstown, Easter Sunday evening. A Program of "Music of Americans" was presented as follows:

Tuesday Music Club
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 15, 1943 Edition

TUESDAY MUSIC CLUB IS 21 YEARS OLD

Tuesday Music Club observed its 21st birthday at a meeting of 30 ladies January 17 in the home of Misses Betty and Theresa Dvorsak, Slovan.

A delightful program was presented by 15 members of Union high school ensemble and the trio, under the direction of Mrs. John Lowry, instructress. A piano duet was played by Mrs. Lowry and Patty Lesko. Preceding the program a brief business session was held.

Lunch was served by the hostesses, assisted by: Mrs. Lowry, Olive Williamson and Marie Smiley.

Tuesday Music Club is 21 years Old
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 27, 1955 Edition

Mrs. Edna Luttrell Holds First Meeting Of Tuesday Music Club, September 2

Mrs. Edna Luttrell was hostess to the Tuesday Music Club September 2 at her home on Center avenue. Programs for the new year were distributed, and favorite selections were played and sung by the club members.

Mrs. Edwin McFarland will be hostess at the October meeting when members of the Midway club will be special guests. The club program will be devoted to "Naughty Marietta" by Victor Herbert. Mrs. T. C. Linn will give the biographical sketch, Mrs. R. P. McGregor the overture; Josephine Lawson, Mrs. John Linn and Mrs. Edward Welsh, "I'm Falling In Love"; Mrs. Josephine McKinnis, "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life"; Mrs. Wayne Culley, Miss Miriam Cassidy and Miss Ione Rodkey, "Italian Street Song"; Mrs. Edwin McFarland, Mrs. Gaylord Malone and Miss Phyllis Evans, "Neath the Southern Moon". Piano selections of Victor Herbert's will be played by Miss Ione Rodkey, Miss Gene Simpson, Mrs. Gaylord Malone and Mrs. Harry McCormick.

Mrs. Robert McGregor will be hostess at the November meeting, and the program will deal with works of Stephen Foster and Edward McDowell. Mrs. Edna Luttrell and Mrs. Paul Smiley will give the biographical sketches Mrs. C. K. Morrow, Mrs. John Linn and Mrs. Oscar Harbaugh will sing "Oh, Susanna"; Josephine Lawson, "Ah, May the Red Rose Live Always"; Mrs. Edwin Welsh and Mrs. Gaylord Malone, "Beautiful Dreamer." Selections will include: "Witches Dance", Miss Ione Rodkey; "To A Wild Rose", Miss Gene Simpson; "The Pansy", Mrs. Hope Haines; "In The Woods", Mrs. Harry McCormick; "Scotch Poem", Mrs. Robert McGregor.

On December 2, Mrs. Edward Welsh will be hostess, and the program will consist of Christmas music. Selections will be: "Christmas Cradle Song," Mrs. Edwin McFarland, Mrs. John Linn, Miss Phyllis Evans; "Carol of the Russian Children", Mrs. Wayne Culley, Mrs. Robert McGregor, Mrs. Gaylord Malone; Christmas Selection, Miss Dorothy Farrar; "Sleep of the Child Jesus," Josephine Lawson, Mrs. Josephine McKinnis, Mrs. Edward Welsh; Christmas selection, Mrs. H. L. Buckwalter and piano selection, Mrs. T. C. Linn.

Miss Phyllis Evans will hold the club birthday party at her home January 6. On February 3, Mrs. Gaylord Malone will be hostess and the program will be given by local school children.

Easter selections will mark the March meeting when Mrs. C. K. Morrow will entertain. Mrs. Edward Welsh will give a reading; Mrs. Josephine McKinnis will sing "Jerusalem", and Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Harbaugh, "I Waited for the Lord". "Open the Gates of the Temple" will be sung by Mrs. Hope Haines and "Lift Thine Eyes" by Mrs. Helene Tope, Mrs. Paul Smiley and Miss Phyllis Evans. A piano selection will be presented by Mrs. Wallace Coffey. Mrs. Edwin McFarland will sing "The Holy City."

Fred Waring Choral Arrangements are scheduled for the April meeting with Miriam Cassidy, Mrs. R. P. McGregor, Mrs. Gaylord Malone, Mrs. Edward Welsh, Mrs. Wayne Culley, Ione Rodkey, Mrs. Josephine McKinnis, Mrs. Paul Smiley and Josephine Lawson as vocalists. Miss Gene Simpson will be the accompanist.

In May, Debussy's and Nevin's music will be studied, and the following selections presented: Debussy sketch, Mrs. Bradley Stevenson; "Mazurka", Mrs. Gaylord Malone; "Reverie", Mrs. Harry McCormick; "Danse", Mrs. R. P. McGregor; "Valse Romantique", Mrs. Wallace Coffey; Nevin sketch, Mrs. George Grimes; "Venetian Love Song", Mrs. Edna Luttrell; "Mighty Lak A Rose", Mrs. Edwin McFarland; "Venetian Love Song", Mrs. Josephine McKinnis; Miss Gene Simpson, Miss Miriam Cassidy; "Gondolieri", Mrs. Roy Struwing; "Goodnight", Miss Gene Simpson.

At the June meeting officers will be installed, and Mrs. Josephine Lawson will be hostess.

**TUESDAY MUSIC CLUB
TO PRESENT BERNIE
ARMSTRONG CONCERT**

Study American Music

The Tuesday Music Club, entering upon its eighth year as an active cultural influence in Burgettstown Community will begin the fall program with a meeting on September 15 in the home of Mrs. Howard Dunbar. Mrs. Edna Luttrell, president of the club announces that the members will take for their study theme "American Music" and will begin the year with "Selections From American Light Opera.

Each October since its organization the Music club has endeavored to pre-



MRS. EDNA LUTTRELL

sent a concert for the enjoyment and benefit of the music lovers of the district. This year, on October 6, they will present Bernie Armstrong and other talented artists from the KDKA Broadcasting Studio. Mr. Armstrong came to Burgettstown last October under the sponsorship of the Music club and was warmly received by a large audience. His return this year will be hailed with enthusiasm by his many friends in the Community. The club will devote any pro-

ceeds from the Armstrong Entertainment to war service work in the district.

Mrs. Luttrell announces the appointment of the following committees for the 1942-43 year:

Program — Mrs. Howard Dunbar, Mrs. Oscar Harbaugh, Mrs. Clair Martin and Miss Miriam Cassidy.

Social — Mrs. Wayne Culley, Mrs. Charles Scott and Mrs. Warren Tope. Miss Dorrothy Farrar will serve as club librarian and Mrs. C. K. Morrow will handle the publicity of the club.

The officers of the club are: Mrs. Luttrell, president, Mrs. Howard R. Dunbar, vice president, Mrs. Clarence Morrow secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Gaylord Malone, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Edna Luttrell
Burgettstown Enterprise- September 3, 1946

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V.F.W.

Burgettstown Post 6955

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U. S.

Veterans to Parade.

A parade of ex-service men of the community, headed by the Burgettstown-McDonald Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be a feature of the Memorial Day observance here. The parade will move from the bank corner Main street, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and will proceed to Fairview cemetery where wreathes will be deposited upon the graves of service men. The drum corps of the veteran's organization will head the procession. All ex-service men of the community are requested to participate in the parade.

Slovan Cub Pack

Slovan Cub Pack 55 held a meeting Wednesday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the V. F. W. hall. Joe Dumbovich, cubmaster, presided over the meeting.

Opening exercises were held by Den 3. Skit, "Left Over Easter Eggs" was presented by Den 1. Achievement badges were awarded during the candlelight ceremony to: Wolf badges Donald Suica, and Kenneth Porchiran; Lion badge, Dale Porchiran. The closing exercise was held by Den 2.

The scouts plan to go to Highland Park Zoo on May 17. A softball game and wiener roast is planned for the May Pack meeting.



Barto VFW-Slovan, PA



New Honor Roll



VFW Veterans at Parade Rest

Slovan VFW-Dedication of new Honor Roll

"BUDDY POPPY" SALE IS SET FOR SATURDAY

**Veterans of Foreign Wars to Hold
Annual Poppy Sale for Relief
of Disabled Comrades**

An appeal for all veterans of the World War and other patriotic citizens to pay tribute to the war dead by wearing memorial poppies on Poppy Day, Saturday, May 23rd, is made by Barclay-Robinson-Phillips Post No. 567, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of McDonald. This Post includes the membership of Veterans of Burgettstown and the surrounding area.

Friends are urged to contribute generously in exchange for the little mementos of the Fields of Flanders to aid the war's living victims, the disabled Veterans and the families of the dead and disabled. A statement from the McDonald Post says:

"Saturday next will be Poppy Day in Burgettstown, when we all will be called upon to wear the memorial flower of the World War dead and make contributions to those who sacrificed health and strength as part of the price of the Nation's World War victory. We are sure that all veterans of the war and all other patriotic citizens will wear the symbolic little flower and will contribute as liberally as their means permit for the work of mercy and relief, the poppy makes possible.

"Poppy Day contributions are used by the V. F. W. and Auxiliary to help the disabled veterans in the hospitals to help their families at home, to aid children left without a father's support because of the war, and in all phases of V. F. W. and Auxiliary work for the war's living victims. Every penny is made to serve effectively for the purposes for which it is donated under the administration of the V. F. W. and Auxiliary's volunteer workers.

"The distribution of the poppies will be directed by the women of the Auxiliary, the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of the men of the Post. They will work without compensation of any kind, giving their time and efforts gladly to honor the dead and serve the living."

**"Buddy Poppy" Sale is set for Saturday
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 21, 1936 Edition**



Memorial Day 1957
Bulger, PA



Memorial Day 1957
Bulger, PA



Memorial Day 1957
Bulger, PA

Memorial Day To Be Observed With Parade And Service At Honor Roll

Memorial Day in the Burgettstown Community will be observed with a parade and a service on Main street Monday, May 31. Under the sponsorship of the American Legion Post 698 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6955, the community celebration has been designed to present as fine a program as possible in honor of those who offered their lives for their country.

A parade which will form in South Burgettstown near the former ice house or the present Davies' Farm Supply Building, Race street, has been scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. The organizations participating have been requested to assemble at 12:45. The parade will proceed down Main street to the honor roll where services will be held at 2 p.m. The program has been arranged as follows: Union high school band; Invocation by

Rev. R. C. Sutton, Introduction of Master of Ceremonies; Women's Choral of the Tuesday Music Club; Commanders' addresses: John Sloan of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eugene Petrucci of the American Legion; Memorial Day Address by Rev. W. J. McCashin, Soloist; Military Salute and Taps; Placing of Memorial Wreath; Benediction by Rev. J. Herbert Cruickshank and Band Selection.

Among the organizations to participate in the parade are: American Legion Post 698, V.F.W. Post 6955, Slovan Veterans, Barto Post; Burgettstown Fire Department; Slovan Fire Department; Boy Scouts of Burgettstown and Slovan; American Legion Auxiliary to Post 698; Francis Mine Local and Harmon Creek Local.

Committeemen are Blake Miller, chairman; Arthur Simpson, William Craig, Alfred Bundy, and John Harshall.

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ON EACH BUDDY POPPY**

Arrangements have been completed for the sale of Buddy Poppies in Burgettstown by the Veterans of Foreign Wars on May 4th.

The name of the Buddy Poppy is registered by the V. F. W. and no one not authorized by the local post will be permitted to sell them. Each flower is labeled, and as further precaution V. F. W. poppy sellers will bear credentials of identification, it was announced by Mrs. Rose Gonze Chairman of the V. F. W. Buddy Committee in charge of the local poppy sale plans.

"Throughout the United States disabled and needy ex-service men, crippled heroes of Chateau Thierry and the Argonne, of St. Mihiel and Verdun, are at work in Veterans Administration Hospitals making thousands on thousands of scarlet poppies which will gleam in significant tribute in the buttonholes of all America on Memorial Day.

Each genuine Buddy Poppy carries a copyright green label which identifies it as the genuine handiwork of disabled or needy ex-service men.

V. F. W. POST ENTERS TEAM IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT



Kucher-Saska Veterans of Foreign Wars crack bowlers who will participate in the National Bowling Tourney in St. Louis, Mo., this week end. The Vets raised the money to send their favorites to the tourney by holding a spaghetti supper last week. They were ably assisted by the women of the V.F.W. Auxiliary. Shown above l to r are: George Beard, Eto Maroni, James Petrucci, Lou Maslyk, John Gelestor, Capt. Tillie Nap, and Spredie Rodriguez.

Enterprise Photo

**VFW Post 6955 Enters Team in National Bowling Tournament
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 23, 1950 Edition**

Vets Form Clean-up Squad In Cyclone Area

Veterans of the Foreign Wars, led by members of Kucher-Saska Post 6955 of Burgettstown did a swell clean-up job several evenings last week in the Pittsburgh street area hit by the cyclone.

The Vets assembled early Wednesday and Thursday evenings and worked until the wee sma hours helping clear away the debris caused by the twister in South Burgettstown.

They tackled the Nicholls Machine Shop first and by Glenne Nicholls own words saved him at least \$500 by their work. Next they moved up to the Pappas Lumber yard and then over to Coach Cannings yard and so on until they had cleared the neighborhood of stones, broken glass, boards, etc. that was hurled about in the high wind.

About 35 vets answered roll call for the clean up squad and trucks for the removal of the debris were loaned by Oscar Jackson, Linn Bros., Caplan, Borough and Pappas.

**Vets Form Clean-Up Squad in Cyclone Area
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 11, 1947 Edition**

Burgess Sets V.F.W. Poppy Day In Borough

Saturday, November 9, has been set aside as V.F.W. Poppy Day in the Burgettstown community in a proclamation issued today by Burgess Robert Canning. The proclamation urges all citizens to observe the day by wearing V.F.W. Buddy Poppies in honor of those who gave their lives in wars fought for liberty.

"Whereas, the Burgettstown community has sent many of its finest men and women to serve in the defense of our country; and

"Whereas, many of these made the supreme sacrifice in that service; and

"Whereas, the memory of their service and sacrifice should be kept forever bright for the inspiration of our town and future generations; and

"Whereas, many of our veterans are confined to hospitals, as the result of injuries received in defending our country, and lend their efforts to ever remind us of those who have served, by making Buddy Poppies; and

"Whereas, the wearing of Buddy Poppies on the Saturday before Veterans' Day brings to our hearts and minds the memory of these gallant dead;

"Now, therefore, I, Robert Canning, Burgess of Burgettstown, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 9, 1957, to be V.F.W. Poppy Day in Burgettstown, and I urge that all citizens observe the day by wearing the Buddy Poppy throughout the day."

Burgettstown V.F.W. Poppy Day
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 1957 Edition

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

March 7, 1950. Alonzo M. Gonzalez et ux., Hanover Township, to Ludvick Zupancic, Snowden township, Allegheny County, ten acres on the Frankfort Road, Hanover Township; \$8,500.

March 20, 1950. Agostino Rinella et ux., et al., Burgettstown, to Kucher-Saska Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Burgettstown, a lot, 50 by 90 feet, Main street, Burgettstown; \$1.

Joseph Was Named VFW Aide-de-Camp

Andy Borg, Superior, Wisconsin, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, has announced the appointment of Joseph A. Was, Jr., 17 Linn Avenue, Burgettstown, as a National Aide-de-Camp.

In announcing the appointment, Commander-in-Chief Borg said, "The V. F. W. is writing an ever-lengthening record of accomplishment in preserving and liberalizing veterans' benefits, as well as conducting programs fostering good citizenship among the nation's youth and bettering the communities in which we live. It is heartening to know that we have men of the caliber of Mr. Was, who is experienced in handling problems facing our nation's veterans, their widows and orphans, and who is especially qualified for this high honor. I know that in all projects sponsored this year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I can rely on Mr. Was' judgment and recommendations and I congratulate him on this appointment."

Was is Commander of the Kucher-Saska V.F.W. Post, Burgettstown.

**Joseph Was Named VFW Aide-de-Camp
Burgettstown Enterprise-1966 Edition**

County V. F. W. Plans Picnic At Sunset Beach

The Southwest County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a basket picnic at Sunset Beach. Route 40, west of Washington, Sunday, Sept. 14, the second annual affair since the war and more than 500 members and their families are expected to attend.

Dancing, baseball, horseshoe pitching contests and swimming, if weather permits, are on the card with many of the events providing opportunities to win cash prizes. This is the first picnic since 1940 when the initial event was held, with the intention of making it an annual one. Of course, the war interfered and everything has been held up until the present.

There will be free pop and ice cream for the children.

District Commander A. H. Lamb today declared that "we anticipate this to be one of the largest gathering of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Western Pennsylvania this year."

Scotland School Site For Party

On December 10, Sara Orga, president of the 24th VFW District Ladies Auxiliary, and her secretary, Mary Pappas, conducted a Christmas party in Cottage 6 at the Scotland School for Veterans' Children.

Cookies, candy and articles for ditty bags were donated by various Auxiliaries in the 24th District. The boys of Cottage 6 received many gifts.

A Christmas dinner was then served by the Housemother and boys to the District President and Scotland School Chairman, Mildred McKean, of Daisytown, who also received gifts from the 11 boys in the cottage.

Community Kiddies To Receive Movies Treat From Vets

Children of the Greater Burgettstown Community will be treated to a free movie at the Keith and Mary Ann theatres in Burgettstown, Wednesday, December 29 at 1:30 p.m. The treat is sponsored by the Kucher Saska Post 6955 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and arrangements are being made by Commander William Craig and Mike Kranak. The same movie will be shown in both theatres. All children from the Greater Burgettstown area will be admitted free.

**Community Kiddies to receive Movies Treat from Vets
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 23, 1948 Edition**

Kucher-Saska Vets, Minus Whiskers, Play Santa Claus In September To Cheering Boys and Girls; Take Five Bus Loads to Rodeo

The State Police Rodeo at South Park last Saturday was pretty neatly summed up by Jackie Cunningham of Main street when he said after the show, "It was just great; that's all!" Jackie was one of the seventh and eighth grade pupils from Burgettstown-Smith township school district who took in the rodeo through the courtesy of the local V. F. W., Kucher Saska Post.

Five bus loads of cheering, singing youngsters journeyed to the park grounds Saturday where they thrilled to see horses leaping through firey hoops, troopers shooting away balloons with perfect marksmanship, and motor cycles zipping about in precise movements at high speed.

"I never saw anything like it," said Albert Zamberlan of Francis Mine and Bob Young of Langeloth. Many a grown-up might well have said the same, for it isn't often one witnesses a horse lying down with a rider on its back, or eleven men and a dog boarding a motor cycle—two of the stunts of the rodeo.

"It was better than anything I ever saw", Patricia Mader of Our Lady of Lourdes school remarked earnestly when she recalled the police dogs that walked up ladders or jumped through the arms of their masters. Fred Sarracino liked the dogs too, and James Bianchi of Bulger wished with all his heart that he could be master of a dog like the ones he saw Saturday.

Trick and rough riding that took in all sorts of acrobatic movements on horseback were the favorite events of John Penderville, Bill Sartori, and Roger Wagner, and the high school horses and saddle tricks thrilled Catherine Scopel, Geraldine Culley and Jean Jackson.

But motor cycles that darted in and out of the path of another speeding cycle bred admiration in Jacqueline Culley, Phyllis Sworchek and Jack Ashton. "The motor cycles were best," said Jack definitely with dark eyes shining. Overheard comments from the vets themselves during the show would indicate that Jack might

find several older fellows in agreement.

Horses leaping through firey hoops were favorite features of Norma Jean Pace, Gloria Mike and Beverley Jean Crocker, but the wrestling matches on horseback that ended up with two fellows on the blue team falling off the same horse and the gold man winning interested Jane Jackson.

Fancy saddle drills that featured horses stepping in perfect rhythm in twos, fours, and sixes across the field thrilled Gloria Ann Thomas as well as many another horse lover at the show.

John Martin of Bulger wished that he could nip off balloons released into the air with the dead accuracy of the crack shot troopers, and probably he wasn't the only spectator who chilled at the thought of being a target for a State Policeman.

Many of the boys and girls were either too awed by the rodeo or too full of lunch to comment at length. "It was all good," was the opinion of lots of them including Marlene Schwab, Phillip Stanish, Milan Vranjes, James Stevens, David Sutton, Richard Dellapina and Marjorie Nemeth. Probably every youngster would echo Jack Kernohan who said enthusiastically, "It was pretty nice of the vets!" We think so.

The local post not only arranged the trip for the boys and girls but also provided each one with a package of lunch and sent a delegation to escort the crowd to the park. Vets attending included Sam Powell, who was in charge of the trip, Rudy and George Chastulik, John Skryp, Willard Keating, Harry Walagura, Charles Fletcher, Charles Krezock, Tony Kucic, Louis Chatter and Sam DeLuca.

Kucher-Saska Vets, Minus Whiskers, Play Santa Claus in September To Cheering Boys and Girls; Take Five Bus Loads to Rodeo
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Kucher-Saska Vets Bring World Famous Dance Band For Pre-Lenten Hop in Illig Hall, Feb. 18; To Present Ziggy Elman and Star Studded Orchestra. To Award Car

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Burgettstown Kucher-Saska Post No. 6955 made final arrangements this week with Vet. Longo as chairman to bring Tommy Dor-



ZIGGY ELMAN

sey's famous band, now listed under the name of Ziggy Elman to Langeloth's Illig Memorial Hall for a pro-lenten dance on Tuesday evening, February 18. Hi-lite of the evening's entertainment will be the awarding of a 1946 Chevrolet to some lucky person at eleven o'clock. Advance sale of tickets is now being conducted by the vets for \$1.50, the night of the dance, the admission will be \$1.75.

Ziggy Elman, world famous

trumpeteer and his star-studded orchestra will present dance music especially arranged to please his hundreds of record fans and the swingsters.

Elman appeared with Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey and won for himself a niche in the popular music world equalled by none.

Ziggy has also appeared in numerous motion pictures and plays himself in "The Fabulous Dorseys" in which he is high-spotted. Other productions in which he has been seen and heard are "Hollywood Hotel," "Las Vegas Nights," "Ship Ahoy", "DuBarry Was a Lady," "Girl Crazy", and "Thrill of a Romance."

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Kucher-Saska Post Spearheads Drive For \$7,500 To Re-Build Football Field House

A campaign to raise \$7,500 to erect a new field house at Hill Memorial Stadium was launched this week under the sponsorship of the Kucher-Saska Post of V. F. W. The assistance of all organizations in the Burgettstown-Smith Township community has been requested, and a meeting to discuss the drive has been scheduled for Friday evening, September 3 at 8 p.m., in Union high school. Presidents or representatives from each organization are asked to attend.

The Burgettstown-Smith township school board gratefully accepted a plan for the campaign offered by the Kucher-Saska Post at a board meeting Monday evening. Insurance realized on the building and the equipment destroyed by fire last Thursday evening amounted to about \$5,500, scarcely enough to purchase new equipment let alone rebuild the field house. Total damage is estimated at \$13,000.

The local V. F. W. post will begin construction immediately in order to have the building in readiness for the first home game September 17. A tentative site has been selected between the concrete steps and the refreshment stand, and building plans call for a structure 60 x 24 x 11 at the front and 8' high at the back. The house will have two dressing rooms 20 x 24, a shower room 12 x 20 and equipment room 12 x 20. The \$7,500 quota has been set to insure the installation of heating equipment, wiring, showers and lockers.

W. P. Miller and Coach J. R. Canning will assist the post as advisors. Commander William Craig appointed Charles Pappas and Anthony Longo to launch the campaign. Other committeemen will be announced later.

The post is eager that each individual in the Burgettstown Smith Township community feel that he will have some part in the erection of the field house. A house to house canvass has not been planned to date; that will depend largely on the voluntary contributions of organizations and individuals. Already several phone calls have been received from enterprising citizens who wish to contribute to the building project. The post hopes that such enthusiasm will grow and that the Hill Memorial Stadium will be able to display one of the finest field houses in the county.

In this issue of the Enterprise is a coupon which may be filled out and sent with your contribution to the Field House Committee Kucher-Saska Post, V. F. W., Main Street, Burgettstown.

A thermometer at the front of the V. F. W. building on Main St. will indicate the progress of the campaign.

Kucher-Saska Veterans have undertaken the lead in this project as a permanent memorial to all athletes from the district who were wounded or died in World War II.

To Replace U.H.S. Field House

Kucher-Saska Post Spearheads Drive for \$7,500 to Re-Build Football Field House

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Kucher-Saska's Wayne Frazee Installed Wash., Greene Co. V. F. W. Commander



Leonard R. Santore, Greensboro, left, newly elected Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, congratulates W. D. Frazee, of Burgettstown Kucher-Saska Post, upon his installation as Commander of the Department's 24th District, comprising Greene and Washington counties. The event took place at the close of the recent 41st. Annual Dpartment Convention in Harrisburg. More than 10,000 overseas American war veterans attended the four day session, making it the largest state VFW convention in the past decade.

**Kucher-Saska's Wayne Freeze Installed
Washington and Greene County V.F.W. Commander
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 25, 1960 Edition**



**Skinner-Brun Firing Squad is Highly Regarded
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 8, 1957 Edition**

Skinner-Brun Firing Squad Is Highly Regarded



The firing squad of the Skinner-Brun V.F.W. Post of Bulger, pictured above, is considered by members of the post as the finest of its kind in the area. The squad is present for all military funerals, and participates in Memorial Day services at Bulger, Raccoon and Cherry Valley. Hugh Daley, who spent eight months during World War Two at Arlington studying precision drilling, is in charge of the group. Left to right, they are: Sergeant-At-Arms Daley, Stanley Stiegel, Leon Testas, Marcel Romestan, Sam LaRocka, Till Sandri, Frank Baronio and William DiNino. (Cindrich photo)

Skinner-Brun Firing Squad is Highly Regarded
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Bulger Auxiliary

A variety of donations was made at a meeting of 31 members of Skinner-Brun VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Bulger, when they met in the Post Home January 17.

Hospital chairlady Sara Bianchi reported a flower garden was sent to Eva Tabone; and popcorn balls and candy will be sent to the Mayview hospital chairlady Nan Connoss, for use at parties in the hospital by war veterans.

Donations were made to the National President Gift Fund and to the Hospital Fund. Used Christmas cards were brought to the meeting by Auxiliary members and are being sent to the children's Heart Hospital, Philadelphia.

Members assisting in the March of Dimes polio campaign will be: Mrs. Louise Burchianti, president; Mazie Shumaker, Betty Fratini, Theresa Lukon, Mary LaRocka, Rose Bianchi, Gema Sterckle and Rose DeVuono.

Five women were welcomed into the Auxiliary: Lena Zeumie, Vyiona Webster, Peggy Lukancich, Leata Dowler and Mary Wozniak.

A bake sale is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 29, at 3 p.m. in the Post Home, by the following committee: Sara Orga, Mary McGivern, Mrs. Webster, Jean Dellapina, Betty Testas, Chatta Dalverny and Vincy Nencioni.

An apron, donated by Louise Burchianti, was won by Rose Bianchi. Other prize winners are: pig in a poke, Mrs. Sartori; pot of gold, Lena Zeumie; and merchandise Mrs. George Ray and Gema Sterckle.

A delicious lunch was served. The next meeting will be held Feb. 21. All members are requested to turn in coupons.

Bulger Auxiliary

Burgettstown Enterprise-January 27, 1955 Edition

Memorial Tribute

The Veterans and Auxiliary of the Skinner-Brun Post 7218 paid tribute to those who rendered the supreme sacrifice for their country, with services at the Honor Roll in Bulger, Monday, May 31, at 8 a.m.

Tribute was paid to Joseph Skinner, John Brun and Frank Hubily. Commander Leo Dellapina was in charge.

The Veterans and Auxiliary also participated in the parade and services held in Midway at the Center cemetery at 10 a.m.

The Veterans and Auxiliary of Skinner Brun Post 7218 of Bulger, attended mass Sunday, May 30, at St. Ann's Church. A special mass was held in honor of Joseph Skinner, John Brun and Frank Hubily.

The Veterans and Auxiliary held a picnic Sunday, May 30, at Shady Lane, Bulger. The picnic was open to the public and was enjoyed by a number of out-of-town guests.



1993 Chile Contest Second Place Winners
L-R: Joe Abate, Quartermaster, Steve Dugas, Commander, Lou Beingiel, Past Commander
Slovan VFW Post 6553
Fort Vance Historical Society



Barto Minstrel Men to Perform

These people seem to be enjoying themselves as they practice for the second Minstrel Show to be presented by the Barto V.F.W. Post in the Union High School auditorium May 15 and 16. Seated at the piano is Mrs. Ruth Lowry, director. The smiling singers are, left to right: Dante Filipponi, Gerry Tenanglia, George Bish, Joe Abate, Vince Testa, Andy Carmichael, Flossie Sendora, and Joe Wojnar.

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



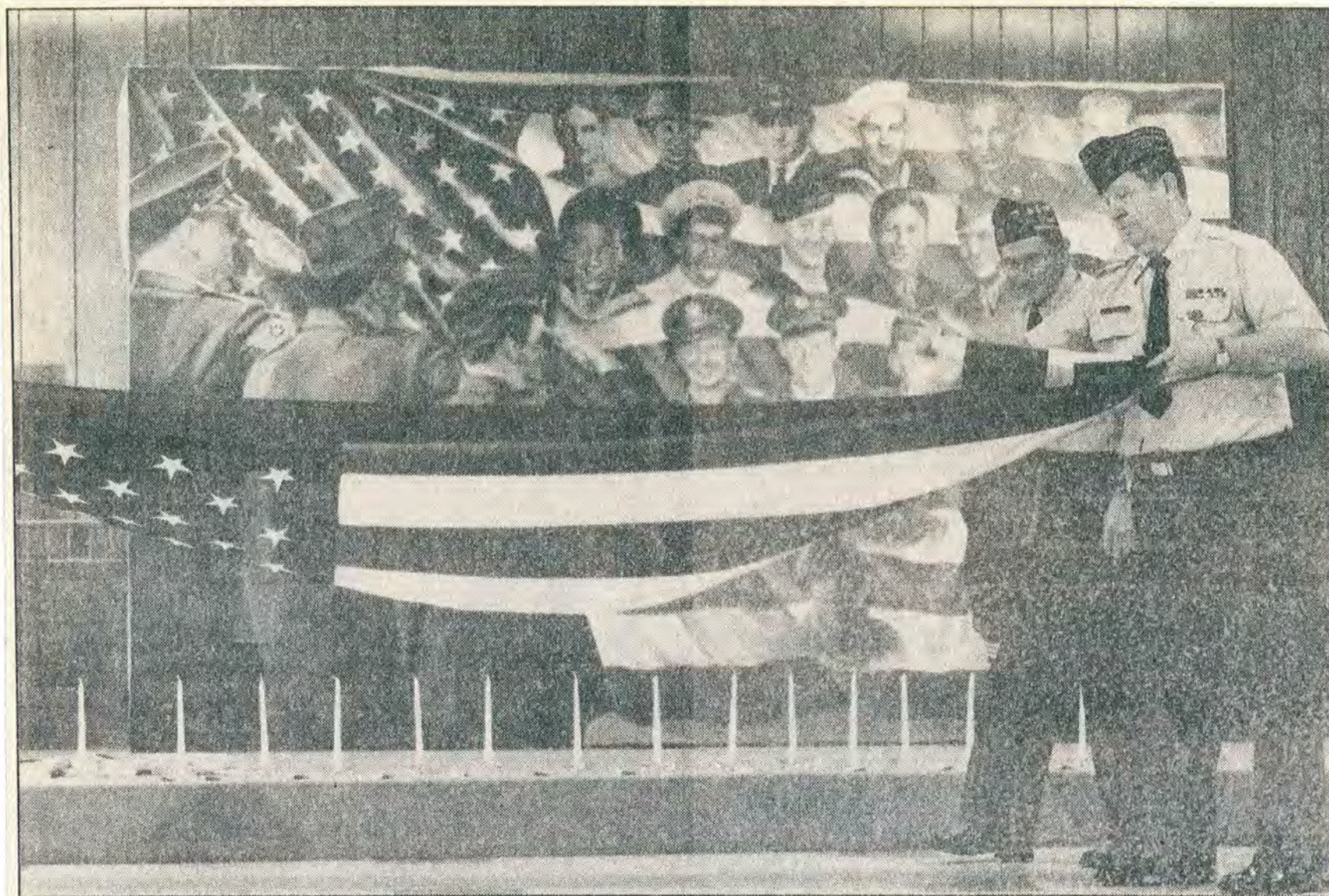
THE ENTERPRISE / JIM DALLARA

A part of history

Steve Dugas, a trustee with Barto Veterans of Foreign Wars Post of Slovan, presents a painting to Edie Jones of the Burgettstown Community Library that will find a permanent place in the library's Historical Room. The 20 x 20 painting is a reproduction of a mural at the Slovan VFW. The original, titled "Faces of Freedom," was dedicated in 1993. It contains pictures and names of 16 Slovan area military veterans who were killed in the nation's wars.

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THE ENTERPRISE / STAN DIAMOND

SLOVAN MURAL UNVEILED. Steve M. Dugas, left, commander of Slovan VFW Post 6553, and Joseph Vladich, post service officer, fold a flag used to unveil the large mural in the background depicting 16 Slovan area servicemen killed in the nation's wars. The mural was dedicated during a Memorial Day ceremony in the post home.

Mural Honoring War Dead Unveiled
Barto Veterans Post 6553 Pays Tribute to Its Fallen Comrades
The Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1993 Edition

Faces on the mural

The list of Slovan's fallen heroes:

■ WORLD WAR I

- **Pvt. Scripi Bonisoli**. Army. Killed 1917 in France. Was a machine gun operator. Buried in France. Survived by brother Basil.
- **Cpl. Mike Puskar**. Army. Killed Nov. 11, 1918, in France. Buried in France. Survived by Puskar family.

■ WORLD WAR II

- **Pfc. Peter Vladich, 28**. Army. Killed May 1942 while a prisoner of war on a Japanese ship. Ship sank, all hands lost. Survived by brothers Robert and Joseph.
- **Seaman 2nd Class Marko Yaksic, 20**. Coast Guard. Killed Sept. 25, 1942, while making an invasion on Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, on LST # 167. Buried in Hickory Cemetery. Survived by brothers Michael and Nick, sister Mildred.
- **Sgt. Fred Barto, 30**. Air Force. Killed Jan. 5, 1944, in B-17 crash on return flight to base at Great Salt Lake, Utah. Buried in Marianna. Survived by brother David, sisters Ann, Nellie, Reepa and Vera.
- **Pfc. Andrew Sninchak**. Army. Died June 12, 1944, after being wounded on D-Day June 6. Buried in France. Survived by sister Margaret and brother Joe.
- **Gunner's Mate Steve Mudra, 20**. Navy. Killed Oct. 25, 1944, in action while aboard U.S.S. Samuel Roberts DE-749 in the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Ship sunk, all hands lost at sea. Survived by brother Peter and sisters Helen, Susan and Mary.
- **Pfc. Ernest Doboski, 23**. Army. Killed in action April 6, 1945, while serving with Patton's 3rd Army. Buried in Germany. Survived by wife Mary, sister Helen and brothers George and Paul.
- **Carpenter's Mate 1st Class Mike Burish, 24**. Navy. Died in New Guinea April 8, 1945. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Survived by sisters Mary and Anne Mae.
- **Pfc. Samuel Plate, 30**. Army. Killed by German artillery at Battle of the Bulge Jan. 21, 1945. Buried in Belgium National Cemetery. Survived by wife Mary, son Samuel, daughter Marilyn, brothers Dom and Frank, sisters Clara, Janette and Amy.
- **Pfc. Thomas H. Fisher, 27**. Army. Killed in Battle of the Bulge Jan. 23, 1945. Buried in Belgium National Cemetery. Survived by brothers Harry and Roy.
- **F/O Albert J. Dugas, 20**. Air Force. Killed Feb. 10, 1945, while making a bomb run on a bridge in Burma. His B-25 was hit with small arms fire. Plane crashed into a mountain, killing all five crew members. Buried in Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Burgettstown. Survived by brothers George, Bill, Ed, Tony, Steve, Lou and Martin, and sisters Pauline, Theresa, Bernie, Martha and Frances.
- **Pvt. John Barto, 25**. Air Corps. Killed April 18, 1945, in action in Germany with infantry. Buried in Belgium National Cemetery. Survived by brother David and sisters Ann, Nellie, Reepa and Vera.
- **Pfc. John Matula, 32**. Army. Killed April 18, 1945, in action in Germany with infantry. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Erie Mine.
- **Staff Sgt. Hobart J. Medved, 20**. Marines. Killed in an auto accident awaiting discharge May 11, 1946. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Erie Mine. Survived by sisters Margie and Helen.

■ VIETNAM

- **Cpl. Richard Windsheimer, 28**. Marines. Killed July 30, 1969, by "friendly fire" in Vietnam. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Erie Mine. Survived by sisters Shirley, Jean and Iris, and brothers Kenneth, Ronald, Arthur and Robert.

Mural Honoring War Dead Unveiled
Barto Veterans Post 6553 Pays Tribute to Its Fallen Comrades

'Nobody wanted to take over'



The Charleroi Veterans of Foreign Wars building

SCOTT BEVERIDGE/OBSERVER-REPORTER

State VFW pulls charter from Charleroi post

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CHARLEROI - The state Veterans of Foreign Wars pulled the charter of a post in Charleroi where no one wanted to be commander.

The state organization will attempt to sell the building at 609 McKean Ave. that housed Arden Calvert VFW Post 167 after its contents are either sold or donated to Charleroi Area Historical Society, Pennsylvania VFW Adjutant John Getz said.

"They walked out," Getz said Friday. "Nobody wanted to take over."

The club began its downward spiral in 2004 when a 50-year-old disabled veteran died there of a heart attack while he lived in a cramped cloakroom. The borough later evicted a veteran who was sleeping in one of the club restrooms and another man who was being sheltered in a furnace room. Also that year, the club stopped hosting punk rock concerts that were paying its bills because they were spilling into the street and drawing police.

Richard McBurnie, an officer with Charleroi American Legion Post 22, said he stepped forward to sell the VFW's contents and will



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARLEROI AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Some of the photos of past commanders on display at the Charleroi Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

THE STATE ORGANIZATION WILL ATTEMPT TO SELL THE BUILDING AT 609 MCKEAN AVE. THAT HOUSED ARDEN CALVERT VFW POST 167 AFTER ITS CONTENTS ARE EITHER SOLD OR DONATED TO CHARLEROI AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PENNSYLVANIA VFW ADJUTANT JOHN GETZ SAID.

donate any money he collects to a disabled or homeless veterans organization.

"I'm just trying to do things right," McBurnie said.

He also is attempting to find relatives of as many as 50 former VFW commanders whose framed photographs hang in the club hall.

"We tried to keep it operating, but we weren't getting

the help we needed," he said.

The remaining members of the VFW are being asked to join another post, Getz said.

He said Charleroi is among 11 posts that closed in Pennsylvania during the past year, mostly because they only accepted World War II veterans as members.

"They didn't want anyone

else in there," Getz said. "They definitely kicked out the Vietnam and Korean vets."

He said the state VFW stepped in because the Charleroi club wasn't being used.

"They were letting the building sit without getting back to us," Getz said.

He said the state has no objections to the building's contents being sold. He also said he was happy to hear that some things there will be donated to the historical society.

Anyone interested in claiming one of the commanders photographs can call McBurnie at 724-489-4686.

**State VFW Pulls Charter from Charleroi Post
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VICTORY CLUB

The Victory Club of Raccoon met Monday night in Argenta Hall Mrs. Susan Watton, President, presided. It was the 3rd anniversary of the club and elected officers were installed by the Ex-President, Rena DeValkeneer. Officers installed as follows: Mrs. Virginia Canonge, Pres.; Frances Lander, V. Pres.; Juanita DeCook, Secretary; and Alice Strobe, Treasurer; Bulalah Latshaw, Guide; Ethel Bruce, Guard; and Irene Lander, Chaplain.

Mrs. Latsaw was awarded Pig-in-Poke. A covered dish supper was served by the committee.

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**ANNUAL ROLL CALL
FOR LOCAL W. C. T. U.**

Twenty-three members and twelve guests attended the annual Roll Call of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held in the home of Miss Dora McCorkle of Center avenue on Tuesday evening, October 21. Rev. William R. Flurkey was guest speaker for the meeting, which is an annual event, the time when members pay dues.

Mrs. R. G. Russell, president, announced the following program: Song "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"; scripture reading and talk, "Paul's Life"; song, "What the World Needs is Jesus"; play, "Bible Light on Temperance" by Thelma Clair, Ruth Lee Clair, Olive Williamson, Jane Williamson, Ruth Darke, Dorothy Scott and Betty Cowden; duet, "My Little Pink Rose" by Carrie Jacobs Bond, sung by Mrs. Harbaugh and Mrs. Morrow.