

News-Worthy Scrapbook

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Approximate location of the creek is behind Family Dollar.
A couple of hundred feet from the Shady Avenue Bridge location.



The debris behind the white house is of the Shady Avenue bridge.

Flood of 1912-Main Street, Burgettstown, PA

Fort Vance Historical Society



Felch Brothers-Burgettstown, PA
Flood of September 2, 1912
Fort Vance Historical Society

20 Years Ago - 1941

The Langloth troop of the Boy Scouts held a Parents Night celebration. Madison Reasons was Scoutmaster.

Miss Mary Thome, Principal of Union high school, submitted her resignation, which was accepted by the School Board "with regrets." The board re-organized for the coming year with P. J. Sciamanna as President, Denny Scott as Secretary, and A. J. Nairn, Treasurer.

The Smith township school board was faced with financial problems, and seriously considered closing of the Cherry Valley school. Three teachers would have been eliminated in a drastic economy measure. A delegation of citizens, armed with petition signed by all voters of Cherry Valley stormed the school board meeting and pleaded with members to reverse their decision. Mission was accomplished, and the Cherry Valley school remained open. Spokesmen for the citizens were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bertovich and Eldon McConaughy.

A notice appeared in the Enterprise that enrollments would be accepted in the CCC in the Washington office for a period of six month enlistment.

Burgettstown's quota for aiding in the support of recreational facilities for the nation's armed forces was listed as \$566.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced that only one Thanksgiving Day would be observed this year.

Christy's Market listed a special on white naphtha soap, 10 bars for 39c. 1961

20 Years ago-1941

Burgettstown Enterprise 1961



Natalie Miller

GOING STRONG – Burgettstown resident Bruno Dalfol picks up a spare Tuesday at Steel Valley Lanes. Dalfol, who will turn 96 in August, bowls with a group of senior citizens two times a week.

95-year-old Burgettstown man still bowling strikes

By **NATALIE MILLER**
Special to the PA Focus

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, a group of senior citizens gather at Steel Valley Lanes in Weirton, W.Va., where they bowl four games of strikes, spares — and the occasional gutter ball.

Among them is Bruno Dalfol, who, at 95 years old, may be the oldest among them, but still can score with the best of them.

Bruno is the head of a bowling family: his grandson and great-grandson own Holiday Lanes on Main Street.

"I'm here for fun," Bruno said of the senior citizens' league. "I've been here a long time. A lot of the others have passed away, but I'm still here."

Bruno's fellow bowlers are impressed and humbled by his ability.

"He has quite a hook-ball," said Jeannie Gilles. "Everybody loves him to death."

Bruno said he has bowled all of his life but really got into it after he retired from the construction business. He still cares for his wife, Jenny, who is 93 years old. He married her in 1929, after coming over from Italy in 1924.

He said he likes to bowl for the exercise.

"My hands won't hold the ball like I want them to, but it keeps me moving."

Although the league is a no-stress league where scores aren't as important as having a good time, these bowlers could

compete with anyone. In one game, Bruno bowled a 101, picking up at least three spares. But, Bruno just shrugged it off.

"I guess I'm OK," he said with a smile.

Bob Dalfol, the great-grandson who owns Holiday Lanes, said he is impressed by Bruno's energy.

"He's always active," he said. "He bowls eight games a week. I have a hard time bowling six and I'm 67 years younger than him."

Bob said that, during the summer, Bruno also takes care of his garden.

"I think he's amazing. There are five generations of us — he has a great-great grandchild. He's amazing."

A SALUTE TO D. PETRUCCI

One of the proudest and happiest men in Burgettstown today is our friend, Domenick Petrucci. The Burgettstown Enterprise takes this opportunity to extend congratulations and sincere good wishes to Mr. Petrucci on the occasion of the fulfillment of a dream he has long cherished.

Tonight, Petrucci's will welcome their customers at the gala-opening of their new Food Market, said to be one of the most modern in Western Pennsylvania. The new Market is agleam with fresh bright paint, fluorescent lights, sparkling white meat cases, and equipment that is everything housewives of today demand.

Today's event marks the high spot in Mr. Petrucci's long career as a Burgettstown merchant. He was born at Viareggio, Italy and came to the United States when 21 years of age. His first job was a chef in the Fort Pitt Hotel, where he prepared meals for three presidents of the United States; President William McKinley, President Theodore Roosevelt, and President William Taft.

Twenty-five years ago he came to Burgettstown to engage in the grocery business in partnership with Mr. Pançoni and ten years ago entered the field for himself in a location in the Bloom building. Mr. and Mrs. Petrucci are parents of three sons, Eugene and Lido, who are associated with their father in the Petrucci Market, and Earl, proprietor of the Petrucci News Store.

Salute to Domenick Petrucci
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 5, 1940 Edition

**ADELMO ROSSI BUYS
BROIDA BUILDING**

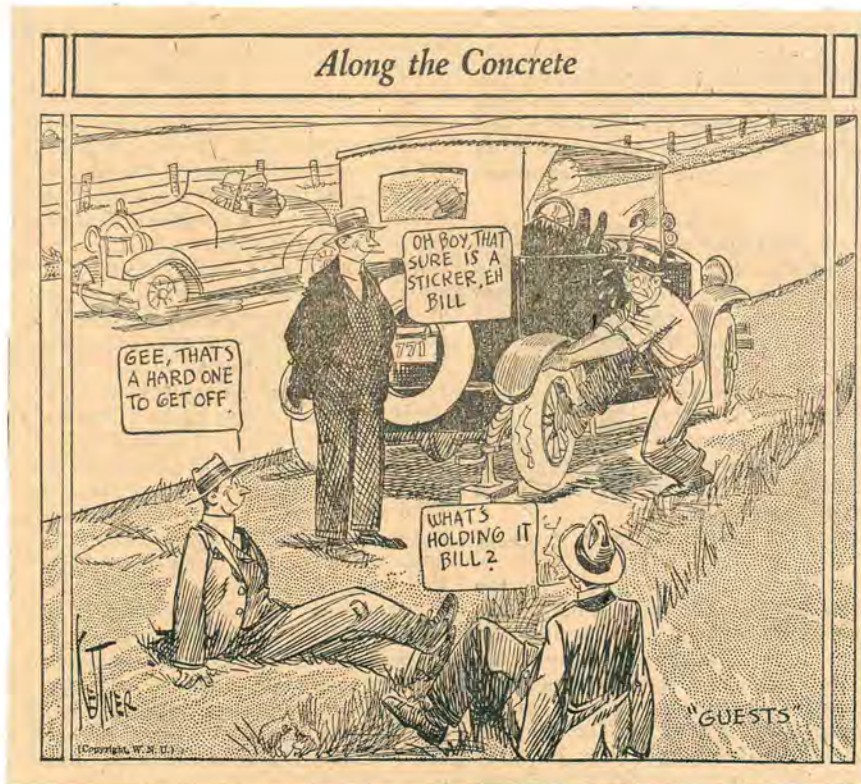
Adelmo Rossi of Main street, this week announced the purchase of the brick building formerly occupied by the Broida Department Store from Sam Broida, the consideration being \$16,000. The deal includes not only the brick building adjacent the Pennsylvania railroad station but also seven garages in the rear. The Broida building has been leased for 10 years to the A. and P. Co., and a Super Market is being installed.

**AGED MIDWAY WOMAN
NEARS 91st MILESTONE**

Mrs. Jennie Donaldson Bamford, widow of Robert Bamford, will quietly observe her 91st birthday at her home, McDonald, R. D. 1, Friday, Aug. 20.

Aside from blindness which she suffered nine years ago Mrs. Bamford is well preserved and enjoys conversing with friends. She has spent all her life in the Midway section.

Jennie Donaldson Bamford
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 19, 1948 Edition



"Along the Concrete"
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 10, 1931 Edition

Norma Alrutz in holiday musical

Eldersville resident Norma Alrutz will be the stage manager for the Saltworks Theater Company's stage adaptation of "Anne of Green Gables: Christmas in Avonlea," which will be presented weekends beginning Dec. 9 through Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m., with 3 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays, at the Edward Eddy Theatre, Chatham College, in Shadyside.

Miss Alrutz attended Geneva College in Beaver Falls and serves as fulltime accountant for Saltworks. In her spare time she is involved in her church, the school and her community.

The best-selling books of L.M. Montgomery, featured in the award-winning PBS/Wonderworks television series, have now been adapted for the stage in this delightful holiday musical. Frolic in the "thousand and one dear spots" where memories of Green Gables are recaptured as red-headed Anne Shirley celebrates Christmas with Marilla and Matthew, Diana and Gilbert. The tale emerges as various Christmas celebrations serve as an anchor to the developing story of Anne creating a home in Avonlea. The fiascos which Anne unerringly finds, the friends she discovers and the love she unearths create a joyful mix of childlike fun and family warmth.

The stage adaptation, compiled from the first four books by L.M. Montgomery, has been created by the writing/directing team of Eric and Jonni Fichtner. Eric is the artistic director for Saltworks Theater Company and Jonni is his wife. The music has been scored by Hollis Greathouse, BMI writer member, musician and engineer who writes, arranges and records for television, radio and theatre.

Norma Alrutz-In Holiday Musical
The Enterprise-November 24, 1993 Edition



West Middletown as it appeared about 1900 in a photo from the *Observer-Reporter* archives

An abolitionist stronghold

Underground Railroad had a key stop in West Middletown

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WEST MIDDLETOWN—An escaped slave being pursued by his master in the mid-1800s stumbled into West Middletown footsore, naked, hungry, tired and scared. The runaway was quickly taken to an Underground Railroad station at the home of a staunch abolitionist, Matthew McKeever, only to be followed there by his owner, led by a bloodhound.

Rather than turn over the escapee, McKeever insisted on taking him before the local justice of the peace to determine whether he was a free black man. The courtroom was surrounded shortly thereafter by angry abolitionists holding pitchforks.

Another local abolitionist attending the proceeding, James McElroy, asked the master if he owned the dog, and he received a positive reply. McElroy then stated, "This bloodhound does not leave this town alive," according to oral history records at the West Middletown historical society named in McKeever's honor.

"In less than 10 minutes that dog was hanging to the limb of a tree and the master was on his way out of town, believing it wasn't healthy for him to remain a minute longer than necessary," McElroy's son, James, stated in the 1910 oral history project.

This small town that cropped up along a 19th century wagon trail is situated halfway between Washington and Weilsburg, W.Va., and was once bustling with traveling merchants. During the early 1800s, the town had attracted many residents who strongly opposed slavery at a time when the neighboring state to the west was Virginia, part of the antebellum South.

Its remote location along present-day Route 844 provided a great place to hide runaway slaves, and the town's proximity to Virginia often made it the first stop in the North for escaped slaves running away through what is now the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia.



John Brown, left, greets Matthew McKeever in a woodcut print of the abolitionists created by an unknown artist. The image is from the *Observer-Reporter* archives.

The runaway slaves were kept in West Middletown until their "owner's watch ended," and then slipped to the care of a free barber in Washington, Samuel W. Dorsey, who had well-established connections to get them into Canada, according to a Dec. 17, 1955, article about local Underground Railroad stations in *The Observer*.

McKeever was the lead conductor in his hometown, and he took his instructions from the infamous John Brown, who was executed in 1859 after leading a brief raid on the federal armory and arsenal in Harpers Ferry, Va. Brown had fallen under the delusion that his raid would inspire scores of slaves to revolt and join his war against slavery.

The younger McElroy discusses how Brown, in 1842, set up a wool-buying headquarters in the house of McElroy's father, as well as at the McKeever home, where Brown also there.

At one such meeting, McElroy's father declared slavery was becoming stronger and more defiant, "and that in the providence of God it would go down in blood before the end came."

"How truthful that prophecy!" McElroy said.

The younger McElroy said he was eyewitness to the events and, at the age of 15, even shuttled slaves himself in a wagon to Paris under cover



A family of early black settlers in West Middletown poses for local photographer Frank France circa 1900.

of darkness, following instructions from his father.

McKeever kept his involvement in the Underground Railroad a tight secret, one he didn't share with most members of his immediate family of 18 to 20, not even his wife.

Participating in the Underground Railroad was risky business in parts of Washington County, including its county seat, because it was heavily populated with pro-slavery residents, said Clay Kilgore, executive director of Washington County Historical Society.

"The McKeever family kind of leads the way in West Middletown," Kilgore said. "It's fairly safe going there."

In 1842, McKeever's secret was shattered when the city of Wheeling, then part of Virginia, offered a \$500 reward for his capture, dead or alive, for helping slaves escape to Canada, according to another oral history collected from Sarah A. Armstrong.

"Few had known about this work until this notice was posted," Armstrong said.

McKeever was assisted with the Underground Railroad by local abolitionists and John Jordan, a free black man. It was Jordan's job to hide the

escaped slaves in McKeever's sheep loft and feed them from a nearby springhouse for a month before they were moved to Washington.

McKeever's "hired girl" had grown suspicious, though, and told his wife someone kept stealing bread and other food. His children also would ask him why they often found their clothes and shoes missing from their bedrooms in the mornings and heard noises through the night, he wrote in an 1880 letter to a friend.

Eventually, McKeever told his children the sounds were the "midnight train or flyer" for Pittsburgh, Butler or other northern towns.

"Of course the profits were small, and the passengers had to be clothed and fed and their traveling expenses paid," Armstrong stated, adding McKeever would eventually confess to his neighbors that he had been a conductor on the freedom route for 40 years, and that the largest number of escapees he had shipped at one time was eight.

McKeever was among the second generation of abolitionists in his hometown.

His father, William, who settled there in the 1790s, once acted out so angrily against slavery that the

events of that day were still remembered there a century later.

About 1810, a group of slaves handcuffed in pairs to a heavy chain at intervals of six feet made its way through the town.

The chain gang, known as a coffle, had been purchased in Maryland to furnish labor at farms in Virginia, resident Rebecca C. Jones related in her 1910 oral history.

"As the poor souls wended their weary way up the street they passed the door of William McKeever. The sight made the Scotch-Irish blood in his veins boil. He rushed out and poured forth his righteous indignation. Ordinarily a kindly man, but now he knew no bounds," Jones said.

The conductor was on horseback, whip in hand, as William McKeever called down all of the terrors of the hereafter on him.

"In hell they'll (roast) thee like a herring," Jones quoted him as saying in the story passed down to her by her mother.

The conductor was discrete, even though he had to listen to the denunciations for a mile beyond town, when William McKeever "exhausted his vocabulary" and came home "quite the hero," Jones stated.

Appeal for Vegetables and Fruit.

A movement is being sponsored by the women of Burgettstown looking toward the preparation of surplus fruits of orchards and garden vegetables of the district for distribution among needy families to guard against almost certain wide-spread need during the coming winter. Farmers and gardeners who can assist in supplying some part of the commodities needed are requested to bring such articles to the Stype grocery store, Burgettstown from where distribution will be made to those who will undertake the work of canning and preserving.

Appeal for Vegetables and Fruit
Burgettstown Enterprise- September 10, 1931 Edition

Archeological Conservancy Guarding Buried Treasures of America's Heritage

By RICHARD SEVERO

In the early 19th century, when American pioneers pushed westward, there were probably more than 20,000 significant archeological sites in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys alone, places that were inhabited or somehow used by peoples that, even then, were long gone and forgotten.

They were all part of the pre-Columbian civilization that once flourished in these Middle Western valleys and in many other places across the country. The vestiges of those cultures were not very important to the early settlers, who had other, more immediate concerns.

Now, perhaps only 200 sites remain in this area, representing much of what is known about pre-Columbian civilization in this part of America. The Archeological Conservancy has been formed to insure that the remaining sites do not vanish with the further development of great cities, highways that disgorge traffic into them, intensive agriculture and the sprawl and development that has marked 20th-century America.

"Each time a site is destroyed, a part of our heritage is lost," said Mark Michael, the president of the conservancy.

708 Acres Acquired

The new organization was modeled after the Nature Conservancy, which was formed to protect the nation's significant living environmental heritage.

The Archeological Conservancy, which has its headquarters in Santa Fe, N.M., was started in January 1980 with grants of \$150,000 each from the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

Through gifts from private donors and purchases from landowners who sold at below-market rates, the conservancy has since acquired 708 acres, valued at \$604,000, spread over 14 sites in Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, New Mexico and Colorado. The conservancy intends to keep the sites until they can be taken over by a Government agency or a historical society with



The Archeological Conservancy

A figure from the Menard-Hodges Mounds in Arkansas County, Ark.

the resources and commitment to maintain them as archeological sites.

The work of the conservancy has been welcomed by the nation's professional archeologists.

"They have already saved some key sites and thus filled a real void," said Dr. Eugene L. Sterud, the executive di-

rector of the Archaeological Institute of America, a nonprofit organization that supports scholarly research and promotes the conservation of archeological sites throughout the world.

Dr. Sterud said that America was losing its archeological sites at an alarming rate. In contrast, he said, Sweden

has had an antiquities law since 1602. Under Sweden's law, for example, if a farmer building a new barn strikes a Viking site, he cannot finish until an archeologist excavates the site at the farmer's expense. Similar laws exist in Greece, Italy, Spain, France and some other European countries, but the conservancy is aware that the European respect for the ancient past is not always of paramount interest to entrepreneurs in the United States.

One of the most significant sites within the Archeological Conservancy's control is what archeologists generally accept as the central ceremonial site of the "Hopewell culture," which is thought to have dominated the eastern section of the United States from about 500 B.C. to A.D. 500. The culture is named for Capt. M. C. Hopewell, who owned the land near Chillicothe, Ohio, in the 19th century.

Mounds Laden With Artifacts

The name of the people who occupied the site is not known, and their style of life, culture and language grouping are a mystery. But the Hopewell way of death is as striking as it is inexplicable: the 130 acres acquired by the conservancy contain funeral mounds laden with exquisite pre-Columbian artifacts made from materials not native to Ohio. These include mica from North Carolina, cut into geometric or naturalistic designs; copper from Lake Superior; fossilized shark teeth from Florida, and obsidian from what is now part of the Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.

Some archeologists have speculated that these objects were intended to give status to the dead, but how the Hopewell people determined which objects were valuable and how they brought the objects to Ohio, are not known.

"It remains an enigma to us," said Dr. C. Wesley Cowan, who teaches anthropology at Ohio State University. He suggested that modern archeological methods might yield new information

from the sites, which were first excavated in the late 19th century.

Another site of great interest to archeologists is the Genevieve Savage Cave in Logan County, Ky., a five-acre area for which the conservancy paid \$10,000.

'Non-Renewable Resource'

"It has deposits that go back through successive cultures to 12,000 years ago, to the earliest Americans," Mr. Michael said. "There are bones, arrowheads and tools near the top. But the unique thing about it is that as far as we can tell, the deposits below are undisturbed. It has never been excavated thoroughly."

In the far West, the conservancy acquired the Candelaria Pueblo near Grants, N.M., a 35-acre site that includes a small village of 50 rooms, and plans to buy other sites.

Other acquisitions include the Osage Village site near Nevada, Mo., south of Kansas City, and three of the so-called "Mississippian sites," one in Missouri and two in Arkansas, which contain unexamined funeral and building sites of an ancient people.

"It would only have been a matter of time before we lost all of these sites," said Dr. Cowan, "and archeological sites are a nonrenewable resource."

Archeological Conservancy Guarding Buried Treasures of American Heritage

New York Times-June 27, 1982 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Two Other Accidents Reported

Area Man Fatally Injured In Route 22 Mishap Friday Nite

William W. Curtis, 41, of Paris, Hanlin Station, R. D. 1, was fatally injured last Friday when his car rammed into a tractor-trailer on Route 22 near Florence.

The accident occurred at 7:05 p.m. near the Farm Restaurant. Curtis was dead on arrival at the Weirton General hospital.

State Police said Curtis was driving alone east on Route 22 when his car shot across the road and headed toward the rig, headed in the opposite direction.

Police said the truck driver, Darvin Birge, of Mingo Junction, Ohio, R. D. 1, told them he saw Curtis' sedan coming and pulled partially onto the berm.

The Curtis car struck the rear tandem wheels of the truck with a tremendous amount of force, police stated.

Police could give no explanation of why Curtis' car suddenly crossed the two-lane highway.

Curtis was employed in the Transportation Department of the Weirton Steel Company.

He was born March 11, 1921, in Summerfield, Ohio, a son of the late John and Molly G. Curtis.

He belonged to the Paris Grange.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Gallagher, at home; four daughters: Levada, Kitty Lea, Robin Jo and Billie Elaine; and a son, Bruce, all at home; seven brothers: Everett, Paris; Archie, New Concord, Ohio; Thomas, Cambridge, Ohio; Lawrence, of Zanesville, Ohio; Okey, Malta, Ohio; Bernard, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Ralph, Detroit, Michigan; three sisters: Mrs. Joseph Briggs, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. William Krogram, Canton, Ohio; and Mrs. Marjorie Thomas, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

Friends were received in the Schwerha Funeral

Home, Weirton. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 8, at 1 p.m., in the Schwerha Chapel, in charge of Dr. A. R. Mansberger, pastor of the Pleasant Valley Methodist church of Weirton. Burial was in Paris Cemetery.

Two local men were injured within a week in separate accidents in the area.

Dave Markish, of Slovan, was hit by an automobile in Slovan Saturday evening and was taken to the Washington hospital suffering from internal injuries, possible head concussion and heavy body bruises. He is now recuperating in the West Allegheny Hospital.

Joseph Pilato, 39, of Bulger, was seriously injured at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday when his car collided head-on with a tractor-trailer on the Bulger Blocks Road. He was taken to the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, where he was described in "fair" condition.

State Police said Pilato's car failed to negotiate a curve and struck the rig, driven by Joseph Wallace, of Midway. Wallace was slightly injured, but did not require treatment, police said.

**William W. Curtis Fatally Injures-Two Other Accidents Reported
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 10, 1963 Edition**

Arlington caretaker Pollard: It was 'an honor' preparing Kennedy's grave

By T. Rees Shapiro
and Emily Langer
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Clifton Pollard is buried on the gentle slope of a hillock, beneath the shade of a maple tree, at Arlington National Cemetery. His white headstone likely went unnoticed in recent days as tourists filed past it to visit another grave about 100 steps away — the one belonging to President John F. Kennedy.

In the days after Kennedy's assassination 50 years ago, few people did more to honor him than Pollard, a Pittsburgh native. The son of a coal miner and a domestic worker, Pollard helped lay to rest the 35th president of the United States — along with countless soldiers, statesmen and generals during his more than 30 years as a gravedigger at Arlington.

Thousands of people learned of Pollard's role in the national tragedy when Jimmy Breslin, the celebrated newspaperman, featured him in a column in the New York Herald Tribune.

Reached by phone at his New York home, Mr. Breslin recalled the moment when he arrived at Pollard's house on Corcoran Street in Washington on the morning of Nov. 24, 1963, two days after Kennedy was shot. Pollard, dressed in his khaki overalls, greeted Mr. Breslin at the door.

"He had a strong hand-shake, you could say that," Mr. Breslin said. "It's diggin' the ground up that's what he did. He was strong."

Mr. Breslin waited, drinking coffee, while the gravedigger ate the bacon and eggs his wife, Nettie, had prepared. Then, the two men headed to the cemetery, where Mr. Breslin watched Pollard prepare the grave of a president.

at Arlington Cemetery. He began his job there shortly after the war.

The number of graves Pollard prepared could not be determined. Based on the published estimate of a co-worker, the figure could reach into the tens of thousands. He dug as many as 10 graves a shift. During the Vietnam War, the Miami Herald once reported, that number sometimes doubled.

One of his stepson's closest boyhood friends, Lance Cpl. Richard W.B. Fox Jr., died in 1968 at age 20 while serving in the Marine Corps in Vietnam.

"I made sure he had a good location," Pollard told the Pulaski Southwest Times of Virginia in 1973.

Pollard was reported to have worked on the Tomb of the Unknowns and to have helped prepare the burial places of Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Gen. George Marshall, among other dignitaries. Kennedy's grave remains the most visited site in the cemetery.

According to an Arlington Cemetery representative, none of the caretakers who worked on the Kennedy site is believed to be alive. Metro Kowalchick, who supervised the burial, died in 2008.

"Pollard was his right-hand guy," his daughter, Diane Kowalchick Waltrip, said in an interview. "He was one of his best men."

Pollard admired Kennedy, he once told a wire service reporter, because the president was "against discrimination." He took his stepson to the inauguration in 1961.

He was "happy about being able to dig his grave," said his sister. "but otherwise I guess he was sad, like everybody else."

"When the yellow teeth of the reverse hoe first bit into the ground," Breslin wrote, "the leaves made a threshing sound which could be heard above the motor of the machine."

"Now they're going to come and put him right here in this grave I'm making up," Pollard told the columnist, who recorded his words in an article that would become a classic in journalism. "You know, it's an honor just for me to do this."

Every so often through the years, a reporter would contact Pollard to inquire about his part in history. But mostly, he was forgotten. He rose to a supervisory foreman's role before retiring from the cemetery in 1980. On April 5, 1992, he died after a series of strokes. He was 70.

Over the next five years, his wife and family placed memorial advertisements in The Washington Post to commemorate the anniversaries of his passing. The ad in 1994 noted his "hardworking hands at rest."

He was born Clifton Leon Pollard on June 16, 1921, in Pittsburgh, one of six children. Pollard was young when the family moved to Arlington County in Virginia, said his sister, Helen Patton.

Pollard graduated from Arlington's segregated Hoffman-Boston School, his sister said, before serving in the Army in Burma and India during World War II.

His first wife, Hattie, known as Daisy, died in 1952 at 31. His second wife, the former Nettie Smith Jones, died in 2010 after decades of marriage. Her son, Johnnie Jones, now of New Carrollton, Md., said he considered Pollard a father.

Pollard spoke little about his Army service, Jones said, but did recall that wartime construction projects taught him to operate some of the machinery that he later used

Kennedy's body was moved from its original place of interment to the current memorial site, which was completed in 1967. Pollard assisted with the effort and cried, he told reporters, because he felt he was disturbing the president.

In gratitude for Pollard's work, Robert Kennedy gave him a tie pin shaped like a PT boat — the type of vessel his brother commanded as a Navy officer during World War II. When Robert Kennedy was assassinated in 1968, Pollard helped prepare his grave, too, according to the Pulaski newspaper.

Mr. Jones said that the pin was one of his stepfather's most prized possessions.

Pollard did not attend Kennedy's funeral on Monday, Nov. 25, 1963. He was busy on the other side of the hill, Mr. Breslin reported, digging more graves for \$3.01 an hour. "Like I told you," Pollard told Breslin, "it's an honor."

In the interview with The Post, Mr. Breslin said he did not expect his account of the gravedigger to become the cherished work of reportage that it is today.

"It's hard to stand around and take bows for yourself — you just keep moving," said Mr. Breslin, who in 1986 received the Pulitzer Prize for commentary "for columns which consistently champion ordinary citizens."

Pollard's funeral at Arlington National Cemetery took place on a cold day in April 1992. "He knew he was going to be buried there," his stepson recalled. "He used to say that they had a spot all ready for him" only steps away from the 35th president.

"It made me feel like the proudest man in the world," Pollard had once remarked, remembering Kennedy's burial. "It felt good to be able to do something for the president, one of the last things ever done for him."

**ARTHUR TENNYSON
WILL DRAW PLANS
FOR SHELL PLANT**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tennyson and sons Arthur and Richard, will leave the latter part of this month for Texarkana, Texas, where Mr. Tennyson has signed a contract for one year's service as an employee of the firm of Prack and Prack, architects and engineers. Prack and Prack have been commissioned by the United States government to draw and design a \$29,000,000 shell plant at Texarkana. One hundred draftsmen will be used in drawing plans for the plant and will occupy the entire top floor of one of Texarkana's leading hotels, as offices. The plant will be built just as quickly as plans are decided upon for each unit.

Mr. Tennyson, who is a member of Union high school faculty has been granted one year's leave of absence by the School board. During their absence, Mr. and Mrs. Scopel will occupy the Tennyson residence.

**Arthur Tennyson will Draw Plans for Shell Plant
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Artifact discovery won't derail Interstate 70 work

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BENTLEYVILLE – The discovery of buried Indian artifacts where the state Department of Transportation is proposing to redesign back-to-back Interstate 70 interchanges at Bentleyville will not interfere with the nearly \$50 million projects.

The cultural resource management firm PennDOT hired to conduct the preconstruction archaeological investigation in the area is recommending a full dig at the small site along Pigeon Creek to recover all of the ancient artifacts it contains, department spokesman

Jay Ofsanik said Monday.

“This wouldn’t affect the (construction) project,” Ofsanik said, adding the cost of the archaeological excavation would be minimal.

The artifacts, including late Archaic Period tools and implements, were discovered after PennDOT changed its mind about the total elimination of the I-70 interchange at Route 917 after many local residents complained about the proposal when it was introduced at a public meeting in December 2012. That cloverleaf also is known as the Ginger Hill interchange.

The Bentleyville interchange at Wilson Road is a



Some of the Indian artifacts found in the area of the Bentleyville interchange of Interstate 70

short distance to the east from Route 917, a design the federal government no longer permits because of the exits’ close proximity, Ofsanik said.

He said PennDOT has asked the Federal Highway Administration for an exception to the regulations to creating a partial interchange at Route 917, with plans showing an off ramp there from I-70 east and a westbound entrance ramp.

The projects also call for the creation of a roundabout where I-70 meets Wilson Road and the creation of longer entrance and exit ramps and wider berms and medians.

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SCOTT BEVERIDGE / OBSERVER-REPORTER

The historic former Newkirk Church stands in the center of the Interstate 70 interchange at Bentleyville, where ramps are to be redesigned.

I-70

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Herberling Associates Inc. of Alexandria, the firm PennDOT hired for the survey project, initially identified three potential sites where Indian artifacts could have been found. Two of the sites didn’t turn up anything of value, Ofsanik said.

He said Herberling recom-

mended further investigation at the remaining site because it’s eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

State Sen. Tim Solobay said these construction plans remain in the early stages and could be changed.

“Where could you not dig in Washington County where you wouldn’t turn up an arrowhead?” asked Solobay, D-Canonsburg.

He said the projects also call for the demolition of the

historic Newkirk Church in Fallowfield Township, a brick building converted into a steakhouse that has closed.

That decision has drawn opposition from Nikki Sheppick, chairman of Charleroi Area Historical Society.

She proposed using the former church as a regional welcome center.

“The Newkirks were important settlers,” Sheppick said. “We can’t afford to keep losing our historic icons, and Newkirk Church is one of them.”

Artifacts Discovery Won't Derail Interstate 70 Work
Observer-Reporter-January 7, 2014 Edition



As busy as bees

By Kathryn Campbell Siasor
For The Enterprise

The yellow jackets have been busy in Eldersville this past year. At least one colony of them outdid itself just in building its home.

This nest was found hanging from the rafters of the wash house to the rear of the old house where the late Merle Thorley lived for many years. It is the largest ever seen by some of the residents of Eldersville, and has been placed on exhibition in Heritage Hall, the home of the Jefferson Township

Historical Society. The picture shows some damage done to the nest by the opening and closing of the door into the building.

A little research reveals that both yellow jackets and hornets will build nests such as this. Or they may choose a hole in the ground that has been dug out by gophers or field mice.

Hornets and yellow jackets are related. Both make their nests of paper, and are considered the world's first paper makers. The paper is made by chewing wood and plant fibers. Yellow jackets

produce a finer paper than hornets.

The nests have several stories of cells inside a thick paper covering. The one in this picture contains seven stories. It was removed from where it had been securely fastened at the request of the Edward Smith family, owner of the building. It has been sprayed with clear resin for preservation.

The Historians hope that the nest's former occupants do not decide on a Homecoming next summer!

(Story and picture courtesy Robert Irwin, Eldersville)

Eldersville-Yellow Jacket Nest
The Enterprise-February 1, 1995 Edition

Assessment chart: 2014 Taxable values

Municipality	land value	improvement value	mineral value	total value	Change from 2013
Aleppo Township.....	\$6,567,500	\$8,097,980	\$15,106,970	\$29,772,450	(\$1,678,710)
Carmichaels Borough.....	\$2,599,560	\$10,055,240	0	\$12,654,800	(\$59,570)
Center Township.....	\$12,765,500	\$27,420,850	\$82,664,920	\$122,851,270	\$37,307,130
Clarksville Borough.....	\$497,790	\$2,582,580	0	\$3,080,370	(\$12,840)
Cumberland Township.....	\$39,352,040	\$114,068,639	\$115,620	\$153,536,299	\$966,685
Dunkard Township.....	\$12,145,900	\$33,334,195	\$1,139,800	\$46,619,895	(\$773,125)
Franklin Township.....	\$72,054,445	\$168,789,160	\$69,543,090	\$310,386,695	(\$926,694)
Freeport Township.....	\$1,824,120	\$4,525,917	\$2,968,180	\$9,318,217	\$22,195
Gilmore Township.....	\$4,240,810	\$5,635,410	\$47,424,480	\$57,300,700	\$425,850
Gray Township.....	\$1,280,620	\$3,897,720	\$3,703,620	\$8,881,960	\$179,630
Greene Township.....	\$6,400,850	\$8,497,500	\$339,970	\$15,238,320	(\$3,050)
Greensboro Borough.....	\$696,210	\$3,489,810	0	\$4,186,020	(\$46,310)
Jackson Township.....	\$5,580,330	\$7,125,755	\$25,695,130	\$38,401,215	(\$797,470)
Jefferson Borough.....	\$1,312,680	\$4,996,685	\$80	\$6,309,445	(\$77,390)
Jefferson Township.....	\$16,913,575	\$54,990,368	\$11,484,980	\$83,388,923	\$5,015,640
Monongahela Township.....	\$18,625,360	\$38,586,655	\$326,290	\$57,538,315	(\$599,380)
Morgan Township.....	\$14,492,970	\$40,224,655	\$2,119,110	\$56,836,735	\$437,080
Morris Township.....	\$12,559,240	\$16,439,624	\$112,323,120	\$141,321,984	\$4,539,340
Perry Township.....	\$16,858,030	\$38,350,392	\$4,596,160	\$59,804,582	\$873,170
Rices Landing Borough.....	\$3,344,570	\$7,700,390	\$4,370	\$11,049,330	\$31,030
Richhill Township.....	\$27,473,480	\$21,141,280	\$66,442,320	\$115,057,080	\$927,390
Springhill Township.....	\$4,370,270	\$5,022,330	\$7,701,320	\$17,093,920	\$840
Washington Township.....	\$10,156,490	\$23,149,365	\$28,788,650	\$62,094,505	\$5,389,685
Wayne Township.....	\$12,469,290	\$18,729,852	\$39,461,130	\$70,660,272	\$12,216,890
Waynesburg Borough.....	\$14,975,020	\$53,060,905	\$2,110	\$68,038,035	\$125,380
Whiteley Township.....	\$15,643,230	\$15,965,445	\$27,050	\$31,635,725	\$68,620
Total.....	\$335,199,880	\$735,878,712	\$521,978,470	\$1,593,057,062	\$63,552,016
School district	land value	improvement value	mineral value	total value	Change from 2013
West Greene.....	\$76,661,870	\$99,306,866	\$364,030,060	\$539,998,796	\$40,926,195
Central Greene.....	\$142,156,505	\$318,045,119	\$142,418,190	\$602,619,814	\$17,747,051
Jefferson-Morgan.....	\$36,561,585	\$110,494,678	\$13,608,540	\$160,664,803	\$5,393,520
Carmichaels Area.....	\$41,951,600	\$124,123,879	\$115,620	\$166,191,099	\$907,115
Southeastern Greene.....	\$37,868,320	\$83,908,170	\$1,806,060	\$123,582,550	(\$1,421,865)

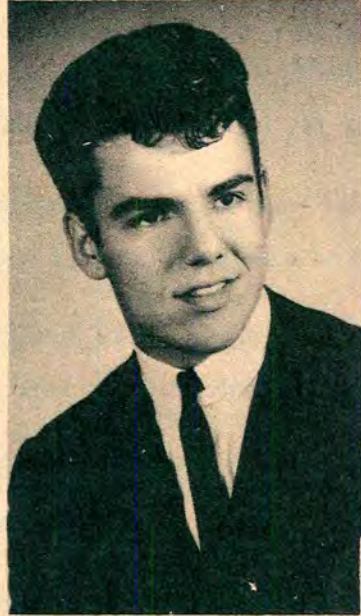
AT HIRAM SCOTT



William J. Boni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dino R. Boni, of Maple street, Burgettstown, has enrolled as a freshman at Hiram Scott College, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, where he will begin studies leading to a degree in physical education.

Boni, a 1966 graduate of Union high school, was a star wrestler here, and in his senior year was undefeated in dual meet competition at 127 pounds.

At Junior College



Jim Bongiorno, who played his football with Union High last year, has made the starting team with the Norfolk, Nebraska, Junior College squad.

In a recent game, Bongiorno, in a punting role, booted five kicks averaging 41 yards.

He has been elected a school "student senator" and is treasurer of the "Big N" Club.

Bongiorno is a 1966 graduate of Union High and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bongiorno, of Burgettstown, R.D. 3.

A team-mate of Bongiorno's at Norfolk is Joe Vizyak, also a 1966 Union High graduate.

ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO END "DOPE" SALES

8-3-'33

During Past Month Many Arrests Are
Made in Effort to Abolish
Trade in Narcotics

Thirty-five arrests of leaders in the illegal narcotic traffic have been credited to the bureau of narcotic drug control of the State Health Department in the last month. These arrests, based upon evidence obtained by bureau inspectors and federal operators, are believed to have dealt a death blow to dangerous narcotic operations recently prevalent in Allegheny, Butler, Washington, Westmoreland and Cambria counties.

"For some time an intensive investigation has been conducted by both state and federal narcotic agents," H. V. Smith, chief of the Health Department's bureau of narcotic drug control said. "The recent wholesale apprehension included a number of Chinese as well as some of the most notorious underworld characters in western Pennsylvania.

"Due to the World Narcotic Treaty, which controls and limits the manufacture of narcotics and which went into effect on July 10th, there is every indication that a number of foreign narcotic factories have been trying to unload their surplus supply on the United States. Pennsylvania, in common with certain other seaport states, was being made a victim. However, the recent bureau activities in connection with the federal government, has prevented several daring attempts to transport large quantities of raw opium into this jurisdiction.

"Under the League of Nations pact which has now been ratified by 36 nations, the board of narcotic control will set strict limits on the amount of narcotic drugs which each nation will be permitted to produce and distribute."

**Attempt Being Made to End "Dope" Sales
Burgettstown Enterprise- August 3, 1933 Edition**

Facts-Auditorium Hall

The building was first used as a church. Built in 1845, it was located inside the cemetery lot on the hill on East Pittsburgh Street, Burgettstown, PA. The original size was 52 x 45 feet in size and cost approximately \$1300.00. The church was enlarged in 1860 and again in 1868. The building was used until 1874, when Hillcrest Church was built.

In 1875, after the completion of the new church, the old frame building was moved in its entirety and relocated on Main Street, Burgettstown, PA.

It was used as an auditorium and town hall.

It was located where the Mary Ann Theater was later built. Today's location would be at the by-pass across from Petrucci's IGA and Family Dollar.

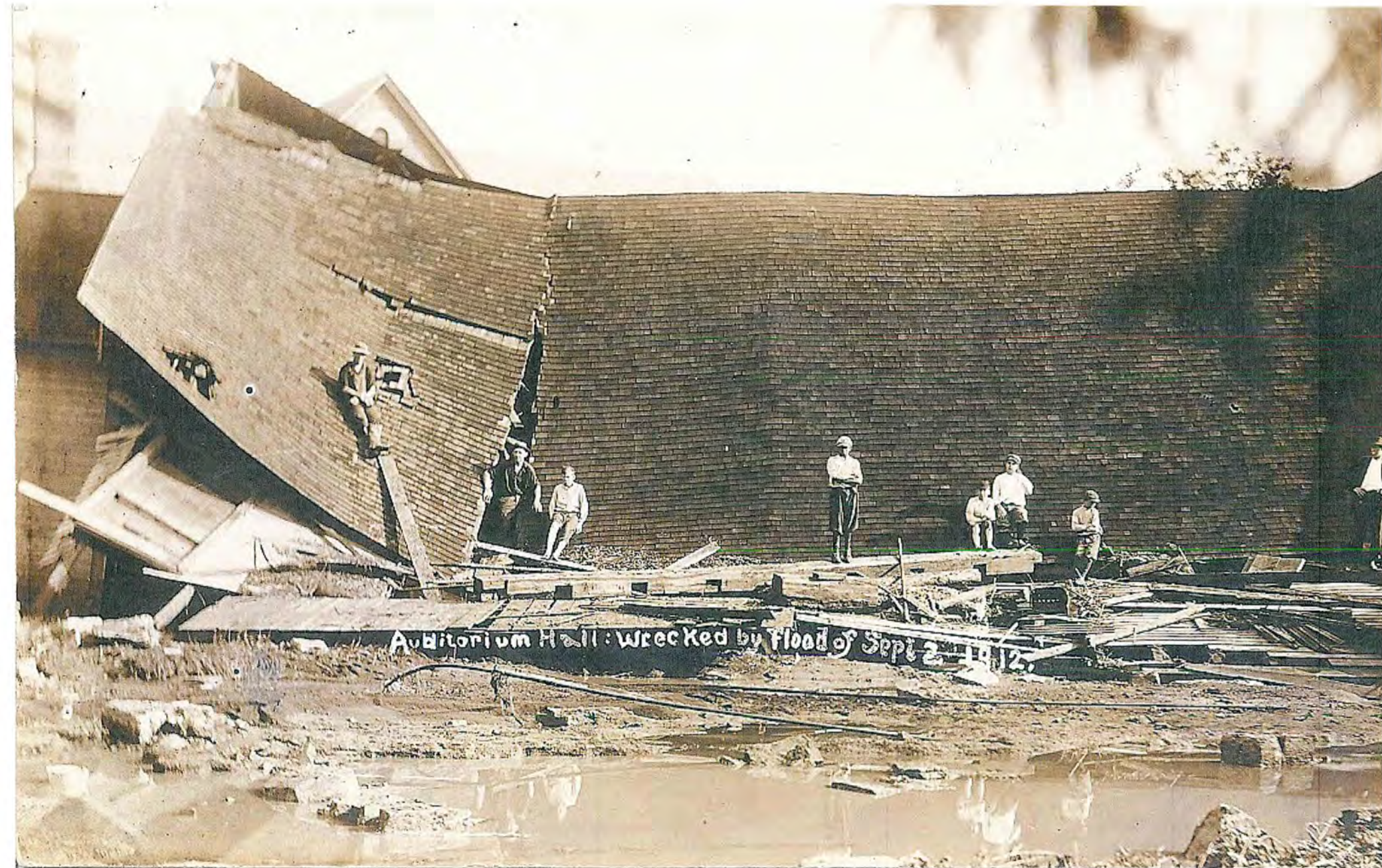
Other uses:

May 1908-Dance Hall

September 1910-Auto-Motion Picture

September 7, 1910-Ed McFarland purchased the Auditorium Hall from J. G. Marquis

September 12, 1912-Washed away by flood



Auditorium Hall was originally the church First Presbyterian Church, later known as Hillcrest Presbyterian Church. Upon completion of the new brick church, this building was moved from near Pittsburgh Street to Main Street. It was across from Petrucci's Market and Family Dollar. It was used as a town hall until it was destroyed by the 1912 Flood.



Wreck of Auditorium Hall
Burge Firsttown Flood, Sept. 2-1912.

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The building was used as an auditorium and town hall. Other businesses included a dance hall and auto-motion picture shows.

The building was destroyed in the flood of September 2, 1912.

"Aunt Lizzie" Celebrates 100th Birthday At Midway Home On Wednesday

This time next year Miss Elizabeth White, of Midway, wants a big dance held in her honor, but Wednesday, June 29 she celebrated her 100th birthday without fanfare.

The dance she plans for her birthday party in 1950 must include "a lot of good dancers from all around. We'll have lots of fun", she promises, although she is taking her birthday celebration as just another day. An informal supper was served to a few relatives and friends in the evening.

Miss White, a resident of Washington County for 94 of her 100 years, is now living with a niece, Mrs. Seymour Davidson, of Midway

There she sits on the porch of the Davidson's white frame house, reading, napping and talking to friends who drop by to visit with "Miss Lizzie".

It is true she does read. She prefers love stories in the magazines and anxiously awaits the next installment. With the aid of glasses she reads the newspapers and absorbs much of the news of the day. Miss Lizzie is hard of hearing and rather than try to listen to others she finds enjoyment in reading or reminiscing of her girlhood days. She gave up knitting and sewing several years ago.

She never married for the simple reason, as she reports: "No one

ever asked me!" Her quick humor and alertness, despite her advanced years, indicate that she must have been a fun-loving and interesting young woman. Today her brown eyes twinkle when she recalls parties and dances of early days.

Miss White was born in Cadiz, Ohio June 29, 1849, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John White. Her father was a United Presbyterian minister in Cadiz.

"My father was a very fine man from Cross Creek Township. He died of typhoid fever when I was six years old," Miss White recalls.

"My mother, who was a Maxwell, returned to Pennsylvania and we lived at Buffalo Village, with a widowed uncle. My ancestors were good people and I'm like my mother, I am not a gossip".

The centurian resided in Buffalo Village until 40 years ago when she went to live in Midway with her sister, Mrs. Anna Mary Weaver. She is now living with Mrs. Davidson. Miss White is a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Midway and attended Easter service last April 17 but does not attend regularly as she is unable to hear the sermon or music.

She is in excellent health, her last illness was a cold she suffered four years ago. Her appetite is good as her general condition at the century mark was

AUTOMOBILE RACES

Washington, Pa., Sept. 27. — The automobile and motorcycle speed classic of the year in Western Pennsylvania will be staged in Washington on the Arden track of the Washington Fair association, Saturday, October 2. The program of the day will include six events — four for automobiles and two for motorcycles. The feature race of the day will be the free-for-all of 25 miles in which the best drivers of Western Pennsylvania will participate. There is a possibility that pilots of national note will appear here, as dealers in automobiles of various makes are planning to send to the factories for experts to handle machines in the races. Among the talent already entered are the following: George Gardner, of Beaver Falls, in his famous Beaver Bullet; Guy Woodward, of Charleroi, June Bug Ford; I. P. Fetterman, Pittsburgh, Simplex; Tom Rose, Pittsburgh, Mercedes; Mike Hudeck, of Uniontown, Yellow Kid Buick; R. A. Allison, Waynesburg, Thomas; Wilbur Monahan, Uniontown, Packard Greyhound. These speed kings of Western Pennsylvania will also be eligible to take part in the other races as classified. Purses aggregating more than \$1,000 have been offered.

Awarded Diplomas From Valley Hospital



JUDY ANN BEE

Judy Ann Bee and Betty Mae Gallo were awarded diplomas from the Ohio Valley Hospital School of Nursing at graduation ceremonies held September 9 at Harding School, Steubenville, Ohio.

Miss Bee, a graduate of Weirton high school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Bee, of R.D.1, Burgettstown. Miss Bee was a member of the Student Chorus for three years, a member of the basketball team, secretary of her freshman class and president of her senior class. She has accepted an



BETTY MAE GALLO

appointment as a staff nurse at the Ohio Valley Hospital in the operating room.

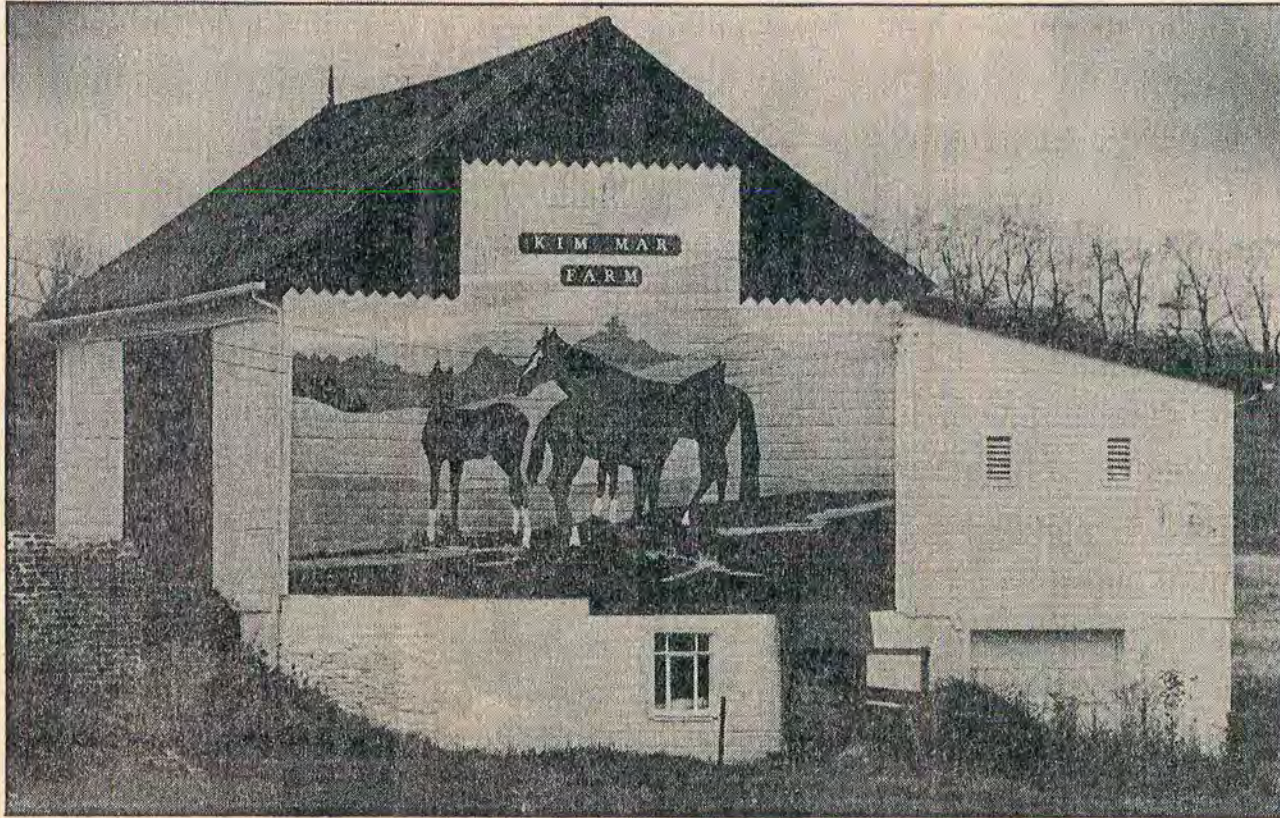
Miss Gallo, a graduate of Union high school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arduin L. Gallo, of R.D.2, Burgettstown. She was a member of the Student Chorus for two years, treasurer of her freshman class, president of her junior class and treasurer of the student body in her senior year. She has accepted an appointment as a staff nurse on Third Women's Department of the Ohio Valley hospital.

**Judy Ann Bee and Betty Mae Gallo Awarded Diplomas
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 16, 1964 Edition**

B. F. McClure

B. F. McClure, a member of the first Borough Council, was born in Washington, February 12, 1846. He attended school in Washington, Ginger Hill and West Middletown. On February 23, 1864, he enlisted in Co. A, 100th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served in the famous Round Head Regiment during the Civil War. He was in the Battles of the Wilderness and at Petersburg. In an explosion of a mine he was wounded in the left leg. The injury affected him for many years. He was honorably discharged on July 24, 1865. After the war he worked as a laborer, farmer and teamster at West Middletown. He moved to Burgettstown in 1870 and went into the hardware business. In 1874 he admitted his brother, A. C. McClure, into the business. During Harrison's administration, B. F. McClure was postmaster here. His home is now owned by L. A. DeLuce, Center Avenue.

Barn mural creates a scene in Smith



Robert J. Pavuchak/The Pittsburgh Press

Some barns sport Mail Pouch ads, but the Stumpffs wanted something different

By David Templeton
The Pittsburgh Press

Creeping a particular hill in Smith, you'll encounter a blast of blue sky, some mountain majesty and noble-looking horses.

Faulty asphalt leads not to an incredible landscape, but to a landscape painting that's as big as a barn's broadside.

A handsome mural now graces the barn at the Kim Mar Farm, owned by Marlin Stumpff. And it has created "quite a stir" on the hill.

The project was a brush stroke of ingenuity by Stumpff's daughter, Julie, and John Yothers, a Burgettstown High School art teacher and an accomplished Mt. Lebanon painter.

Yothers was hired last spring by Stumpff to repair and paint the barn at his 85-acre farm, located a mile off Route 18 near Burgettstown.

"I was kidding my daughter about having a Hawaiian scene painted on there during winter," said Stumpff, an assistant general auditor with Pittsburgh National Bank.

His daughter, a senior at Burgettstown High School, passed on the wisecrack to Yothers, who initially intended just to paint the barn white.

"She jokingly suggested that I paint a picture of her horse on the side of the barn. I knew she was joking, but I did a sketch — a felt-tip rendering," Yothers said.

"I loved it," Stumpff said.

Now that the Hawaiian joke had spawned a serious artistic endeavor, there were practical concerns. How does one transpose a sketch onto a

barn in the wilds of Smith?

Yothers decided to use an overhead projector and recruited Washington artist Raymond Dunlevy to help him paint the scene. Yothers made one more sketch, this time on a piece of plastic. Next, he built a scaffold on his truck to support the projector. At nightfall, he and Dunlevy used the projector to flash the image onto the barn as an outline.

"It was like a drive-in movie,"

Yothers said.

The next day, Yothers and Dunlevy fended off the Stumpffs' German shepherd, scaled ladders and painted the mural. Six colors of exterior house paint were used. Yothers said the colors weren't blended, as they usually are in a landscape painting, to make it easier to touch up the painting in the future. "We reduced the mural to simplest terms," he said.

"We've gotten nothing but favorable response," Stumpff said.

Yothers and Dunlevy won prizes in April for entries in the Washington and Jefferson College Painting Show, a national show. They are planning a joint art show in January at W&J's Olin Fine Arts Center.

Yothers, whose paintings range from photo-realism to abstract, said the barn project has whetted his interest in painting more outdoor murals.

Meanwhile, Yothers has been commissioned by the family to paint a painting of the painting.

Stumpff said his Christmas present — a 28-by-22-inch landscape that will include barn and the mural — eventually will find a spot on his office wall.

Kim Mar Farm-Barn Mural
The Pittsburgh Press-Unknown Edition

Beltway to feature no-stop tolls

Turnpike commission awards contracts for next stage of project

By DAVID SINGER
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The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission recently awarded one of the last contracts for work on the next stage of the Southern Beltway project between Route 22 and Interstate 79.

GAI Consultants was awarded a \$6.5 million contract for interchange work on the portion of the 13-mile, \$670 million segment that runs through Smith and Cecil townships.

Construction is slated to start in late 2016, with the beltway project expected to be complete by early 2020,

according to Pennsylvania Turnpike chief engineer Brad Heigel.

"This will be a four-lane, limited-access highway with five different interchanges. It will look like your typical interstate highway," Heigel said, explaining the segment is also planned to feature no-stop tolling.

"The PA Turnpike Toll by Plate program will be like E-Z Pass, but you're paying a bit more, and the camera technology will take a picture of your license plate and you'll be sent a bill in the mail," Turnpike spokesman Carl DeFebo said.

He said the first pilot pro-



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An aerial view shows bridge connectors passing over Route 22. Left is east toward Interstate 79, while the right portion is west toward the airport and the Findlay connector portion of the Southern Beltway.

gram will be tested in January where the turnpike crosses at the Delaware River Bridge into New Jersey.

"There's no penalty (like missing a toll), but you are paying more. At that (PA-NJ) junction, an E-Z Pass customer will pay \$5, while a Toll by Plate customer will be sent a bill for \$6.75," DeFebo said.

Three-fourths of Pennsylvania Turnpike customers are E-Z Pass holders who save 35 percent on tolls.

"E-Z Pass is still the most efficient way for us to collect tolls. So while the Toll by Plate will certainly be more convenient for all customers, we're hoping more continue to consider adopting E-Z pass," DeFebo said.

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Project

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Heigel said all portions of the Southern Beltway yet to be built are being considered for no-stop tolling technology, saying it helps keep traffic flowing smoothly.

"The high-speed flyover ramps that will be on these interchanges will keep congestion to a minimum, as well. They look like floating bridges, and they allow you to connect from one interstate to the next at highway speed," DeFebo said.

"And by diverting congestion and offering more access, we're confident business will grow along this corridor, as well. There are a lot of underdeveloped business parks that we believe will start to expand once they have these access points," Heigel said.

There are no current public feedback sessions scheduled for any portions of the beltway, but the most southern portion of the tie-in of I-79 to the Mon-Fayette expressway will have the commission seeking public comment. Heigel said that won't be until after 2017.

Beltway to Feature no-stop Tolls
Observer-Reporter-October 3, 2015 Edition

BICYCLES MUST CARRY LIGHTS AFTER DARK

Harrisburg, Jan 9—Revenue Secretary William J. Hamilton, Jr., called attention of Pennsylvania bicyclists today to a motor vehicle code provision requiring use of lamps and reflectors on bicycles operated after dark.

The provision became effective with the new year, under penalty of a \$2 fine and costs. Mr. Hamilton estimated the provision should go far toward the reducing of bicycle fatalities since more than half of them occur between 5:00 P. M., and 10:00 P. M.

Bicycles Must carry Lights After Dark
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 9, 1941 Edition

The Big Fire of 1895

The Enterprise-December 5, 1895 Edition

Friday morning, Nov. 29th, Burgettstown was visited by the most disastrous fire in the history of the town. A detailed account of this occurrence may be stale reading to citizens of the town and immediate vicinity, but it is the duty of THE ENTERPRISE to record it for the information of its readers at a distance and also as an important event in local history.

The fire originated in W.E. Lowe's barbershop. How it started is not definitely known. Mr. Lowe left a gas jet burning the evening before, as was his custom, and the gas was also burning in the stove, but from all the information we can get neither was turned on very strong, and the ceiling was protected from the jet by a tin shield. At about 4:45 a.m. J.G. Shane, who watches and keeps up fires in the Burgettstown Accommodation, passed the barber shop on his way to wake the crew of the accommodation. He noticed nothing unusual. Returning 15 minutes later he discovered the room full of flames and smoke. The blaze was too strong for him to subdue himself, and he immediately ran to his engine and gave the alarm by blowing the whistle. Within two minutes several citizens were on the ground but the fire had gained too much headway and they devoted themselves to saving adjoining property. Those who first saw the fire say that it seemed to have started at the eastern edge of the ceiling of the shop, which was wood. From the barber shop the fire communicate to the harness shop of Cyrus McCreary on the western side and under the same roof. These shops belonged to Burgettstown National Bank. McCreary's shop was ablaze in a few minutes, and in very little time that it takes to tell it both shops were a mass of ruins, and the Masonic Hall on the west side, belonging to J.L. Patterson, and the old bank building on the east side, belonging to the Burgettstown Bank, were on fire. The Hall was occupied on the first floor by A.E. McCabe, grocer; Thos. Forsyth, merchant tailor, and J. A. MacKenzie, musical instruments; on the second floor by Richard Vaux Lodge 454, R & A.M., the Burgettstown Council Jr. O.U.A.M., and Joseph Armstrong, insurance agent. The bank building was occupied by Isaac Fleming as a dwelling and restaurant. It was soon seen that neither of these buildings could be saved, and the volunteer fire brigade which by that time numbered several hundred, devoted itself to try to save adjoining buildings and property contained in them. A bucket line was formed to the creek, people carried water from the neighboring wells and cisterns, and others stationed themselves on the threatened buildings, covering the exposed surfaces with salt and blankets, throwing water on them. The next building to go was Dr. R.W. Riddle's stable at the rear of the Hall, then his coal house, and then his office caught fire, and it was only by the most strenuous efforts that the latter was saved. Within fifteen minutes after the Hall caught fire, a volume of flames rolled across the 30-foot street on the west side and enveloped the long frame building of B.F. McClure & Bros., occupied by them on the first floor as a hardware and implement store, and on the second floor by the ENTERPRISE-CALL office. This was soon a mass of flames and the heat was intense. This was the critical point. The men were beginning to get control of the fire on the east and south, and if McClure Bros.' stable could be saved it could be checked on the west. For half of an hour everybody was in suspense, and men never put in better work than did those who so earnestly tried to save their neighbor's property. We said men, but women should be included, for they were there and helped nobly. On all sided of the fire men were fighting it with energy of desperation. A great deal depended on their efforts. If the fire broke out again on the east or south side it meant the probable destruction of the that portion of town between the railroad and the creek, and on the west, at least five more dwellings would have gone and three or four more sheds. Within an hour and a quarter after the fire first broke out McClure's building had fallen in, and all danger to neighboring property, under the favorable condition of the weather, was over. However it was a narrow escape. Dr. Riddle's residence and office, McClure's stable, Armor & Linn's warehouse and J. E. Fulton's feed store were all badly scorched. The old frame building of A.S. Berryhill, occupied by Thos. Russo, was in great danger, and the fact that the old bank building was saved it, and consequently that whole end of town. A fire engine was sent for to Steubenville, but before it got here the fire was under control and the order was countermanded. Several men has their faces and hands blistered and their clothing burned.

So rapid was the fire that comparative little of the movable property was saved. Following is a list of the loses as nearly we can ascertain them; Burgettstown National Bank, on old bank building, \$2,300, insurance \$1700; on shops, \$800, insurance \$300, J.L. Patterson, on Masonic Hall, \$3,500; insurance \$2,500; W.E. Lowe, on barber shop, \$250; covered by insurance, Cyrus McCready, harness and saddle stock, \$500; no insurance. A.E. McCabe, groceries, \$800; insurance \$500. Thomas Forsythe, tailoring stock, \$150; no insurance. J.A. MacKenzie, musical merchandise and sewing machines, \$150; no insurance. Jos. Armstrong office furniture, \$75; no insurance. Richard Vaux lodge, \$650; insurance \$500. Jr. D.U.A.M., \$350; no insurance. Isaac Fleming, household furniture \$650; insurance \$500; restaurant and confectionary stock, \$500; insurance \$300, Dr. W.V. Riddle, stable, coal house, damage to house and office, &c., \$500; no insurance. B.F. McClure & Bro., store building, hardware, sewing machines, implements, etc., \$8,000; insurance \$4,700. The ENTERPRISE-CALL plant was worth over \$3,200.

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The Big Four Mirror

**Ohio State Fair Edition
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Historic "DeWitt Clinton" Visits Ohio Fair Over Big Four Route

New York Central's First Engine Arouses Great Interest— "999" Hauls Train

The ninety-year old "DeWitt Clinton" train, which made its first run in 1831, and which is the first ancestor of such modern day expresses as the "Twentieth Century Limited," and the "Empire State Express" has been an honored guest of the Big Four Route for the past week.

The "DeWitt Clinton" and "999" were exhibited at the Pageant of Progress Exposition in Chicago at the invitation of Mayor William H. Thompson of that city, where they were viewed by thousands attending the exposition.

When L. J. Taber, director of the Ohio State Fair, learned that this old relic was on the Big Four Route he extended an invitation to the old train to visit the State Fair at Columbus, and arrangements were made with Big Four and New York Central officials to exhibit this historic train along with engine "999" at the fair for four days, August 31 to September 3, inclusive.

This marvel of ninety years ago and the curiosity of today is being escorted by the celebrated "999," which,

while hauling the "Empire State Express," set the unequalled speed record of 112.5 miles an hour on May 10, 1893. The past year the "999" was assigned to hauling passenger trains on the Pennsylvania division, in the Beech Creek coal-mining district, being now in its twenty-eighth year of active service.

In celebration of its ninetieth anniversary, the DeWitt Clinton locomotive had its wood fires rekindled and

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Cattle Show Big Feature of Fair

Big Four and N. Y. C. Lines Lead In Agricultural Development Work

In 1920 the Ohio State Fair cattle show ranked third in the United States.

The Big Four and New York Central Lines are particularly interested in agricultural development. Among the activities along this line, W. S. Hill, Agricultural Agent of the New York Central Lines is conducting demonstration work in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan in co-operation with the county agricultural agents and soil extension departments of agricultural colleges.

Recently a special train operated for the purpose of trading blooded sires for scrubs has been operated over the New York Central Lines in conjunction with agricultural colleges and dairy development bureaus.

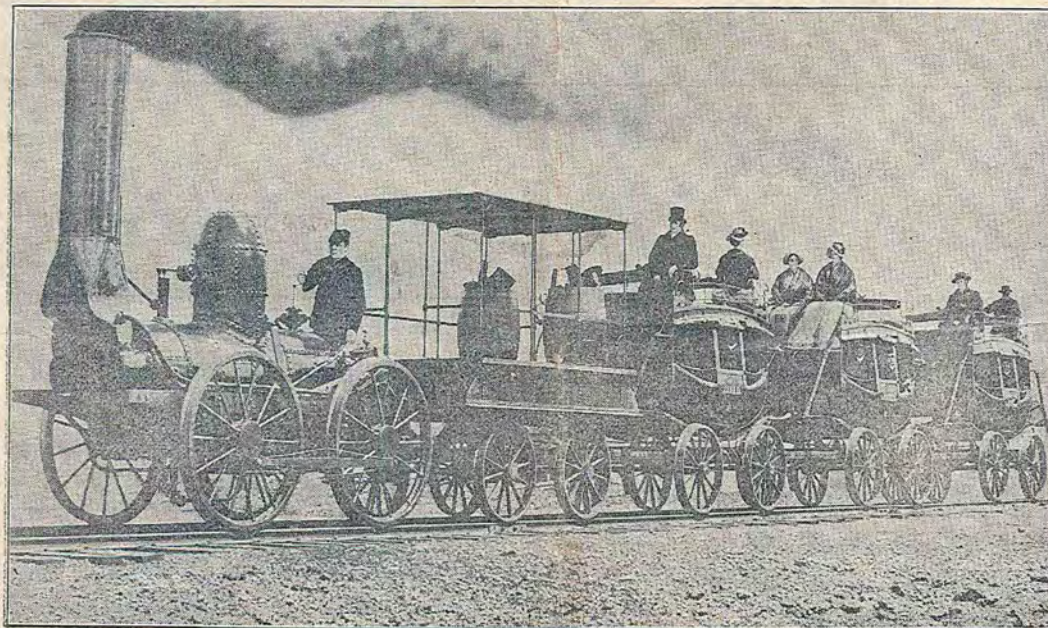
When the 1921 premium list of the Ohio State Fair was sent to press the cattle premiums totaled \$33,940, a larger amount than the management has ever before seen fit to give this division. This means that from third place Ohio should move to second or even first. The quality of the breeds

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BIG FOUR—N. Y. C. POLICY

The Big Four along with other New York Central Lines still is pursuing the announced policy of President A. H. Smith of the New York Central and approved by H. A. Worcester, Vice President of the Big Four:

"To discuss frankly with the public our policies, our rates, our service, our equipment, our personnel. We want to retain old friends and make new ones on the basis of thorough knowledge and understanding. Thus we can serve the public as it should be served by a modern, efficient railroad."



The "DeWitt Clinton" as it Appeared in All Its Glory in 1831

THE BIG FOUR MIRROR



Only Ninety Years

Ninety years, when compared with the age of the world, is only but a short span. When one stops to consider the intensive development of motive power on American railroads from the day the "DeWitt Clinton" made its first trip to the present time, the progress can be termed nothing short of marvelous.

The tracks on which the "DeWitt Clinton" made its first journey were of the same width as the broad gauge tracks of today. The "DeWitt Clinton" with its tender which weighed approximately 9,000 pounds, after it was remodeled was capable of hauling 24,240 pounds which included the weight of its tender, three coaches and 18 passengers in each coach. A modern Pacific type locomotive such as is used in hauling the "Twentieth Century Limited" weighs 276,000 pounds and the regular car equipment of the "Century" weighs 749 tons or 1,498,000 pounds which, when the weight of the tender is added equals 1,656,000 pounds or nearly seventy times what the "DeWitt" could haul.

The wooden rails with strap iron tops have been supplanted by flanged steel rails which weigh 100 pounds to the foot. All this has been developed on tracks of the same gauge and clearance heights.

In other words American engineers have developed the railroad within the restrictions set by the original gauges and restrictions of roadbed.

Looking Ahead

The year 1920, marking the return of common carriers to private control, is and always must continue to be an eventful one in the history of American railroads. The transition period has been and still is beset with many difficulties.

The railroads are looking ahead, preparing to reinvigorate facilities worn out during the strenuous war period, and contracts for more equipment and improvements are being considered and let in order that when business conditions become more normal they will be able to give to the shipping public an equitable standard of service.

Material cuts in operating expenses and the greater efficiency possible under private operation of the carriers will result in a return to the desired normal conditions and make possible the regaining of a position of equity for the railroads, along with other commercial interests of the nation.

The logic of the situation is that in proportion as productive costs are reduced will the costs to the consuming classes be lowered.

FUEL CONSERVATION

A comparison of the fuel performance on the Big Four the first six months of 1921 with the same period 1920 shows a total net decreased consumption of 28,508 tons, a saving of \$113,157.31.

"Save Another Scoopful."

Historic "DeWitt Clinton" Visits Ohio Fair Over Big Four Route

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showed its prowess by hauling the pioneer train a few miles on several occasions. A public demonstration, witnessed by hundreds of thousands of persons, was given in New York City, in the New York Central Railroad's West Side, on Sunday afternoon, July 17. On this occasion the old engine behaved well, attaining a speed of about eight miles an hour.

Several trial trips had previously been made at Harmon, where the DeWitt Clinton was tuned up in the shops of the New York Central. The old train was extensively photographed for motion picture purposes, and several scenes show it running alongside the "Twentieth Century Limited." The little, old engine, puffing and snorting under the strain of pulling its tender and three coaches, appeared in striking contrast to the Pacific type locomotive that hauled the modern passenger train.

The DeWitt Clinton hauled its first passengers on August 9, 1831, at a time when the practicability of using steam power instead of horses for the operation of passenger trains had not been determined. Therefore, the old engine ranks as one of the pioneers in world railroading.

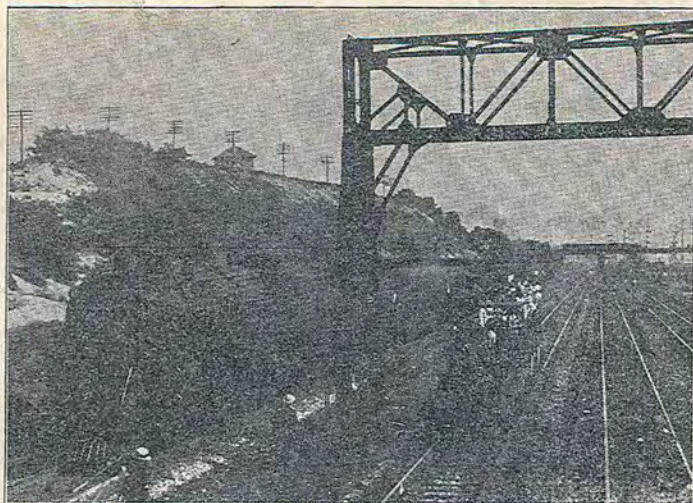
The Mohawk & Hudson Railroad was chartered by Act of the New York

named the John Bull, was built in England.

The builders of the Mohawk & Hudson were determined to use steam power and resorted to the use of horses only in cases of emergency. Much was expected of Robert Fulton, which was twice as heavy as the DeWitt Clinton but it did not prove a success. The DeWitt Clinton, after being remodeled, was operated with so much success that during the winter of 1832-1833, notwithstanding the prevalence of much snow, it failed to make the trip between Albany and Schenectady on only one day.

The pioneer engine was continued in active service for fourteen years. After being rethred, it was stored at Karner, near West Albany, N. Y., where it remained until June, 1920, when it and three of its coaches were repainted preparatory to being taken to New York City to be placed on exhibition in the east gallery of the Main Concourse of Grand Central Terminal. Here the old train attracted unusual interest, and it is estimated that more than a million persons from all parts of the world inspected it and learned of the prominent part it played in the evolution of rail transportation.

Quantity or Quality Service—BIG FOUR.



The "DeWitt Clinton" Beside the "Twentieth Century Limited."

Legislature on April 17, 1826, being the first railway chartered in the state of New York. Ground was broken for the road on July 29, 1830, and it was completed during the latter part of July, 1831, a force of 2,000 men having been employed in its construction.

The directors of the road decided on the use of steam, and two engines were built to haul the trains. The DeWitt Clinton, named after New York's seventh governor, was planned by John B. Jervis, the Chief Engineer of the Mohawk & Hudson, and was built by the West Point Factory, New York. The Robert Fulton, later re-

CATTLE SHOW BIG FEATURE OF FAIR
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displayed and the closeness of the competition have always marked State Fair week and, now that the size of the show is so far above the ordinary, there can be no doubt but that this department will outshine the other live stock in point of popularity.

It is expected that the seating capacity of the coliseum will be taxed to the utmost during the judging of the beef, dual and dairy breeds.

Many Activities Make "Perpetual Motion" Machines of Railroads

Do You Know Interesting Facts About the Big Four Route?

Do you know what a railroad is? Do you know what the Big Four Railroad is? Do you know the interesting facts about the years of development, the present operating, or the future potentialities?

If you are asked about the mileage, territory, equipment, personnel or service, can you answer intelligently?

Most people accept the common idea that a railroad is "a road with iron rails for wheeled vehicles to run on," as defined in one of the present-day dictionaries.

It might be interesting to know that a railroad is composed of numerous active, operating departments, each in itself a separate institution, and all uniting into a great industrial body working day and night to keep moving the many commodities necessary to the daily living and the development of all interests throughout the entire country.

A railroad might be likened to a great plant with its branches of facts, fiction, business, history, romance and service, all co-ordinating toward the accomplishment of the railroad purpose, which is the safe and prompt movement of freight and passengers.

A railroad has more diversified problems and covers a wider range of activities, both within its own organization and in connection with public matters throughout the country than any other business.

Its maintenance requires practically every kind of commodity and product grown or manufactured. It touches every manner of business from the outpost farmer to the great industrial centers; it contends with territorial climatic conditions; it has to build, grow and change with the progress and development of every interest of the entire nation.

The Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway, which is an important constituent line of the New York Central System, operates from Cleveland to Columbus, Cincinnati, Louisville, Evansville, Chicago, Peoria, Cairo and St. Louis, covering about 2,500 miles through the heart of the great Middle-West.

At Cincinnati and Louisville the Big Four interchanges the manufactured products of the East for the fruits, vegetables, lumber, cotton and pig iron and other Southern products destined for Eastern markets. At Peoria connection is made with converging routes from the Central West, from which there moves East a large and steady volume of grain, grain products and other foodstuffs. At St. Louis and Cairo, where the Ohio River flows into the Mississippi, the most important two gateways between the East and the Southwest, the Big Four interchanges manufactures from the East for vegetables, fruits, lumber, cotton, live stock and other products of the great Southwest destined for the insatiable markets of the East.

The C. C. C. & St. L. Railway not

only serves all of these large centers of industry and population, but also touches some 600 other growing cities and towns of size and enterprise.

The natural and economic advantages of the territory served in the great States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and portions of Michigan and Kentucky establishes constant industrial growth.

The combined car load and L. C. L. freight moved over the Big Four Lines during 1920 made up of manufactured commodities, petroleum and its relative products, iron, machinery, paper, chemicals, textiles, etc., amounted to a grand total of 43,060,228 tons. This does not include coal, agricultural products or lumber.

The Big Four well may be termed a coal handling railroad, a tremendous amount of coal traffic originating in the bituminous fields of Indiana and Illinois. In 1920 there were 8,097,443 tons of this particular coal originated and shipped over the Big Four Lines. The amount of bituminous coal handled by the C. C. C. & St. L., in conjunction with connecting lines, aggregated 22,435,394 tons for the year 1920.

Going farther into 1920 records the figures are still more astounding. Taking into consideration all the mine products, including coke, ore, stone, sand and gravel the C. C. C. & St. L. Railway handled a grand total of 26,157,333 tons or 556,282 car-loads during the year. If these cars were made up into a train it would reach practically from St. Louis to Cleveland, or a distance of 500 miles.

The shipping of agricultural products plays an important part in making possible the high freight handled records on the Big Four System.

During 1920 at points served by the Cincinnati Northern, the E. I. & T. H. and the Big Four proper, there originated 1,612,813 tons of freight composed of various farm products. There were 1,769,460 tons of this freight received from connecting carriers and handled over the Big Four, making a total of 3,382,273 tons.

Figuring this produce in car loads it would make 146,157 cars. Just as an example, if these cars were made up in 50-car trains it would mean 2,923 trains of grains, flour and meal, fruits, vegetables, cotton, tobacco and other produce.

In addition to these large items the Big Four handled during 1920 a total of 808,776 tons of animal products and 2,451,852 tons of lumber and other products of forests.

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THRONGS VISIT PIONEER TRAIN

According to the most careful and conservative estimates more than 1,100,000 people visited the old "DeWitt Clinton" special train during its eight days' tour over the Big Four Route.

Even more remarkable than the vast throngs of visitors in the large cities were the immense crowds that gathered at the smaller towns and villages.

Another revelation which surprised every one was the tremendous interest shown by the farmers and country folks all along the line. Farmers drove their machines and wagons to the right of way with their families, where basket picnics were held until the old train passed. In many places local organizations of the Federation of Farmers visited the train in a body.

It has been said that the American people are so practical that they have no place for sentiment. It is not so. Thousands and thousands stood for an hour and more waiting in the dark for the privilege of seeing this old train.

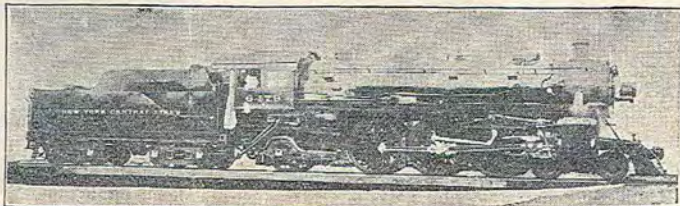
There was no suggestion of vandalism and never a souvenir hunter on the trip. Indeed, the old train was always and everywhere greeted with a reverence which proves the real sentiment of the friends of the Big Four of the New York Central Lines throughout the Middle West.

1831-1921

The DeWitt Clinton locomotive was built by the West Point Foundry, New York. As originally built, it weighed 6,758 pounds, but as remodeled it weighs 9,420 pounds. The tender weighs 5,340 pounds, and each coach weighs 3,420 pounds, making the total weight of the train 25,020 pounds.

A modern Pacific type locomotive that hauls the "Twentieth Century Limited" of the New York Central, weighs 276,000 pounds, or about eleven times the total weight of the entire DeWitt Clinton train. The tender of a Pacific type locomotive, when loaded, weighs 158,000 pounds, making the weight of the locomotive with tender 434,000 pounds, or about 17½ times the weight of the DeWitt Clinton train. The DeWitt Clinton, in its original state, and its tender weighed 12,098 pounds, or less than the weight of a pair of driving wheels of a Pacific locomotive, which weigh 13,000 pounds.

Big Four Passenger Engine of Today



This is reproduced from a photograph of one of the new Pacific type passenger locomotives (with booster) weighing 282,000 pounds.

Many Activities Make "Perpetual Motion" Machines of Railroads

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There are some 20,000 employes in the service of the Big Four. If they all were centered in one group the population would equal a city comparable in size to Sandusky, Ohio, Marion, Ind., or Kankakee, Ill. Taking into consideration the families of these employes it would mean a much larger city, for example, the size of Springfield, Ohio, East St. Louis or Peoria, Illinois.

Necessarily a city the size of any of those mentioned buys in a year's time many tons of foodstuffs, clothing, fuel and other commodities. The railroad pays to these employes an average of \$3,300,000 each month, which in a year amounts to more than thirty-nine millions of dollars.

The circulation of thirty-nine millions of dollars creates a tremendous amount of business throughout a year among many diversified concerns that flourish along the right of way of the 2,500 miles of the Big Four System.

Here is another example of the ramification of railroad activities, the interweaving of business, both for and with the public. The shippers and manufacturers depend upon the railroad to carry their products away to the transfer points for distribution. The railroad looks to the shipper for business, and it is the co-operation that keeps the wheels of progress turning. In other words, a railroad is the nearest to a machine of "perpetual motion" as may be found among the public utilities of the country.

East, West—Big Four's Best.



ONE YEAR OLD!

The Bi-Fo-Re Club of Indianapolis will celebrate its first anniversary on Monday night, August 29, 1921.

Although this organization still is in its infancy it boasts a membership of more than 700 and enjoys the distinction of being the first of its kind on the Big Four Route.

The Bi-Fo-Re can be pardonably proud of its first year's record and it is a certainty the future holds many more good-time events and successes for the Club.

This first "birthday party" will be a dance at the beautiful Casino Gardens, eight P. M. Monday, August 29, and in true birthday form there will be a number of special feature "surprises."

"ROAD OF COURTESY"

Some time ago Traffic Manager W. T. Stevenson set the standard for his department for making the Big Four the "Road of Courtesy" and the "Long Haul Road."

Not only does this apply to dealing with the public but also interdepartmentally between the passenger and freight representatives. It has been demonstrated many times that passenger traffic people have been instrumental in securing freight business—and vice versa.

This "courtesy-co-operation" movement has been so far reaching that it now extends to every department of the Big Four Road and every employe realizes that courtesy, promptness and accuracy are of greatest assistance in handling business. It is the aim to furnish the public the information they desire promptly, be sure it is correct, and be always courteous.

One of the most prominent men in the United States, and a man who has probably had as extensive dealings with the public as anyone in the country has said:

"There is one virtue which no man or woman in the business world should neglect to cultivate. It is graciousness. A service rendered with graciousness is magnified to the person served until it seems—as indeed it is—a far greater service.

"Graciousness isn't toadyism; it isn't a fawning upon superiors and condescending to inferiors. The true graciousness is not an assumed thing, put on and laid off like a garment. It is a trait of character which grows as it is cultivated. It is courtesy, kindness, helpfulness, understanding. Be gracious always—because it is an attribute of the gentleman and gentlewoman everywhere. And if that is not reason enough, then be gracious because it pays."

"Graciousness" is "Courtesy." The officials and employes of the Big Four Route of the New York Central Lines in their dealings with the public desire to more firmly establish and maintain the title of:

"ROAD OF COURTESY."

DIG FOUR POLICE ON THE JOB.

That the Big Four System police department is a live one and constantly on the alert to apprehend offenders of the law is borne out in the case of arrest at Indianapolis recently of two men alleged to have committed a number of burglaries.

This is just another instance where the Big Four police have assisted in running down those of menace to the public, and that their interest and co-operation extends beyond regular activities on the railroad.

An Indianapolis paper says, in part: "The two men were halted one morning in the Brightwood railroad yards by Big Four Railroad Detectives Ford and Pettit. Each of the men carried a gun and one of these weapons was a German Luger."

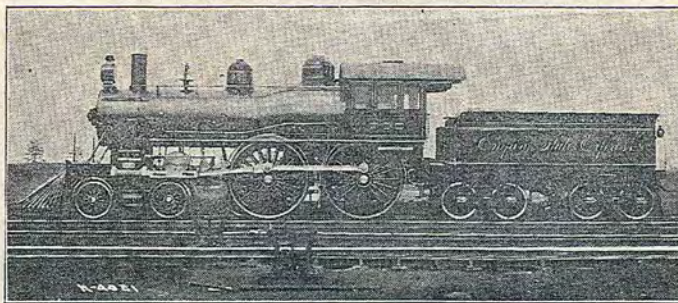
During the entire trip of the DeWitt Clinton special over the lines of the Big Four, Chief Love and a corps of his men were in constant charge of the train and while more than a million people visited this old relic the long trip over the many divisions was made without an accident to either the New York Central's first train or any of the spectators.

Chief Love commented on the wonderful co-operation received from the police departments at each stop.

Quantity or Quality Service—BIG FOUR.



Charles H. Hogan, who drove "999" when she made world's speed record.



The "999" Which Hauled the "Empire State Express" in 1893

BIG MOONSHINE STILL IS RAIDED

A scene enacted frequently in Prohibition days was reenacted Friday, June 3, when State and County officials raided a large still in Hanover township.

Found on the property of Elmer Buttinger, 44, of Weirton, R.D. 1, Hanover township, was a 150-gallon still located in a hollow, near the home of Buttinger and his brothers, Russell and Olen. State Police, Pennsylvania Liquor Control agents and County officials destroyed the still, more than 600 gallons of mash and nine gallons of "moonshine".

Buttinger was placed under arrest in Pittsburgh charged with possession and transportation of untaxed liquor and faces charges by Washington County officials of the illegal manufacture of untaxed liquor. He was apprehended by Pittsburgh Police in the Hill District Thursday, June 2, while standing by his auto. When Police stepped up to question Buttinger, he ran from them. He was caught a block away. Police found 31 gallons of moonshine whiskey in gallon jugs in the car.

Following the raid at the still in Hanover township, information was filed against Buttinger before Squire James J. Reed, in Burgettstown.

Raiding officers found gas tanks to feed the stoves, quantities of coil piping, glass jugs, 15 barrels of mash containing about 50 gallons each, and the nine gallons of whiskey. A spring nearby was used for cooling. The officials smashed all equipment and material other than that confiscated for evidence.

Big Moonshine Still is Raided
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1955 Edition

BIG WORK UNDER WAY TO PROVIDE FOR POOR

Women and Girls of Local Territory
Engage in Canning Fruits
In Aid of the Poor

Girls of the Home Economic Department of the Hickory Vocational High School have pledged their efforts in the canning of fruit and vegetables for Washington county's needy, according to Mrs. H. L. Pedicord, of Hickory, president of the Washington County Federation of Women's Clubs.

Women's clubs of the Federation and Farm Women have notified Mrs. Pedicord they will contribute sugar to aid the young women in their work.

The canning movement is gaining impetus each day, it is said, with new groups of workers being organized and many individuals aiding in the project.

Thursday has been designated canning day for Independence, West Middletown and Ayella workers and for the Child Welfare organization at Washington. The Independence township groups have been organized by Mrs. James W. Murdock. Mrs. A. M. Gardner is in charge of the canning.

Groups in the Houston United Presbyterian church canned a large quantity of fruit and vegetables last week and are planning another canning bee. Members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Cross Roads church have pledged their efforts and will do their first canning some day this week. The Fredericktown district has been organized by Mrs. David Cook and Mrs. McConnell. The Get-Together Club, of Eighty Four, has requested additional containers, the members having scheduled several canning bees.

Similar work is being organized in Burgettstown and much interest is being shown toward the movements.

Big Work Under Way to Provide for the Poor
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 24, 1931 Edition

Nightengales to Give Dance.

Billy and his Nightengales, the popular Slovan syncopators, will hold a dance for the benefit of their music and general expense fund in the Italian hall, Slovan, Saturday evening, August 1st. The public is cordially invited and a good time is assured. The orchestra is composed of the following young men of Burgettstown and Slovan: Billy Capozolli, director and saxophone; George Hamerick saxophone; Henry Quinet, piano; Angelo Borio, traps; Frank Abate, banjo; Leo Sams, manager and trumpet; Mike Gavatori, accordion; Edward Kubovic, trombone. The orchestra plays for old-fashioned square dances as well as the more modern dances.

**Billy and His Nightengales to give Dance
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 30, 1931 Edition**

HEALTH BOARD ELECTS

The Board of Health held a re-organization meeting on Monday evening and elected the following officers: President, Rev. Father W. J. McCashin; vice president, Ellis Foster and secretary and health officer, Samuel DeWalt.

The secretary was instructed to see that the banks adjoining Raccoon Creek within the Borough limits are cleaned up and kept clean. He was ordered to enforce the Borough ordinance concerning the ban on dumping rubbish along the creek bed, and to prosecute if necessary to enforce this ordinance.

Bokulich - 100 years

Mary Bokulich of Canonsburg will celebrate her 100th birthday with a family party Sunday at Cloverleaf Estates in Collier Township and a party with staff and friends at TownView Health and Rehab in Canonsburg Monday.

She was born December 22, 1913, in Bertha Mine, Washington County.

On November 23, 1935, she married Joseph Bokulich, who is deceased.

She has five daughters, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bokulich was owner/operator of the Shady Lane Bar and Dance Hall in Bulger for more than 30 years. She's a



member of St. Anne's Church in Bulger, its ladies guild and McDonald senior citizens.

She loved to bake, garden, play cards and go to the casino. She also enjoys Pittsburgh Pirates baseball.

Boni To Enter Medical College



Dino R. Boni, Jr., recent Pitt graduate and wrestling champion, left for Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee, on September 4, where he will continue his medical studies and specialize in the field of neuro-surgery.

Dino also was recently granted a Second Lieutenant's commission in the Army Air Force Reserve.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dino R. Boni, of Maple avenue, Burgettstown.

Bulger veteran headed to Hall of Valor

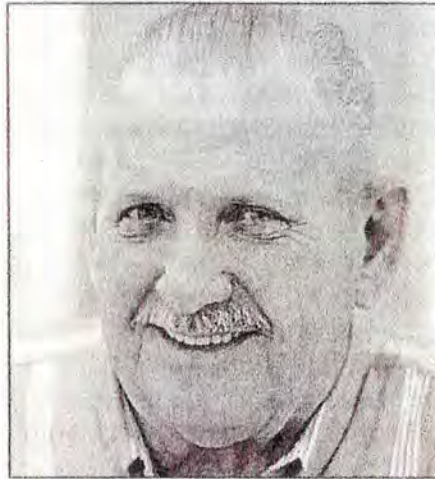
BY SYLVIA CAVALLO

For the Observer-Reporter

Charles R. Lang has some unbelievable stories about his days in combat during the Korean War, but the day he earned the Silver Star remains especially vivid in his memory.

As a corporal in the U.S. Army's 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division, Lang was on a combat mission near the 38th parallel when he risked his life to save a wounded comrade who had been exposed to enemy fire. Lang says the soldier, whom he didn't know, was wounded in the leg. Lang entered the fiery area where his comrade lay incapacitated, splinted the soldier's leg and evacuated him safely behind American lines.

"That kind of moment is one that you never forget," Lang said. "It is



Charles R. Lang

one of those experiences that gets your adrenaline pumping. ... You don't have time to be afraid; you just try to help in the best way you can."

On Memorial Day, Lang will be inducted into the Hall of Valor at Soldiers and Sailors Hall in Oak-

land for the Silver Star he earned on that cold, bitter day in 1951. In the military, the Silver Star is the third highest medal for valor.

Lang will be accompanied to the ceremony by family and friends, and he will receive a plaque that will be displayed in the museum.

The 77-year-old Bulger resident was born on Pittsburgh's West End and lived most of his life in the Carnegie area. When he was 21, he was drafted into the Army, underwent basic training in Kentucky, and was deployed to Korea for one year. Three of his eight brothers also served in Korea, and three others fought in World War II.

Lang said he knew nothing about combat and was thrown into deplorable weather and combat conditions along with countless other soldiers who fought in what is often referred to in history as the "for-

gotten war."

The Korean War came on the heels of World War II, and much like Vietnam, was part of the Cold War to stop the advancement of communism in Southeast Asia.

"I am so proud to receive the honor because it took place during a time in my life that I can never forget," Lang said. "Those memories stay fixed there. You play them back in your mind."

Like the "Ice Cream March."

"On one particular day, we were sent over the hill and only 11 of us came back down. The rest of the regiment was either wounded or killed. We called it the Ice Cream March because the 11 of us who survived got ice cream when we got back," said Lang, who was also awarded a purple heart for his service in Korea. He was wounded in the thigh during combat.

Charles R. Lange-Bulger Veteran headed to Hall of Valor
Observer-Reporter-May 21, 2006 Edition

THIEVES BUSY HERE TUES. NIGHT

Up until noon Wednesday, local police officers had found no trace of the thieves who committed a series of robberies in Midway and Burgettstown on Tuesday night. Linn's Lumber office was broken open and the locks on two safes jimmied. The thieves made off with \$35 in cash, although papers, etc. were not disturbed. Linn's reported \$150 damages to the safes.

The same gang is believed to have stolen a Ford automobile earlier in the evening from William Carns on the Hickory road. This automobile was abandoned, after it had been driven through Inglefield's yard on Church street and across the raised walk, until it almost catapulted down into the street. Some time during the night a new 1940 Ford car was stolen from the garage of C. W. Glessner on Dinsmore avenue, leading officers to believe that the thieves abandoned the Carns car after they got lost up on the hill and then stole the Glessner car to make their getaway, after robbing the Linn office.

That the thieves were evidently looking only for cash is indicated by reports of several robberies in Midway which happened during Tuesday night and were committed presumably by the same gang. The Davidson and Son general store reported \$18.25 stolen from a money sack hidden under the counter and 14 or 15 cartons of cigarettes. The A. and P. store at Midway reported the theft of 41 cartons of cigarettes and that the safe had been tampered with but no money missing. The Midway station was broken into and the safe tampered with but no money was missing.

Thieves Busy Here Tuesday Night
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 25, 1940 Edition





The four tired but happy boys shown above were the champs of the balloon busting contest. They are Lynn Lawson, Robert Friday, Oswald Kavazzi, and Richard Stewart.



Morris Harvey, Burgettstown's 1950 greased pole climbing king demonstrates his climbing style which merited him first honors at Burgettstown Annual Hallowe'en Parade.



The above Enterprise photograph shows some of the masqueraders at the Hallowe'en Parade. Those pictured are Tommy Testa, 4; Judy Testa, 9; in the center of the picture are the first prize winners, the "littlest angels", Mary Barbara Behary, 2 and her sister Patricia Behary, 3. The goblin behind the angels is Martha Dugas. Also shown are Sandra Lee Bucher, 6 and Darlene Bruce, 6.

Burgettstown Annual Hallowe'en Parade
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 9, 1950 Edition

Borough Council In Regular Session

Burgettstown Borough Council held its regular meeting Monday night in the Borough Building, with John M. Maroni presiding.

Other Councilmen present were Ralph Ciabattari, Paul Morgan, Deane Bertrand, Robert Shaffer, Alex Stetar and Thomas McGraw.

Ciabattari reported that the traffic light proposed for the intersection of Main and Market Streets has been approved by the District Office at Uniontown and has been forwarded to State Highways Headquarters at Harrisburg for approval.

Bertrand, as chairman of the Council Finance Committee, called for a meeting Sunday, November 10, at 6 p.m., for the purpose of beginning work on preparing the tentative 1969 budget.

Morgan told Council that the West Penn Power Company is continuing to check the local situation involving loss of power. He said he hoped for a more complete report at a future meeting.

Approved by Council was a recommendation by Council and Mayor Charles N. Cunningham, Jr., that no left turns be permitted at the intersection of Main Street and Main Street Extension during peak traffic hours of the day. A movable sign will be posted at this intersection, and the "no left turn" policy will be in effect at the discretion of the police department.

Also approved was a policy limiting parking in loading zones on Main Street to a ten-minute period.

A note of thanks was extended by the Councilmen to all the Auxiliary Police in the Borough who helped with the patrolling on Halloween night. Mayor Cunningham reported that this year's event was the best yet conducted here.

Some discussion was held concerning new state legislature and its effect on the borough's police force, with solicitor John L. Brunner leading the discussion. Action on the matter was tabled until more study is made.

Also tabled was a matter concerning the borough garbage dump, which may be moved to an area in Jefferson Township. Garbage Collector George Ratkovich will be asked to attend the next Council meeting.

Free parking during the Christmas week was again voted by the Borough Fathers. The free parking period for borough shoppers will extend from 8 a.m. December 16 to 8 a.m. December 26.

Police report was approved as follows: tickets issued 69; tickets paid 41; tickets in process of collection 28; parking tickets \$41; meters, \$293; fines and overloads, \$730; total \$1,064.

Bills in the amount of \$7,498.93 were approved for payment as funds become available.



Unknown Artist



Marsha Pavan & Mary Brunner

Fire hydrants painted for the Centennial



Dave Pusateri



Kay Studa

Fire hydrants painted for the Centennial

Burgettstown Community Children



Top row left to right: Joseph and Patricia Patsolic, Burgettstown; Frank and John Chastulik, Burgettstown; Mary Lou and Sharon Muscaro, Burgettstown.

Bottom row left to right: Samuel Thomas, Burgettstown; Dorothy O'Shanka, Burgettstown; Joseph Stetar, Burgettstown.



Top row left to right: Leslie Bailey, Burgettstown; Patricia Sciamanna, Slovan; Linda Donati, Burgettstown.

Bottom row left to right; Phillip Esno, Langeloth; Darlene Bruce, Burgettstown; Terrance Moore, Bulger.



Gari and Edward Napolitano children of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Napolitano of 74 Main street.



Marilyn Maroni, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Maroni of 145 Center avenue.



Walter and George Logue Hookstown.

BURGETTSTOWN

Mrs. Lewis Buckle of Oakdale visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hulick of Highland avenue.

Murt Mullooley of Harmon Creek was a caller in Pittsburgh Saturday.

Mrs. Edwin McFarland of Center avenue and Mrs. Ralph Thomas of Hickory attended the meeting of the White Shrine in Washington Monday evening.

The Communion service of the Westminster church will be held Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Westlake of Highland avenue spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Charles Anderson at Steubenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Murt Mullooly of Harmon Creek entertained a few of their friends Thursday evening of

last week. There were two tables in play during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wray of Center avenue spent Thursday of last week in Steubenville.

Miss Delphine Singer of Noblestown spent the week end with Mrs. R. Smith of Tenan street.

Mrs. Harold McIlhane and son George of McDonald spent the past week with her mother, Mrs. Edna Luttrell of Center avenue.

Miss Sarah McBride of Wilkinsburg spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKenzie of Highland avenue.

Miss Ida Harriett of near McDonald was taken to the Washington Hospital Friday afternoon of last week. She had been confined to her home the past few weeks due to a fractured hip sustained in a fall.

Mrs. Perry Biddle of Main street and brother, Thomas Smith of Center avenue and Fred Smith and daughter

Willa of Tenan street visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James C. Smith of Uniontown.

Mrs. James Craig of Highland avenue visited Wednesday of last week with her mother, Mrs. D. Thomassy of McDonald.

Mrs. J. P. Andrews of Market street who has been confined to bed the past two weeks is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Andrews of Charleroi visited Sunday with friends in town.

Mrs. E. O'Leary of Roscoe is visiting with her daughter, Miss Elizabeth O'Leary of Main street.

Thomas Witherspoon of near McDonald was a business caller in town Monday.

Mrs. Murt Mullooly of Harmon Creek visited Sunday with friends in McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Sloan and daughter Rea Jean of Highland avenue and the former's mother, Mrs. E. Sloan of Emlenton, visited Sunday with relatives at Ligonier.

Miss Frieda Andrews of Market street was a caller in Pittsburgh Saturday.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOANN EDMONDS

Clifford Steele, a professional dog handler in Carmel, N.Y., is preparing Legend, a 5-year-old giant schnauzer, for the Westminster Dog Show next week.

Burgettstown schnauzer, Legend, to compete at Westminster

By EMILY PETSKO
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Legend's owners are glad they didn't name him Ernie. With numerous national titles under his belt — er, collar — Legend is a dog that lives up to his name.

At the height of his career, the 5-year-old giant schnauzer is invited to participate in the Olympics of dog shows. Legend will be one of a couple thousand dogs competing in the Westminster Dog

Show in New York next week.

"Legend is our boy, and we're very proud of him," said JoAnn Edmonds.

Legend is co-owned by JoAnn and Luke Edmonds, of Burgettstown, and Marcia Adler, of Delray Beach, Fla. The Edmonds are Legend's primary owners, and he stays with them year-round except when he's away with a handler. Adler, a friend of Edmondses, judges giant schnauzers and backs Legend so

he can continue to compete.

"I'm very fortunate that Marcia (Adler) agreed and felt as strongly about Legend as I did — that he's very special," Edmonds said.

The Edmondses own Burgettstown Canine College, a dog training and boarding facility, and also have four giant schnauzers and a Yorkshire terrier of their own.

Edmonds, an owner-handler, said she has been showing her schnauzers in championships for 14 years,

but this is the first year one of her dogs will compete at Westminster. The prestigious show, held for more than 100 years, judges dogs on how they conform to their breed type.

Legend was invited because he placed Best of Breed in his national specialty show, and he is also the No. 1 male giant schnauzer in the country. And that's just a section of his impressive resume.

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At the Schnauzapalooza show, Legend won Best in Show all three days of the event. "He beat every giant that was at the specialty," Edmonds said. "It's a big deal to win your national specialty. It's a really big deal to win all three days in a row."

Joan Anselm, 2013 national specialty judge of Schnauzapalooza, said in her judge comments that Legend was "... shown to perfection, in perfect weight and condition."

"My congratulations to everyone involved in the production of this fine, handsome stallion of a dog," Anselm wrote. "He is a gift to the breed."

Edmonds said she and her husband only buy cars that can seat all their dogs, and they often tag along for vacations to the beach. Although Legend holds many titles, he is still a pet and knows when to behave and when to have fun.

"He's perfectly happy to be here and jump around on you and lie on the couch and wrestle," Edmonds said, "and then he knows the difference



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOANN EDMONDS

JoAnn Edmonds of Burgettstown, and her 5-year-old giant schnauzer, Legend, run along the beach at Lake Erie. Legend will be competing in the Westminster Dog Show next week.

when you put on the leash and he has to go in the ring and behave. But he's a good boy. He's very sweet."

While Legend is normally well-behaved, Edmonds said he can also be a handful. They had to make the four-foot fence around their house two feet higher because Legend would jump over it and swim in the pond. Edmonds described Legend as both an escape artist and counter surfer. "He loves to eat," she said.

Edmonds hasn't seen Legend since August because he is staying in New York with

his handler, Clifford Steele, who is grooming Legend for the Westminster show.

Last year, the Westminster Best in Show trophy went to "Banana Joe," an affenpinscher. The Westminster groups and best in show categories will be televised 8 p.m. Monday on CNBC and 8 p.m. Tuesday on USA Network.

Edmonds said she is thrilled that Legend will have the opportunity to compete.

"It's very exciting," Edmonds said. "If you're showing dogs, it's on your bucket list ... I can check it off."

Burgettstown to Celebrate With Big Fourth Program

Fourth of July to be Red Letter Day in History For Folks of the old Home Town

The eagle will scream in Burgettstown as never before on the Fourth of July, a large number of prominent citizens backing the movement for a celebration that will appeal to every resident of the community. The celebration will be held on the Burgettstown fair grounds, and will open with a baseball game at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, between Burgettstown Community team and Charleroi Whippets.

Promptly at 1 in the afternoon the fun will start in a blaze of joy. There will be many contests and stunt performances, and many valuable prizes will be awarded. The prizes will consist of foodstuffs, meat, toilet preparations, clothing sundries, gifts galore for men, women and children, and all will have opportunities of winning something handsome. More than \$500 worth of prizes have been donated. The second ball game will be called at 3, p. m. standard time, the same teams playing.

Track events, in charge of Ernest Williams, include 100-yard dash for boys under 16; 100-yard dash for boys over 16; 50-yard dash boys 12 years and under; 50-yard dash girls, free for all; 440-yard dash boys under 16 and boys over 16; 50-yard dash girls under 8 and boys under 8.

Novelty races, in charge of Wm. J. Pyle: Egg-spoon for girls under 16, sack races for boys and girls, three-legged race, potato race free for all. Bicycle races in charge of Glenn Nicholls: 1-3 mile for boys and girls under 16. Horseshoe pitching, in charge of W. G. Cramer. Nail driving contest for ladies, sack races and three-legged races and a pie-eating contest, for girls, in charge of Postmaster W. M. Culley.

All persons desiring to engage in any of the contests should immediately get in communication with the committee member named in each event in order that programs may be prepared and ready. Entrants must be listed prior to the day of the celebration.

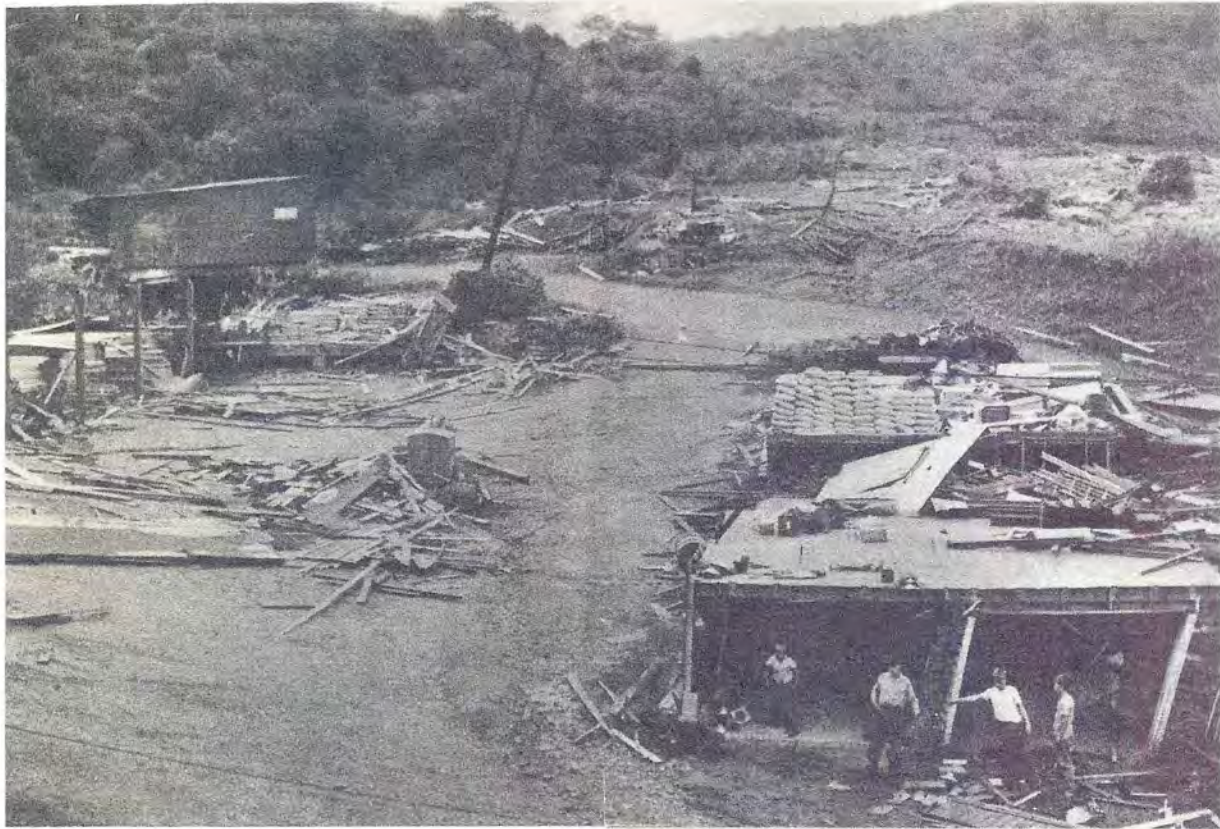
The community committee is composed of the following: Chairman, Dr. G. L. McKee; secretary, J. C. Wolfe; treasurer, L. Caplan. Chairmen of committees are: Publicity, Austin Studa; solicitation, Glenn Nicholls; music, R. M. Boyd; program, Dr. W. S. Clark. Those in charge of activities of program are listed above.

The celebration on a large scale of the glorious day has been made possible through the splendid cooperation and donations of the following: Cash donations—E. Denny Brown, Malone & Nicholls, Dr. A. O. Hindman, Gus Barbush, Chas. Westlake, John M. Scott, W. B. Culley, Lee & Wilson, P. C. Biddle, L. H. Mitchell, Linn Bros., H. B. Pyle, Tony Fazio, W. F. Scott, C. N. Cunningham, Taucher Tire Shop, Boyd Sloan, Burgettstown Dairy Co., Greensburg-Connellsville Coal & Coke Co., W. M. Fulton, C. S. McCormick, J. DeOrio, John Stebe. Tickets donated by H. A. Scott, Chevrolet dealer.

Merchandise and prize articles donated by: Ben Repole, Tony Pascarella, Tony Boni, Sam Broida, L. H. Leopold, Victor Cenis, A. & P. Tea Co., (Burgettstown), A. & P. Tea Co., (South Burgettstown), Capital Restaurant, Trimmer's Drug Store, G. E. Thomassy, Bloom's, John Panconi, W. R. Shiner, F. S. Wray, Ken's Newsstand, Burgettstown Enterprise, I. B. Sacks, Burgettstown Hardware Co., Bender's Pharmacy, D. Horovitz, H. A. Stype, Ligonier Supply Co., A. Katzenmeyer, D. Petrucci & Son, P. H. Butler Co., A. Filippini, Joe Bella, A. Longo & Son, Leona Rotta, Jacob Rotta, Cramers Print Shop, Enterprise Garage, G. Sciamania, Steve Surba.

Admission charges have been set very low on account of dull times. General admission will be 25 cents; children under six years free; over six years 10 cents. There will be no charge for automobiles entering grounds and no charge for parking. It is expected that three prizes will be awarded in each contesting event.

The committee has held several meetings and the details are not quite complete. Further reports will be given next week and will include any donations or other matters that may not appear in this report.



The severe storm warnings posted here last week brought back memories of scenes such as the one above. This was the Pappas Lumber Yard, which was destroyed by a flash tornado early Tuesday, September 2, 1947.

The swift and deadly windstorm, leaving in its wake desolation, disaster and death, cut a swath 100 feet wide from Eldersville to South Burgettstown. Two aged men were killed in their beds.

In addition to the destruction at the Pappas Lumber Yard, the Nichols Machine Shop was struck down. Damage was estimated at more than \$100,000.

The storm, which spent itself rather quickly, started in the hills at Eldersville, tore through South Burgettstown, where several homes were badly damaged, took off over the hill above the old First Presbyterian Church cemetery, carrying with it a porch from the Paul Smith residence, and blew itself out in Cherry Valley and Raccoon, where it destroyed the Barish home.

In addition to homes being demolished, cattle and livestock were destroyed; orchards, groaning with a heavy autumn apple crop, were literally uprooted and carried away in the wind; potatoes were sucked out of the ground; corn and grain fields, laden with a summer harvest, were flattened; trees and telephone poles were sheared off, as with a scythe; and windows in dozens of homes that lay in the path of the whirlwind were shattered.

A car parked in front of Brosky's Restaurant had its window open not more than an inch. No other windows were rolled down. After the tornado, a large piece of slate, 10 inches in diameter, was found on the car seat. Neighbors were astonished that such a large piece of material could have been blown through the narrow slit of open window.

1947 Tornado Raises Havoc in Area Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1965 Edition

Burgettstown's Elich hits all the right notes

**NOW
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Area residents are accomplishing extraordinary things. *Now Featuring*, an occasional series of profiles, puts the spotlight on their achievements.

By **MIKE KOVAK**
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The musical tastes of Troy Elich are anything but a sign of times.

The 39-year-old Burgettstown native came of age when bands like Mötley Crüe, Poison and Guns N' Roses dominated the charts and FM radio. By the time Elich was an upperclassman at Burgettstown High School, Nirvana and Pearl Jam elevated grunge to the mainstream.

Elich wasn't particularly interested, and he paid for it.

"I was ridiculed by that generation," Elich said. "It was right at the beginning of grunge and the end of hair music. I liked hair music, and I grew to like it more as I got older, but when Pearl Jam and Nirvana broke through, I thought, 'It's not as bad as rap, but it's getting close.' That music was terrible."

Elich eschewed the music of Generation X for sounds loved by Baby Boomers.



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He gravitated toward vocal groups like The Platters, The Drifters and The Coasters. By the age of 15, Elich joined The Fondells, a local vocal outfit.

"My father (Stan) always said we were the youngest oldies band in captivity," Elich said. "I was 15, the other guys were 18 and 19. I couldn't

even drive and I'm in clubs. I was making a small fortune — \$150 every weekend was huge money, and I had no bills."

Elich remained with The Fondells from 1991 to 2000, playing various VFWs and Moose clubs. Early on, Elich realized music was how he wanted to make a living, even



NICK KRIVASAS/OBSERVER-REPORTER

The Vogues vocalist Troy Elich talks music, professional wrestling and sports in the Observer-Reporter newsroom last week. At left, The Vogues are, from left, Elich, Royce Taylor and Bill Burkette. Below, Elich performs with the group in Las Vegas in 2014. A full interview with Elich can be heard at www.observer-reporter.com, as the debut episode of *Mike'd Up* with Mike Kovak.

if his parents steered him toward college.

He's still making a living in music, though gigs at local wa-

tering holes were traded in for more famous venues.

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Troy Elich-The Vogues (pg. 1)
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Elich

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Elich is a vocalist and trademark owner of The Vogues, which originally formed at Turtle Creek High School in 1958 as the Val-Aires. The group had top 10 hits in "Five O'Clock World," "You're the One," "Turn Around, Look at Me," and "My Special Angel" between 1965 and 1968. They appeared on television shows ranging from "American Bandstand" to "The Tonight Show."

Thanks to the popularity of oldies revivals, The Vogues still make occasional appearances on national television and they consistently tour the country, playing well-known venues like the Beacon Theater in New York with regular stops in Las Vegas. When Elich, who's performed in ev-



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Royce Taylor, Troy Elich and Bill Burkette of The Vogues

ery state but Oregon and Idaho, first joined The Vogues in 2000, Stan Elich was also a vocalist with the group. The two toured together until Stan's death in 2010.

"It was something I always wanted to do. I can remember being 4 years old and watching him sing," Elich said. "I always wanted to be in his group, and then it happened. I was the second or third choice, and he was afraid I'd be too young, that I wouldn't fit into that world."

Elich, who is married to his

high school sweetheart, Jaclyn, was 24 when he joined The Vogues.

These days, he runs the brand, from booking gigs and travel itineraries to coordinating schedules with fellow singers, original member Bill Burkette and Royce Taylor. It can be hectic for a father of two - Samuel, 8, and Abigail, 4.

"Around the time I was 12, I remember thinking I could be in my dad's band, but I always thought I'd be his drummer someday," Elich said. "I

never imagined actually being out front singing, and I never thought about owning everything."

On his Twitter profile, Elich calls himself a "Rock n Roll Star," but he's also served as a referee in professional wrestling, working matches with Chris Jericho and Jimmy Snuka. For those following high school football and basketball, Elich is a recognizable fixture.

Armed with an encyclopedic knowledge of Burgettstown athletics, Elich serves

a variety of functions for the Blue Devils, from keeping the scorebook for the boys basketball team to doing public address announcing or running the scoreboard for football and girls basketball.

Elich is an instrumental figure in Burgettstown sports, and one who volunteers to be part of it. Whether it's at the scorer's table during basketball season or in the press box at Hill Memorial Stadium, Elich keeps things interesting with his off-beat sense of humor. From Avella to Monessen, Elich keeps people laughing.

"He'll announce the 50-50 as being almost \$1,000 so people run and get tickets, and it's only \$100 or he'll announce the guy keeping the clock has been doing it for 82 years," said Jon Vallina, who spent decades as Burgettstown's athletic director and golf coach before retiring. "That's Troy. He's always kidding around, but he does a heck of a job."

Troy Elich-The Vogues (pg.2)
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CALLED FOR JURY DUTY

Margaret Phillis, housekeeper of Burgettstown, R.D. 3, Mrs. Florence Power, housekeeper of Burgettstown, and Walter Stanish, laborer of Burgettstown, R.D. , have been summoned for Jury Duty for the August term of court which begins, Monday, August 25.

Called for Jury Duty
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 14, 1941 Edition

CANDIDATE

Henry Vega, a life long resident of Burgettstown aspires to the office of Constable for the Borough. Henry is a product of our local schools and has been active as a civic booster and takes pride in the progress of Burgettstown. He is an active member of the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire



HENRY VEGA

Department and is employed as an ore charger at the American Zinc and Chemical Company. He is married to the former Ruth Taylor and is the father of one son, Robert.

Henry goes before the voters at the November 4th election on a platform to "continue his interest in civic improvement and betterment and to work conscientiously to boost Burgettstown and to use his youthful energy in faithfully performing the requirements of a public trust."

Canning Supplies Short.

Due to unprecedented and widespread panic conditions in the country the canning industry has reached abnormal proportions during the present season, the demand for cans, glass jars and other containers running far beyond that ever before known. In Burgettstown and all nearby communities the stocks of containers have been exhausted several times in the past two or three weeks. Glass jar factories have been working day and night to meet the demand. The oddest thing about the situation is the fact that the sugar pirates have not capitalized the situation to bleed the poverty-stricken people for a billion dollars or so.

Carnali Memorial

The Raccoon Valley Golfers Club held a special board of Directors meeting Monday evening, July 16, to discuss plans for setting up a Carnali Memorial Fund. Golf club members and the public who are interested in receiving more information about this Memorial Fund may contact Anthony Dvorsak, 517 S. Main St., Burgettstown.

Carnali Memorial
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 19, 1962 Edition



AWARD . . . Pvt. Charles R. Lange (left), of Carnegie, is shown as he received the Silver Star from Maj. Gen. Robert Young (right) for heroism in combat for saving wounded comrade in Korea. Man in center is unidentified.

Carnegie GI Cited For Valor

A 23-year-old Carnegie soldier, Pvt. Charles R. Lange, today had the Silver Star, the nation's third highest award for heroism in combat, for saving a wounded comrade in Korea.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lange, who live on McMichael Rd., just outside Carnegie, have had five of their seven sons in military service.

One, Lawrence Jr., who saw service in the Pacific with the Army in World War II, and his father, are stereotypes for the Sun-Telegraph.

Charles won the Silver Star while fighting with the Twenty-third Infantry Regiment of the Second Division.

Observing a wounded comrade lying exposed to enemy fire, he left cover and crossed the fire-swept area to the wounded man. After improvising a splint for the man's broken leg, Lange moved him to safety and directed a litter team in evacuating him safely behind the American lines.

IN KOREA 8 MONTHS

Charles entered the Army last March after attending Robinson Township High School. He has been in Korea for eight months and was once wounded.

One of his brothers, Joseph, is now in Japan after seeing service as a paratrooper in Korea with the 101st Airborne.

Another brother, Louis, has just arrived home after completing an enlistment in the Army. Louis re-enlisted after World War II service in Germany and France.

Andrew, the fifth brother to see military service, was with the Marines in the Pacific during World War II.

**Pvt. Charles R. Lange, Carnegie GI Cited for Valor
Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph-March 13, 1952 Edition**

Celebrate Golden Wedding

Buffalo Village, Dec. 16.—Surrounded by their four sons, two grandchildren and many friends, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Hunter of this place today celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. A turkey dinner was served at noon to about 50 guests. During the afternoon many other persons called at the Hunter home to extend congratulation. During the evening the Bible Class of the Presbyterian church of which Mr. Hunter has been teacher for many years was entertained. The class presented Mr. Hunter with a handsome Bible.

Two persons were present who witnessed the ceremony a half century ago. They were J. Luther Davis, of this place and Mrs. R. S. Stewart of Washington. The Rev. John Eagleson, for many years pastor of the Buffalo Presbyterian church here performed the ceremony that united the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter.

Mr. Hunter was born in Hopewell township March 4, 1837, son of William and Maria J. Chambers Hunter. On December 15, 1864, he was married to Elizabeth T. Smiley, daughter of Caldwell and Nancy Tweed-Smiley.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Hunter
Celebrate Golden Anniversary
The Burgettstown Call-December 24, 1914 Edition

CENSUS 2500

THE BOROUGH OF BURGETTSTOWN CAN BOAST A POPULATION OF AN EVEN 2500 RESIDENTS, SO SAYS MRS. MAE STOTTEMEYER, OFFICIAL CENSUS TAKER WHO COMPLETED THE 1940 CENSUS FOR THIS COMMUNITY ON MONDAY AFTERNOON. MRS. STOTTEMEYER ONE OF THE FIRST IN THE COUNTY TO REPORT TO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, USED 22 DAYS IN TAKING THE CENSUS OF THE TOWN.

BURGETTSTOWN'S GROWTH APPEARS TO BE SLOW BUT SURE. THE 1930 CENSUS FIGURES WERE 2290 RESIDENTS.

Census Figures.

Some interesting information on the subject of local population is contained in a booklet issued by the U. S. Department of Commerce, a copy of which has just been received. According to the report, Burgettstown has a population of 2,266. Of these there are 1,123 males and 1,143 females. The number again is divided as 2,216 white and 50 negroes. Native whites number 1,341 and foreign born or those of mixed parentage number 582. The foreign born white population is given as 293. Children under five years 212; 5 to 14, 543; 15 to 24, 364; 25 to 34, 314; 35 to 44, 287; 45 to 64, 415; 65 and over 131. The population of Washington county is given as 202,802. The figures quoted were those of about a year ago when the census enumeration was made.

AUTO DEALER IS SUED FOR INJURY DAMAGES

**Atlasburg Man Brings Action Against
Local Automobile Dealer for
Large Sum of Money**

For injuries alleged to have been received when struck by a wrecked automobile being towed by the defendant's wrecking car, Joseph Cerutti, of Atlasburg has brought suit against Walter M. Fulton, of Burgettstown, individually and trading as the Burgettstown Motor Company, to recover \$15,000.

The facts as set forth in the statement of claim are rather unusual. The accident occurred July 6, 1931, in the vicinity of the gasoline station near the intersection of the Burgettstown-Hickory road with the Cross Creek-Avella road. At the time of the accident the plaintiff claims he was walking on the reddog to the right of the concrete on the Burgettstown-Hickory road and was going in the direction of Hickory when he was struck by a Chandler sedan being towed by the defendant's wrecking car from Burgettstown to Wellsburg, W. Va.

Cerutti received a fracture of the right arm near the elbow, a concussion of the brain, while the muscles of the right shoulder were torn and the left hip joint injured.

The wrecking car was being driven by George Pappas, and the wrecked sedan in charge of Angelo Deluca. This car was owned by Ernest Bowery, of Wellsburg, W. Va.

The case represents some phases which are out of the ordinary.

CHANGE IN U. C. LAW

A change affecting waiting weeks in claims for unemployment compensation has been announced by Lewis G. Hines, Secretary, Department of Labor and Industry, to comply with a recent ruling of the Board of Review which makes this new procedure mandatory.

"It has become necessary," said Secretary Hines, "that to comply with the recent ruling of the Board, Section 501 (e) of the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Law must be strictly adhered to.

"This section of the law requires that any compensable week shall be preceded by three weeks of waiting within the prior 52 weeks. Previously after a claimant had received all checks for benefits due him in a benefit year he had no further rights and could not file any claims for waiting weeks until after the benefit year had ended.

"The Board of Review decision enlarges the claimants right to file waiting weeks so that even after he has drawn his thirteenth, or last, check, he may, if unemployed, file waiting weeks for as many weeks as he is eligible and thus save them up for use to support his next benefit year series of checks. In many cases this saving up process will allow a claimant to receive checks immediately with the beginning of his new benefit year without waiting three weeks because he will have served these three weeks in the last part of his previous benefit year.

MESTER, SMITH AND TENNYSON WIN I. E. S. LAMPS

It's all over now—the Christmas Home Lighting Contest sponsored by the Burgettstown Enterprise. December 23 the judges made the rounds of the homes that had been entered in the competition — then decided upon the winners.

"It was no easy task," reported one of the judges. "We took a trip all around, then drove back to look at several of the homes. Some of the decorations were beautiful to see, even though not elaborate. I consider this year's home lighting and decorating the best Burgettstown has yet had."

Prize winners and the awards they received were: First prize, to Raymond Mester, of Langeloth, an I. E. S. 6-way "Better Sight" Floor Lamp. Second prize, to Arthur E. Tennyson of 331 South Main street, an I. E. S. "Better Sight" Junior Floor Lamp. Third Prize, to A. A. Smith, of 5 Hindman avenue, an I. E. S. "Better Sight" End Table Lamp.

Honorable mention is also given to the homes of Mrs. J. W. Ridgeway of Eldersville, Harry L. Tennyson of Highland avenue, Henry Hellmers of Langeloth, J. L. Culley of 21 Lincoln avenue and J. L. Hill of 117 Center avenue.

The Burgettstown Enterprise wishes to express its thanks to all who participated. The contest has been a success in every way. There were not only more homes lighted this year but more than ever before were in the competition.

Our congratulations to the winners—and may they have enjoyed receiving their prizes as much as we enjoyed awarding them. We also greatly appreciate the services of the judging committee, which consisted of Dr. R. E. Davidson, Arthur Frantz of Burgettstown and Paul Weigmann of Eldersville.

**Mester, Smith and Tennyson Win Christmas Home Lighting Contest
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 9, 1941 Edition**

Ray Cindrich Is College Station Manager



KASC RADIO—Shown above, from left, Ray Cindrich, Burgettstown, station manager of KASC campus radio; Ulla Saarela, El Paso, Texas, business manager of KASC; and Don Wilson, Arizona State College faculty and radio station advisor, discuss plans for the operation of the closed circuit campus ra-

dio station. Cindrich, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cindrich, is a graduate of Union high school. In addition, he is publicity director for Pi Sigma Epsilon, professional sales and marketing fraternity at ASC, and treasurer for Alpha Phi Gamma, national journalism honorary.

Ray Cindrich is College Station Manager
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 3, 1965 Edition

Citizen Submits Proposal ¹⁰⁻¹³ For Big Flood Memorial

Suggests Council Place Tablet for
Commemoration of High Water
of September, 1912

The Enterprise is in receipt of a letter from a prominent citizen urging that a date, which seems to be important in the history of the town, be commemorated by the placing of a tablet on the new bridge. The matter is brought to the attention of the newspaper in order to get a slant on public opinion before a petition is made to the borough council. The letter follows:

"As we are about to have a new and permanent improvement in the town, in the way of a modern concrete bridge on Main street where the street crosses Raccoon creek, immediately below the junction of Turkey creek (Dinsmore branch) in the borough, would it not be well for the City Fathers to take action to have cast a metal tablet in commemoration of the great flood of September, 1912, to be built in the abutment wall, with the date thereon and place in a position to indicate the height of the flood waters at its crest, as it swept irresistably down the valley and through the town on that memorable occasion?"

"This terrible night of September 2, 1912, was by far the most outstanding demonstration of the power of nature ever witnessed in the Raccoon Valley since the advent of the white man in the western wilderness. And an indelible record of its power and scope should be established while yet reliable evidence of the catastrophe may be obtained from living witnesses."

The letter is printed verbatim it came to the Enterprise. This the first the present publisher ever heard of a disastrous flood in the valley, although the sudden, and sometimes rather high, rises of Raccoon creek have been noted.

It perhaps would be well for readers to confer with members of the council with a view to commemorating an interesting feature of history. An inexpensive bit of bronze could be placed on the bridge, and would last many years.

**Citizen Submits Proposal for Big Flood Memorial
Commemoration for High Water of September, 1912
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 13, 1932 Edition**

Citizen Submits Proposal 10-13 For Big Flood Memorial

Suggests Council Place Tablet for
Commemoration of High Water
of September, 1912

The Enterprise is in receipt of a letter from a prominent citizen urging that a date, which seems to be important in the history of the town, be commemorated by the placing of a tablet on the new bridge. The matter is brought to the attention of the newspaper in order to get a slant on public opinion before a petition is made to the borough council. The letter follows:

"As we are about to have a new and permanent improvement in the town, in the way of a modern concrete bridge on Main street where the street crosses Raccoon creek, immediately below the junction of Turkey creek (Dinsmore branch) in the borough, would it not be well for the City Fathers to take action to have cast a metal tablet in commemoration of the great flood of September, 1912, to be built in the abutment wall, with the date thereon and place in a position to indicate the height of the flood waters at its crest, as it swept irresistably down the valley and through the town on that memorable occasion?

"This terrible night of September 2, 1912, was by far the most outstanding demonstration of the power of nature ever witnessed in the Raccoon Valley since the advent of the white man in the western wilderness. And an indelible record of its power and scope should be established while yet reliable evidence of the catastrophe may be obtained from living witnesses."

The letter is printed verbatim it came to the Enterprise. This is the first the present publisher ever heard of a disastrous flood in the valley, although the sudden, and sometimes rather high, rises of Raccoon creek have been noted.

It perhaps would be well for readers to confer with members of the council with a view to commemorating an interesting feature of history. An inexpensive bit of bronze could be placed on the bridge, and would last many years.

**Citizen Submits Proposal for Big Flood Memorial
Commemoration for High Water of September, 1912
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 13, 1932 Edition**

Bohner Named Co. Civil Defense Chief

Charles O. Bohner, 26-year veteran of the Pennsylvania State Police, assumed his duties on November 1 as the Executive Director of the Washington County Civil Defense unit.

Bohner's appointment was recently made by the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

Bohner explained that his plans are to "improve the existing Civil Defense setup in the county." He said the first step is to establish an effective county unit in order to carry out an efficient operation among the local political subdivision organizations.

Bohner replaces H.W. Minnemeyer, III, who recently resigned as Civil Defense Executive Director.

Bohner, 47, resides at Washington with his wife, Mary Carman. The Bohners have four children.

Bohner's experience in Civil Defense activities were through the Army Reserves and the State Police. He attended Army schools at Fort Gordon, Georgia; Fort Lee, Virginia; Fort George G. Meade, Maryland; and Indiantown Gap Military Reservation.

He has served with the Pennsylvania State Police in Washington, Uniontown, Waynesburg, Belle Vernon, Carnegie and Bedford.

CLEM McCAIGE ELDER

C. M. Elder, the first Burgess of Burgettstown following the town's incorporation, was a merchant and tailor. He carried on the tailoring business in a building directly across the Main Street Railroad tracks near the site of the recent Taucher's Service Station. Mr. Elder died August 1, 1909, at the age of 64. He is buried in Fairview Cemetery.

9/4/47

Coach Canning's Residence on Pittsburgh street.



**Coach Canning's Residence on Pittsburgh Street
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 4, 1947 Edition**

COMPROMISE PETITION

A petition to compromise for \$250 has been approved by the court in the suit of Mark Kucic, six, by his parents John and Violet Kucic, Burgettstown, against Kenton Nicholl and Clarence Baker, trading as Nicholl and Baker, Bentleyville, and Freedom-Valvoline Oil Company, Freedom. This was a suit to recover damages for an automobile collision July 7, 1951, near the Ashland Service Station, five miles north of Washington, on Route 18. It is stated that the minor plaintiff was in the car operated by his mother, and that it was hit by a car owned by the defendants, Nicholl and Baker. It was charged that the accident was caused when, allegedly, the truck of Nicholl and Baker, operated by Randolph Meyers, struck a hole on a driveway of the Freedom-Valvoline Oil Company, causing the truck to collide with the Kucic car. The sum of \$200 was allocated to the parents of the plaintiff as guardians of Mark Kucic, and \$50 in their own right, out of which they are to pay the expenses.

**CONFINED BOY LIKES TO
RECEIVE GREETING CARDS**

Greeting cards of all kinds are the favorite gifts of six-year old Bobby Invernizzi of Erie Mine who spends much time confined with a serious heart ailment.

"Bobby" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Invernizzi of Erie Mine and has been confined to his bed the past three weeks. When he is able, the he attends first grade classes in the Atlasburg school. Anyone desiring to help make his holiday cheerful may do so by sending him a greeting card.

**Confined Boy, Bobby Invernizzi, Likes to Receive Greeting Cards
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 11, 1952 Edition**

Two injured in Smith crash

Two residents of Smith Township were severely injured in a two-vehicle crash Tuesday afternoon on Route 18 in Slovan.

Smith police said Mary Ann Craft, 72, of Langeoth, and Roger Illig, 73, of Atlasburg, were flown by helicopter to separate Pittsburgh hospitals following the 2:30 p.m. crash. The extent of their injuries was not immediately known Tuesday night.

State police were called to investigate the crash in the 1800 block of Route 18, police said.

The results of the investigation were not immediately known, township police said.

Route 18 was closed for about two hours, causing traffic to back up to Washington, police said. Some Burgettstown Area School District bus routes were affected.

A Daring Robbery

Miss Grace Kerr, one of our best-known and most popular young ladies, was the victim of a daring robbery early Monday evening. Miss Kerr, who is a daughter of A. H. Kerr, cashier of the Burgettstown National bank, had been to the city with her Mother. Arriving on the 6:21 train, the mother proceeded to her home while Miss Kerr stopped at one of the stores to do some shopping. It was about seven o'clock, as she was passing up the short street from the residence of George W. Pyle to her home, that a man approached from the opposite direction and without warning grabbed the handbag which hung from her arm and made his escape through a nearby alley. Miss Kerr made outcry, and friends were soon on the scene, but no trace of the thief could be found.

The handbag was a Christmas present, valued very highly, and it contained two or three dollars in money, a pair of gloves and a few other small articles.

The robbery occurred within a block of the Peacock tabernacle, and as people were gathering for the evening prayermeeting. The thief was a young man, short and heavy set, and wore a cap pulled down over his eyes. Miss Kerr said that he had passed her near the residence of R. J. Culley. He had evidently known her route and gone up the street leading from Mrs. Kate Anderson's so as to pass her at this place, so convenient for his purpose.

Grace Kerr

A Daring Robbery

Article from a scrapbook-no date available

BOLD DAYLIGHT THEFT IN OFFICE OF DENTIST

**Office of Dr. R. E. Davidson is
Broken Into and Large Amount
of Valuables Stolen**

Some time during the luncheon period last Wednesday afternoon the dental office of Dr. R. E. Davidson, located in the Haines building, Main street, was entered by unknown parties and a large sum of money, a valuable supply of gold used in dental work, a gold watch and other articles of value were taken, leaving no clew as to the perpetrators of the crime.

Dr. Davidson left his office about 12:30 o'clock and after taking lunch at the Biddle Hotel, drove to his new residence property to inspect work now in progress. He returned to the office about 1:30 o'clock and discovered upon arrival that hinges had been removed from his office door and indications within the office that about everything had been turned over in an obvious search for valuables or narcotics.

A check-up of property revealed that \$150 in cash, belonging to Dr. Davidson's sister, a large quantity of new gold, gold solder and old gold articles, a valuable gold watch and numerous other items of lesser value had been taken. Two drawers of a desk had been broken open and the drawers, with their contents carried away. In these drawers were a number of college certificates, cards and other personal property of great value to the owner. The watch taken had been the property of a brother of the doctor, and was greatly prized. The entire loss amounted to close to \$500, in addition to articles of no particular intrinsic value to anyone except the owner.

From the nature of the robbery, occurring in the middle of the day and at the first landing of a building prominently located, it is assumed more than one person was involved. The police took two suspects in custody, but they had to be discharged for lack of any evidence against them. Two men are reported to have been seen entering the building about the time of the robbery, but they have not been apprehended.

**Bold Daylight Theft in Office of Dr. R. E. Davidson
Burgettstown Enterprise—October 16, 1935 Edition**

MOVE FOR FAST TIME FIZZLES OUT IN DAY

Effort to Make Daylight Savings
Uniform in Community
Meets Failure

In spite of determined effort on the part of many, and the entire willingness of many more to "go along" in the movement, it seems to be a matter of definite impossibility to establish daylight saving time in the local community. A large group of business men adopted the plan on Monday of last week and for one day business was conducted under the rule of advanced time. But by evening a great many had decided against the move, and as the days went by the wavering became a rout, and once again fast time has failed to become recognized.

Two weeks ago the Enterprise supported the idea by operating on fast time for two days. Neither the management nor the employees of the printing plant found any special advantage in the idea and it was given up. The following week the Enterprise signed up with other business interests and gave the scheme another trial, without marked success. At the close of the first day it clearly was seen that fast time in Burgettstown is not as yet a desirable institution.

The whole truth lies in the fact that a uniform closing hour has not been adopted, and apparently such a condition is not easy to bring about. The various business places serve a class of trade that cannot well conform to the advanced time schedule, and it becomes difficult for business places to close at an early hour. Perhaps were the merchants to get together and work out a satisfactory schedule it might be possible to operate on fast time.

This newspaper has never felt fast time to be necessary for the peace and happiness of mankind. It operates well to give an opportunity to attend ball games and other outdoor activities, and in the larger cities undoubtedly is an excellent thing. In the smaller places, however, it is a question as to the value of setting time ahead.

**Move for Fast Time Fizzles out in Day
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 21, 1931 Edition**



DECORATION DAY



Written by A. E. McCABE, of Paris, When Eighteen Years of Age,
and First Published in Presbyterian Banner.

Our heroes are sleeping, their warfare is
ended;
They have laid down their lives for the
cause they defended;—
They have passed like the mist in the
morn's dewy breath
From the camp of the living to the camp
ground of death.

Sleep! never again shall war's dread sum-
mons come:
The roar of the cannon, the roll of the drum
Shall echo in vain o'er our loved ones so
free,
Till the angels above sound the last
reveille.

Sleep, comrades! your banner is waving
above;
'Tis the banner of friendship, the banner
of love;
'Tis enshrined in the hearts of the homes
that are broken,
'Tis bathed by the tears of our anguish
unspoken.

Sleep, soldiers! your comrades will fall
into line:
Soon they must advance with the great
countersign;
With banners ablaze in the columns with
you,
Before the great King they must pass in
review.

Sleep! the smoke of the conflict has rolled
far away;
The angel of peace spreads his pinions
to-day.
This peace shall remain on your shields a
device
When your tents have been pitched on the
plains Paradise.

We come and we gaze on your tents decked
with green;
No sound breaks the stillness, no weapons
are seen;
No foe can disturb your repose so pro-
found;—
You are safely intrenched 'neath the hal-
lowed mound.

We come and we bend o'er the forms that
are sleeping,
With hands filled with flowers and eyes
filled with weeping;
We shall strew the fair flowers, and em-
balm them with tears,
Where the nation's defenders have slum-
bered for years.

We come with our music both lowly and
sweet;
Like drums that are muffled our hearts
seem to beat;
But above the horizon of hope hangs a
star,
On the ramparts of heaven the gates are
ajar.

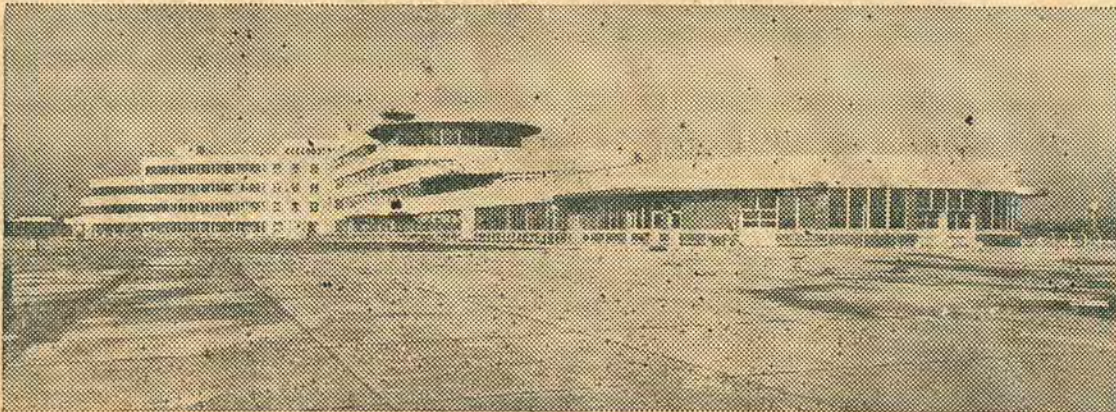
As the tints of the rainbow that melt in
the sun;
As the shadows that flee when the day-
light is done;
As the waves that are lost on the sur-
beaten shore,
Our heroes have sunk 'neath the billows of
war.

Our mission is ended, our tribute is paid,
Yet we linger in love where the brave ones
are laid;
From the soil where affection is ever in
bloom,
We have gathered the garlands and wreath-
ed 'round the tomb.

Alvin E. McCabe

Fort Vance Historical Society Scrapbook-Abt. 1878

DEDICATION OF GREATER PITTSBURGH AIRPORT MAY 31



Highlight of Pittsburgh's 1952 Welcome Week celebration will be dedication of the new Greater Pittsburgh Airport, second largest airport in the world, on Saturday, May 31. The dedication ceremonies will be marked with an aerial jet show, a tour of the beautiful seven-story terminal building, a static exhibit of the latest commercial and military aircraft plus the dedication of the airport itself. Lead-

ing figures in the aeronautical, political and entertainment fields will be on hand to participate in the program. The Greater Pittsburgh Airport, which is larger than LaGuardia Airport in New York and National Airport in Washington combined, is located in Moon and Findlay Townships, approximately 14- $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle and four miles southwest of Coraopolis.

**Dedication of Greater Pittsburgh Airport May 31
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 29, 1952 Edition**



Owen Brown

Ruth Thompson

Jason Brown

Owen Brown was born November 4th, 1824, at Hudson, Ohio. He was never married. Suffered all the privations of the terrible "Kansas Struggle". Owen was close advisor of his father, and was Captain in the attacking party against Harper's Ferry. He, with four others, escaped, but all are now dead excepting Owen, who is therefore, the sole survivor of the Memorable "Harper's Ferry Raid". He now lives with his brother, Jason, in their "Mountain Home," seven miles north of Pasadena, California.

Died- January 8, 1889, Pasadena, California

Ruth Brown was born February 18th, 1829, at Richmond, Pa. Married Henry Thompson, September 25th, 1850. Mrs. Thompson has the most intimate knowledge concerning the domestic life of her father, she having been almost continually with him until her marriage. She now lives in Pasadena, California.

Died- January 4, 1904, Pasadena, California

Jason Brown was born January 19th, 1823, at Hudson, Ohio: Married Ellen Sherbondy, July, 1847. Was with his father during all the "Kansas Struggle." Was arrested in May 1856, and only his boldness prevented his being shot by Martin White, the Pro-Slavery preacher who afterward assassinated Frederick Brown. Jason was his father's body guard during the Osawatomie fight. He and his brother, Owen, now live in the "Mountain Home" near Pasadena, California.

Died- December 24, 1912, Akron, Summit County, Ohio

Owen, Ruth and Jason Brown are the children of John Brown and Dianthe Lusk.

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Descendants of John Brown

Generation No. 1

1. CAPTAIN JOHN² BROWN (*OWEN*¹) was born May 09, 1800 in Terrington, Litchfield County, Connecticut, and died December 02, 1859 in Charles Town, Jefferson County, Virginia. He married (1) DIANTHE LUSK June 21, 1820 in Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, daughter of AMOS LUSK and MARY ADAMS. She died August 08, 1832. He married (2) MARY ANN DAY July 11, 1833 in Meadville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, daughter of CHARLES DAY. She was born April 15, 1816 in Whitehall, Washington County, New York, and died February 29, 1884 in San Francisco, California.

Notes for CAPTAIN JOHN BROWN:

John Brown had 20 children. Seven by his first wife (Dianthe Lusk) and 13 by his second wife (Mary Ann Day).

More About CAPTAIN JOHN BROWN:

Burial: December 1859, the family farm located at North Elba, New York

Cause of Death: Hanging by the state of Virginia.

Notes for DIANTHE LUSK:

Died shortly after giving birth.

More About DIANTHE LUSK:

Cause of Death: Complications during child birth.

More About JOHN BROWN and DIANTHE LUSK:

Marriage: June 21, 1820, Hudson, Summit County, Ohio

Notes for MARY ANN DAY:

Funeral services were held in the Saratoga Congregational Church. Both Northern and Southern sympathizers served as pallbearers at her funeral. Rev. W. H. Cross delivered the eulogy.

More About MARY ANN DAY:

Burial: March 04, 1884, Madronia Cemetery, 14766 Oak Street, Saratoga, Santa Clara County, California 95070-6098

Cause of Death: Cancer

Funeral: March 04, 1884, Congregational Church, Saratoga, California

More About JOHN BROWN and MARY DAY:

Marriage: July 11, 1833, Meadville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania

Children of JOHN BROWN and DIANTHE LUSK are:

2.
 - i. JOHN³ BROWN, JR., b. July 25, 1821, Hudson, Summit County, Ohio.;
d. May 03, 1895, Put-in Bay Island, Ottawa County, Ohio..
3.
 - ii. JASON BROWN, b. January 19, 1823, Hudson Bay, Summit County, Ohio; d. December 24, 1912, Akron, Summit County, Ohio.
 - iii. OWEN BROWN, b. November 04, 1824, Hudson, Summit County, Ohio; d. January 08, 1889, Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California.

Notes for OWEN BROWN:

Arrived in Pasadena, California November 1885.

The story of Owen Brown's Escape from Harpers Ferry was written by Ralph Keeler in the "Atlantic Monthly," Volume XXXIII-No. 197, March 1874. If you would like a copy of the story, contact the Atlantic Monthly at 77 North Washington Street, Boston, MA 02114. The story was written while Owen stayed at his brother John's home on an island in Lake Erie. With a \$25,000.00 bounty on his head, Owen and Jason headed out west to Pasadena, California. Owen Brown never married.

Owen's obituary was printed in the Pasadena Standard on 12 January 1889. His date of death is listed as 8 January 1889. His grave stone shows a date of death of 9 January 1889. The grave stone was bought and paid for by the citizens of Pasadena several years after his death. The Pasadena Library has a number of old newspaper stories about Owen and Jason Brown on file. You can contact the Pasadena Library at (818) 405-4064 or (818) 796-3818. The Pasadena Public Library is located at 284 East Walnut Street in Pasadena, California 91101. Librarian II Carolyn L. Garner is very helpful if you need to do research on Owen. Carolyn's e-mail address is: cgarner@ci.pasadena.ca.us

FUNERAL OF OWEN BROWN THE LAST SURVIVOR OF JOHN BROWN'S HISTORIC RAID ON HARPER'S FERRY, VA., IN 1859

Died, at the residence of his brother-in-law, Henry Thompson, in this city, on January 8, 1889, Owen Brown, aged 64 years, 2 months and 4 days.

Owen Brown was born at Hudson, Ohio, November 4, 1824, and was the third son of John Brown's first family, there being twenty children in all.

Owen was with his father all through the struggle between the free state men and border ruffians in Kansas in 1836 and following years, and took part in the first pitched battle at Black Jack on the Missouri and Kansas border, and also at Osawatimie where his younger brother, an unarmed lad, was deliberately shot down in the street. Jason was also in these battles.

Owen was with his father at Harpers Ferry, a participant in that memorable raid which struck the death knell of slavery, not only in the United States but throughout the civilized world. He was one of seven who escaped from there through mountain fastnesses and swamps and forests and sassafras leaves, and such things as they could possibly devour without making a fire to cook. For they were pursued by soldiers and citizens with dogs and guns, and a price was set on their heads. The Atlantic Monthly some 15 or 20 years ago published a narrative of their escape, which excels in thrilling pathos, and in plain matter-of-fact incidents of hardship, endurance, and apparently supernatural deliverances from discovery and capture, the most vivid conceptions of fiction. Two of them made reckless ventures to get food and were captured and hung. The remaining five escaped, Owen finally reaching his brother John's home on an island in Lake Erie.

About five years ago Jason and Owen Brown took a homestead on a bench of mountain land five or six miles north of Pasadena, at the settlement now called Las Casitas. This they subsequently sold and took land higher up the mountain side, built a cabin, cleared and worked a few acres, and lived there-two feeble old men, alone. (Jason was with his father in the Kansas struggle, but was not at Harpers Ferry.) They were much visited by tourists and citizens, some from mere curiosity and others from a warm sympathy with the historic career of the family. They had made a good wagon trail up to their mountain hermitage, and were continuing it as a donkey path to the top of the mountain known as Brown's Peak, but it is not completed yet. Owen had a desire to be buried on the top of Brown's Peak; and if Jason ever succeeds in finishing the trail he will try to have his brother's grave up there as he desired. But meanwhile he is buried on a lesser peak on their mountain homestead.*

Owen Brown was never married.

Last Days.-December 30th the aged brothers came down to the city to attend Col. Woodford's gospel temperance meeting in the tabernacle. We met them there both Sunday and Monday nights. But Owen was taken sick and had a chill after going to his sister Ruth's home from the meeting, and in a week he died of typhoid pneumonia. He had been failing for some months; this had been noticed by his relatives and friends. Monday he had worked pretty hard, then lay down in the bright sunshine on the banks of the Arroyo and slept. In the evening he went to the great temperance meeting, and being very deeply and ardently interested in the cause, he put his last cent of money into the collection; had nothing to pay street car fare with, and so

walked over two miles to his sister's house, after the meeting. These over-exertions were probably the immediate cause of his last sickness, although he was out some on several days after the first attack, but was not able to attend the meetings any more.

At the women's meeting on Tuesday he and Jason were elected honorary members of the W. C. T. U. He was much pleased with this, and said there was no cause he would more gladly contribute his \$1.00 membership fee to aid. So he was buried with the W. C. T. U. white ribbon on his breast.

The last words he uttered that could be distinguished were: "It is better to be in a place and suffer wrong than to do wrong."

The Funeral.-The last rites were paid to his mortal remains on Thursday, January 10. It was a historic day in Pasadena. The tabernacle was well filled-about 2000 people in attendance. The exercises were conducted by Rev. R. H. Hartley, pastor of the Friends church. The great choir was filled with singers who sang appropriate hymns with fervor and pathos as if the very spirit of the Browns had woven itself into heavenly music.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Bresee, pastor of the M. E. Church, which went to the heart of the historic occasion and was an uplift of soul in all noble aspirations. Remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Hartley; also by Rev. D. D. Hill, pastor of the Congregational church; Rev. E. L. Conger, pastor of the Universalist church; Col. George Woodford, the gospel temperance evangelist; and by H. N. Rust, a life-long friend and neighbor of John Brown and his family.

The city trustees, who are all old-time republicans, attended in a body and took seats on the platform, as a token of respect for the memory of John Brown and his sons.

The students of the Pasadena Academy attended in a body. And members of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans who could leave their business places attended the funeral.

On conclusion of the services the casket was removed to the corridor and the face cover removed. Then the vast audience passed out in columns by each aisle on each side of the bier and thus all had an opportunity to view the face of Owen Brown. It was perfectly natural-a little paler than in life, and looked as though he was only lying asleep.

The bier was covered with floral emblems and tokens of love. A cross, a wreath, and bouquets, composed of calla lillies, roses, violets, marguerites, sweet elyssum, geraniums, smilax, and feather palms.

Relatives Present.--Jason Brown, brother of the deceased.

Ruth Brown Thompson, sister of the deceased, with her husband, Henry Thompson and their youngest daughter, Maimie. Mr. Thompson was one of John Brown's soldiers in Kansas.

Mrs. Grace Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, with her husband and son, who reside in Las Casitas.

Mrs. Towne (another daughter) with her husband and son, who also reside in Las Casitas.

Mrs. Hand, from Wellington, Ohio, a sister of John Brown, aunt to the deceased and now visiting her daughter in Los Angeles, formerly Mrs. Hood of Pasadena.

Mrs. Hopson, cousin of the deceased, from Sacramento.

Mrs. Quinn, a cousin, from Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

The Pall Bearers.--It is quite remarkable that there should have been found in Pasadena so many men who were associated with John Brown in his mighty work, which up-heaved the nation and made the entering wedge for the overthrow of slavery thirty years ago. In charge of the pall bearers was H. N. Rust, president of the Pasadena Library Association, who was an old-time friend and neighbor of the John Brown family in East Hampton, Massachusetts, and also for many years in this city.

James Townsend, of Spring Dale, Cedar County, Iowa, who was John Brown's intimate and confidential friend; and at his house Brown took his last meal before starting from West Liberty, Iowa, to Chicago with

his men and twelve escaped slaves. This was a marvelous event in which John Brown, with \$2,000.00 reward offered for him, dead or alive, took a lot of slaves in a car on the C.R.I. & P. Railroad to the cities of Davenport, La Salle, Joliet, Chicago and on to freedom on the soil of Canada. And from thence moved on to his final operations at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. In Dr. H. A. Reid's "History of Johnson County, Iowa," a volume of 966 pages, on page 466 mention is made of James Townsend's Travelers Rest," the tavern at West Branch (near Spring Dale, Iowa), where John Brown and his mule, captured from the Border Ruffians at the battle of Black Jack on the Kansas and Missouri line, were always on the "free list." On page 467 of the same work may be read: "Brown himself had his quarters at the home of Mr. John H. Painter."

John H. Painter, who was the Justice of the Peace at Spring Dale, and Brown's intimate and confidential friend. He boxed up the guns, sabers, pikes, etc., that Brown had gathered for his anticipated army of liberation and shipped them to him at Harper's Ferry, labeled "carpenter's tools." For this he was unchurched by the Friends' Yearly Meeting, to which he belonged; but he believed he was doing God's service for the rights of man, and history since has vindicated the act. He is father to our prominent citizens M. D. Painter, A. J. Painter, Mrs. L. H. Michener, and Mrs. Dr. J. C. Michener.

William H. Coffin, was associated with John Brown and his sons in the Kansas Struggle for a free state against the slave-hunting Border Ruffians, in 1856-7-8-9.

Benjamin A. Rice, who was taken prisoner by the Border Ruffians in Kansas, and was released by John Brown after hair's-breath escapes from the murderous vengeance of the Ruffians. Mr. Rice served through the war of the rebellion, is an old citizen of Pasadena, and is now chaplain of the G.A.R. Post here.

Wilson T. Kirk, a nephew of James Townsend above mentioned, resided at Spring Dale, Iowa, and was intimate with John Brown and his men in the days when it was perilous to be know as their friend.

W. B. VanKirk is commander of the G.A.R. post in this city, and took part as the special representative of that patriotic order of men who marched to the music of "John Brown's Soul is Marching On."

These are the historic men who bore Owen Brown to his grave.** The hearse was followed by a long procession of vehicles, and four photographic instruments were trained upon the scene to take views of different incidents in the course of the day.

* Jason was never able to do anything more with the mountain trail. He finally lost this home place by debt, and Owen Brown's grave remains at Las Casitas, as one of Pasadena's notable historic points. Their first place was not a "homestead," but land bought from Painter & Ball, where the Las Casitas Sanitarium now stands.

** It was Dr. H. A. Reid's plan, and by his special effort, that these particular men were gotten together for this duty, and their historic relations to the deceased or his father made known to the public.

More About OWEN BROWN:

Burial: January 10, 1889, Brown Mountain just North of Las Casitas, Los Angeles County, California at an elevation of 1,934 feet.

Cause of Death: Typhoid Pneumonia.

- iv. FREDERICK BROWN I, b. January 09, 1827, Richmond, Pennsylvania; d. March 31, 1831, Crawford County, Pennsylvania.
4. v. RUTH BROWN, b. February 18, 1829, Richmond, Pennsylvania.; d. January 14, 1904, Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California..
- vi. FREDERICK BROWN II, b. December 31, 1830, Richmond, Pennsylvania; d. August 30, 1856, Osawatomie, Miami County, Kansas.

Notes for FREDERICK BROWN II:

A large pro-slavery force of Missourians came to Osawatomie to drive out 40 free-state defenders led by John Brown, Sr. (aka: Osawatomie Brown). Unarmed, Frederick went out to greet a rider on a horse only to be shot through the heart by Reverend Martin White, a pro-slaver and the rider of the horse.

More About FREDERICK BROWN II:

Burial: 1856, Kansas.

Cause of Death: Gun Shot

- vii. INFANT BROWN, b. August 05, 1832, Richmond, Pennsylvania; d. August 08, 1832, Richmond, Pennsylvania.
Notes for INFANT BROWN:
Died shortly after birth.

[More About INFANT BROWN:](#)

Burial: August 1832, Richmond, Pennsylvania.

Children of JOHN BROWN and MARY DAY are:

- viii. SARAH³ BROWN I, b. May 11, 1834, Richmond, Pennsylvania; d. September 23, 1843, Richfield, Summit County, Ohio.
[More About SARAH BROWN I:](#)
Burial: 1843
Cause of Death: Dysentery.
5. ix. WATSON BROWN, b. October 07, 1835, Franklin, Ohio; d. October 19, 1859, Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County, Virginia.
6. x. SALMON BROWN, b. October 02, 1836, Hudson, Summit County, Ohio.; d. May 10, 1919, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon..
- xi. CHARLES BROWN, b. November 03, 1837, Hudson, Summit County, Ohio; d. September 11, 1843, Hudson, Summit County, Ohio.
[More About CHARLES BROWN:](#)
Cause of Death: Dysentery.
7. xii. OLIVER BROWN, b. March 09, 1839, Hudson, Summit County, Ohio.; d. October 17, 1859, Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County, Virginia..
- xiii. PETER BROWN, b. December 07, 1840, Hudson, Summit County, Ohio; d. September 22, 1843, Richfield, Summit County, Ohio.
[More About PETER BROWN:](#)
Cause of Death: Dysentery.
- xiv. AUSTIN BROWN, b. September 14, 1842, Richfield, Summit County, Ohio; d. September 27, 1843, Richfield, Summit County, Ohio.
[More About AUSTIN BROWN:](#)
Cause of Death: Dysentery.
8. xv. ANNIE BROWN, b. April 23, 1844, Richfield, Summit County, Ohio.; d. October 05, 1926, Shively, Humboldt County, California..
- xvi. AMELIA BROWN, b. June 22, 1845, Akron, Summit County, Ohio; d. October 30, 1846, Akron, Summit County, Ohio.
[More About AMELIA BROWN:](#)
Cause of Death: Accidental Scalding.
- xvii. SARAH BROWN II, b. September 11, 1846, Akron, Summit County, Ohio.; d. June 30, 1916, Campbell, Santa Clara County, California..
Notes for SARAH BROWN II:
Art teacher and fruit grower.
Buried in Madronia Cemetery, Saratoga, Santa Clara County, California.
[More About SARAH BROWN II:](#)
Burial: 1916, Madronia Cemetery 14766 Oak Street, Saratoga, Santa Clara County, California 95070-6098
Cause of Death: Carcinoma of breast.
Fact 2: Grave marker shows the year of death as 1917.
- xviii. ELLEN BROWN I, b. April 26, 1848, Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts; d. April 30, 1849, Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts.
[More About ELLEN BROWN I:](#)

Cause of Death: Consumption

- xix. INFANT BROWN, b. April 26, 1852, Akron, Summit County, Ohio; d. May 17, 1852, Akron, Summit County, Ohio.
9. xx. ELLEN BROWN II, b. September 25, 1854, Akron, Summit County, Ohio.; d. July 25, 1916, 475 North 14 San Jose, Santa Clara County, California..
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Dickers In Dirt

November 10, 1944 — Alfred Blanchard et ux., Midway, to John L. Testa et ux., Midway, a lot, 30 by 110 feet, Wheeler Plan Midway; \$1.

October 30, 1944—Mutuality Franco-Italian Mutual Society, Raccoon, to Elsie Mae Argenta Danek, et al., Raccoon, two lots in the John Berlin Plan, Smith Township \$1.

October 30, 1944—Elsie Mae Argenta Danek et con, et al., Raccoon, to Guiseppe Corso et al., Raccoon, Smith Township, two lots in the John Berlin Plan, Smith Township; \$1.

October 30, 1944—Luiga Argenta et al., Washington County, to Louis J. Niceletto, Raccoon, 1.151 acres in Smith Township; \$1

October 30, 1944—Guiseppe Corso et al., to Luiga Argenta et ol., all of Washington County, two lots in Smith Township; \$1.

October 5, 1944—Pine Creek Presbyterian Church, Indiana Township, Allegheny County, to Stanley Rostocki, Joffre, Smith Township, five lots in the J. V. Stevenson Plan, Smith Township; \$250.

November 17, 1944—Concetto Di Giovanni et ux., Hollidays Cove, W. Va., to Maiuel Fraga et ux., Hanlin Station, 1.126 acres in Hanover Township; \$1. Also to Henry C. Gess et ux., Hanlin Station, one acre in Hanover Township; \$1. Also to John Calvin Fletcher et ux., 0.94 of an acre in Hanover Township; \$1.

DICKERS IN DIRT

September 17, 1941. John M. Todd administrator of D. S. Taylor et al., late of Smith Township, to Kenneth B. Colteryahn, Burgettstown, 258 acres and 75 perches in Smith Township; \$1.

October 27, 1941. J. V. Stevenson, Smith Township, to James S. Kerr, Oakdale, 230 acres in Smith Township \$1,250.

October 18, 1941. Joseph H. Quinnet et ux., Harmony, to Edwin Wagner et ux., Burgettstown, a lot fronting 47 feet on Church avenue, Burgettstown; also a lot fronting 67.5 feet on Church avenue, Burgettstown; \$1.

October 28, 1941. Ford Ralston et ux., et al., Hanover Township, to Edward Simon et ux., et al., Pittsburgh, 207.5 acres Hanover Township \$1.

November 13, 1941. Pittsburgh Coal Co., Pittsburgh, to Charles H. Muse et al., Ben Avon, 59.648 acres in Smith Township; \$32,000.

October 20, 1941. T. Wray Greeg, Carnegie, to Frank D. Lieske et al., Langeloth, a tract of the Pittsburgh Coal in Smith Township; \$1.

August 6, 1941. Carnegie Coal Corporation, Pittsburgh, to Raleigh F. Allison et ux., Verner, Smith Township, 1.322 acres in Smith Township; \$1.

May 15, 1941. William Ulrich et ux., Washington, to James O. Butler et ux., Burgettstown, a lot, 60 by 100 feet, South Florence road, Burgettstown; \$1.

November 27, 1941. T. Wray Greer Carnegie, to Michael Duran et ux., Smith Township, 81.221 acres in Smith Township; \$1.

Dickers In Dirt

March 27, 1945—Polish National Catholic church of Slovan to trustees for Polish National Alliance, Thaddeus Kosciuszki Branch No. 1870, of Slovan, Lots Nos. 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48 in the Hudson Plan, Eastonville, Smith Township; \$1.

June 8, 1945—Isa Boles et al., executrices of McClelland T. Boles, deceased, Washington, to Clyde E. Fox et al., Weirton, W. Va., 170 acres and 63 perches in Jefferson Township; \$1.

June 1, 1945—Emma Carroll et son., to John H. Carroll et ux., all of Robinson Township, a lot 50 by 140 feet, Barr street, Sauters Plan, Robinson Township; \$1.

June 5, 1945—Jessie West et ux., Burgettstown, to Frank Michael Chastulik et ux., Burgettstown, a lot fronting 40 feet on Florence avenue, Grand View Plan, Smith Township; \$2,000.

May 31, 1945—A. O. Hindman et ux., Burgettstown, to Wayne M. Culley et ux. trustee for Burgettstown Post No. 698, American Legion Home Association, a lot fronting 123.7 feet on Washington street, Burgettstown; \$1.

May 23, 1945—Joseph Lauff et ux., Midway, to D. Richard Donaldson et ux., Midway, a lot, 90 by 100 feet, Main street, Midway; \$1

May 14, 1945. Manor Real Estate and Trust Co., to Pittsburgh Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad Co., 13,879 acres in Smith Township; \$1.

Ditching Machine Makes Deep Cut



M. R. Douthitt, of Lubbock, Texas, operator of the huge ditching machine in the background, takes a breather while his oiler, Ray Gabbard, of Stanton, Texas, checks the depth of the cut. Ray Boyer, of Clinton, Pa., is shown at the right. This ditching machine is capable of digging 5,000 feet of ditch 38 inches wide and 55 inches deep per day.

Ditching Machine Makes Deep Cut
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 12, 1953 Edition



**FOUNDER OF PETRUCCI'S
ONCE SERVED PRESIDENTS**

Before the late Domenic Petrucci, founder of Petrucci's Market, came to Burgettstown, he was a chef at the Seventh Avenue Hotel and the University Club in Pittsburgh. He cooked for three different presidents: Taft, "Teddy" Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson.

In Pittsburgh, Mr. Petrucci met his wife, the former Mary Ciabattari, who like himself, had come from near Florence, Italy. They were married November 7, 1907.

Coming to Burgettstown, Mr. Petrucci first assisted John Panconi in his store on the site of the present G. C. Murphy Co.

In 1927, Mr. Petrucci opened a grocery of his own near the Clark Hotel. He later moved to a location near Kitty's Appliances and then to the building across the street from the Enterprise. In 1950, Mr. Petrucci built a new supermarket at the present site with his sons, Eugene and Lido, as managers. His third son, Earl, was proprietor of a news store.

In 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Petrucci celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Less than a year later, Mr. Petrucci passed away on October 22, 1958.

**Founder of Petrucci's Once Served Presidents
Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981**

**DUNCAN AVENUE
NAMED FOR
JOHN S. DUNCAN**

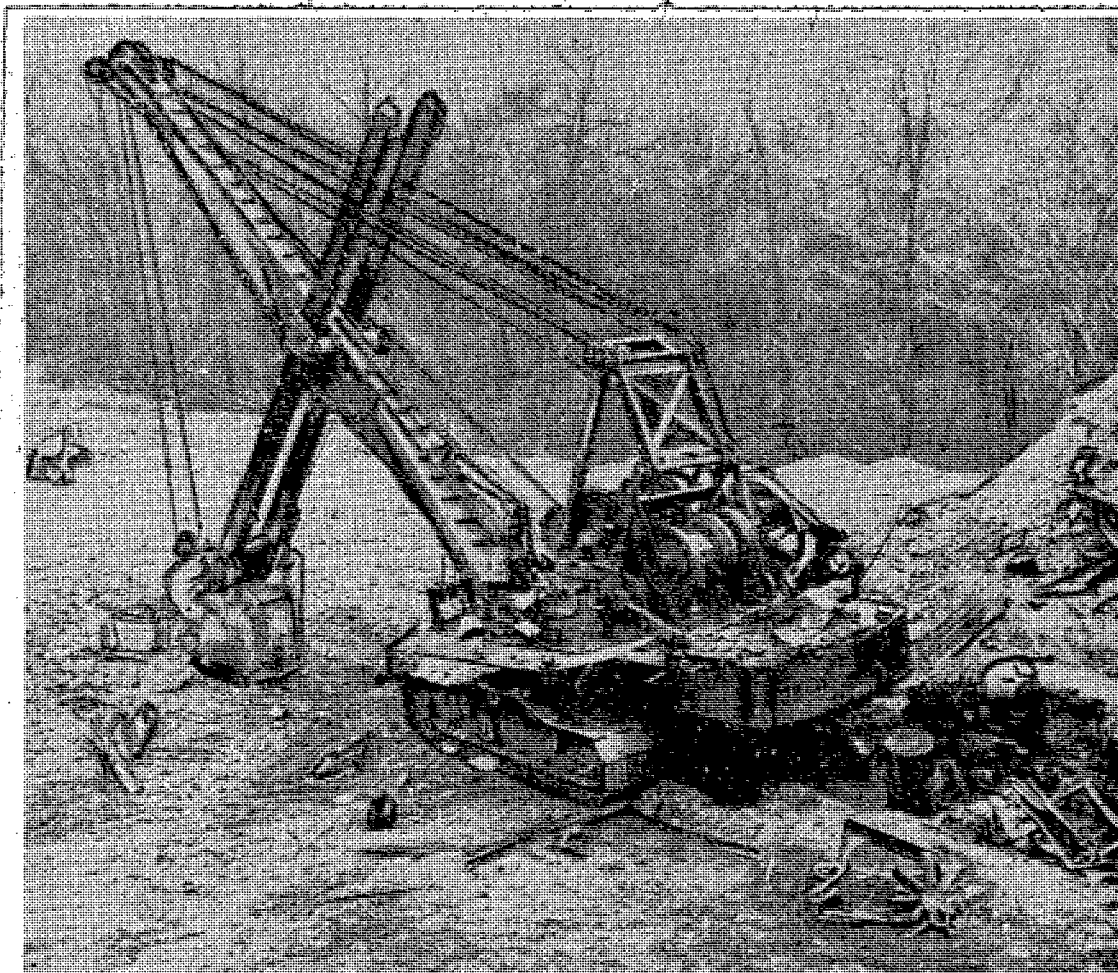
John S. Duncan, born October 16, 1869, near Florence, came to Burgettstown in 1910 and was engaged in the gas and oil business. He was married to Miss Linnie Owings of Near Florence and to this couple were born three daughters: Mrs. Mae Stottlemeyer Johnson and Mrs. Nelle Blaine Barrett, both of whom live in the West, and Evelyn (deceased). The Duncans resided on Florence Avenue. Mr. Duncan's grandson, John Blaine, lives on Duncan Avenue, a street in Burgettstown named for his grandfather. J. S. Duncan died about 1953.

WINNERS OF BICYCLE RACE

The Du-Ryde Bicycle Academy held a bicycle race Sunday, July 9 at the B. I. C. Picnic grounds. The winners were: Joe Goldbach, Jr. 1st prize; Louis Darras, 2nd prize, and Sam DeLuca, 3rd prize. The stunt or Acrobatic race was won by Joe Goldbach, Jr.

The chairman presented the cups to the winners. The judges were: Eddie Fullum, Jr., Jim McWhorter, Delmire Whalen, George McWhorter, Ed Taylor, Donald Bable and Franz Henry, chairman.

**The Du-Ryde Bicycle Academy-Winners of Bicycle Race
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 13, 1939 Edition**



State Police this week are endeavoring to discover clues which will help to apprehend the persons who touched off a dynamite blast that destroyed the strip mine shovel (shown above) near Eldersville early last Saturday morning. The Humberta Company, a Steubenville firm, had moved the shovel to the new operation about two weeks ago. No coal had been mined or shipped officials said. The shovel, a heavy Marion type, was less than a year old and cost \$67,000.00. Damage is estimated at more than \$50,000 and there was no insurance.

**Eldersville-Dynamite Blast Destroys Strip Mine Shovel
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 26, 1950 Edition**

EASTER BUNNY PARADES BEFORE 1,200 IN BURGETTSTOWN



**Easter Bunny Parade before 1,200 in Burgettstown (pg. 1)
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 7, 1955 Edition**

Over 1,200 people took advantage of the beautiful spring day last Saturday afternoon and met Mr. E. Bunny when he came to Burgettstown. Leading the Easter parade were floats by Nap Motor Sales and Burgettstown Farm Supply. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Union High School band.

In the picture below, Linda, Barbara and June Boyer, of Florence, step up and meet Mr. Easter Bunny. The committee for the parade, made up of Burgettstown businessmen, reports that over 900 children visited with the Easter Bunny.



**Easter Bunny Parade before 1,200 in Burgettstown (pg. 2)
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 7, 1955 Edition**

Eight Years Ago This Week

1938

HEADLINES

Ninety-one men Work on Sewer Job in Erie Street Area. 830 Foot of Pipe Is Laid

Local Contractors and Carpenters Are Busy Remodeling and Building Homes In and About Burgettstown

J. H. McIntyre Elected President of Lion's Club

Junior Women Plan Dance for June 22

Father and Son Banquet at First Presbyterian Church

MARRIAGES

June 12 Florence Horovitz and Nathan Katzman

The Election.

As we go to press the election of President is in doubt, and will depend on which Cleveland or Blaine receive the vote of New York, which is now claimed by both parties.

In this county the entire Republican ticket is elected by a majority of from 400 to 1,000.

This state gives Blaine, 73,000.

Cleveland has Connecticut, New Jersey and perhaps Indiana, with all the Southern States.

Blaine has carried all the other states except New York, which each party claims by about 1,000 plurality, and we presume it will take the official count to decide.

The Clergy, Medical Faculty and People all endorse Burdick Blood Bitters as the best system renovating, blood purifying tonic in the world. Send for testimonials.

THE ELECTION.—Smith township, 1st precinct: Cleveland, 125; Blaine, 81; St. John, 1, while the local candidates lead their parties a few votes. 2nd precinct, Blaine electors ahead 43 votes.

Prof. W. T. Hoffman, of McDonald, will conduct a Church Choral Union in Town Hall, giving 15 lessons, meeting every Friday night. The following officers have been chosen: President, W. T. Reed; Vice Presidents, D. H. Smith and W. B. Cain; Secretary, Miss Anna Rankin; Treasurer, James Linn.

As we go to press (Thursday noon) the gas well at the iron mill, Canonsburg, is down 1,775 feet, and the drill is pounding away in a very hard rock. The drillers are working very carefully and no work is done at night as it is not considered safe. A big flow of gas or oil is looked for at any moment. *Herald.*

Report of Farrar's School, No. 7, Smith township.—Number enrolled, 39; average, 34. Number not absent during month, 17;—John Phillis, Scott Ackleson, Annie Rabb, Maggie Rabb, Irving Scott, Henry Stroble, Carrie Bowser, Blanch Bowser, Harrison, McFarland, Ella Phillis, Brownlee Galbraith, Maud Scott, Ida Ackleson, Annie Phil-

lis, Chessie Ackleson, Mary Galbraith, Susie Scott: Month ending Oct. 30th. L. E. Boyce, teacher.

Borough Vote.

FOR PRESIDENT,

Blaine	108
Cleveland	110
St. John	1

CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE.

Edwin S. Osborne	108
Wm. W. H. Davis	110

CONGRESS.

Oscar L. Jackson	108
John M. Stockdale	110

ASSEMBLY.

R. V. Johnson	107
Brit Hart	108
Geo. S. Graham	110
Geo. C. Maxwell	108
Daniel Gayman	110
Jno. M. Grable	112

PROTHONOTARY.

John W. Seaman, Jr.	108
Joseph M. Dickson	110

REGISTER.

John F. Cooper	108
Wm. H. Braden	110

RECORDER.

D. M. Pry	116
Enoch B. Young	100

CLERK OF COURTS.

Clark Riggie	108
Hugh A. Day	110

TREASURER.

Samuel Fergus	104
Joseph Robinson	114

COMMISSIONER.

David Bradford	110
Jos. L. Ross	108
Abram T. Holder	108
Clark M. Underwood	110

AUDITOR.

Henry T. Bailey	105
Wm. Melvin	116
John S. Porter	114
Osman McCarty	103

DIRECTOR OF THE POOR.

Ralph Vankirk	108
Alf. M. Boreland	112

The Election

**EMIL STANISH HAS ²⁻²⁷⁻₄₇
LEFT ARM AMPUTATED**

Emil Stanish recent bridegroom of Joffree is in critical condition in the Rochester Hospital because of an injury received while at work for the Crucible Steel Co. at Midlandon Friday afternoon. His left arm had to be amputated Tuesday morning. He is a son of Mrs. Louise Stanish of Cherry Valley and husband of Margaret Velegdan Stanish of Jeffre. They were married on February 15.

**Emil Stanish has Left Arm Amputated
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 27, 1947 Edition**

ENROLL IN CCC

James G. Gegoma of Burgettstown, R. D. 3, Andrew Koval, Steve Mudre, Stanley Rozmus, Mike Sabatasse and Milan M. Tomich of Slovan, and James M. Doyle of Burgettstown, and William W. Davis of Atlasburg enrolled in the CCC last week according to Mrs. Irene Walker, supervisor of CCC selection in this county.

Enroll in CCC
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 14, 1941 Edition

EARLY WEDDINGS WILL PREVENT EXAMINATIONS

There won't be so many June brides this year. Most of the prospective brides will be married before May 17, when the new examination law goes into effect. This is predicted by a bulletin of the state of Pennsylvania.

"Will engaged persons in this state plan to escape the pre-martial examination law which becomes effective May 17 queries the bulletin, "by being married before the law becomes effective?"

Pointing out that a complete physical examination and a clean bill of health is a desirable thing, neither to be feared nor resisted, the bulletin of the medical society urges young persons to look on the new law in a spirit of health consciousness and to seek examination in addition to the "blood test."

"Young couples about to be married have a far better chance for happiness if each knows the other is in good physical condition," adds the bulletin, "and their offspring may enter life with as good a physical chance as it is possible to have."

"Psychologically, a healthy couple is much happier," concludes the bulletin, "for a healthy wife is not a nagger or a healthy husband a complainer. Popular approval of the new law should minimize syphilis in Pennsylvania but should also lower the number of divorce cases as well."

The new law requires each applicant for a license to wed to produce the signed statement of a Pennsylvania licensed physician to the ef-

fect that the applicant was examined within 30 days and found either free of syphilis or non-infectious if he or she has the disease.

For the reason that the Pennsylvania law requires applicants to wait three days for their license the actual deadline under the existing law is May 11. A couple applying Saturday, May 11, can return Wednesday, May 15, and obtain the license without producing evidence of a blood test.

A marriage license may be used any time within 60 days of issuance, thus making it possible for a couple to obtain the license and be married as late as July 15th, without undergoing the syphilis test.

The physician's certificate must be accompanied by a certificate from the laboratory performing the required "standard serological test or tests." These certificates will be filed separately from the license files and will not be open to the public scrutiny at the county seats.

Conviction penalties for violating the secrecy of the certificates for misrepresentation of any of the facts required or failure on the part of a licensing officer to enforce the new regulation are a fine of \$20 to \$100 or imprisonment of 10 to 30 days.

An applicant who has been denied a physician's certificate may appeal to the state department of health for a review and the department, after investigation, may uphold, or overrule the doctor.

Fair Board Is To Meet Friday

Members of the Board of Directors of the Washington County Agricultural Fair Association will meet Friday evening of this week at the Children's Home to further plans for holding of the annual exhibition at Arden Downs during the week of August 22.

President Jonathan M. Russell announces the appointment of several committees as follows:

Horse Racing-Hugh McLaughlin, Claysville, Vance Walker, Cross Creek.

Entertainment-Charles R. Morrison, Claysville; Harold Hutchinson, West Alexander; Charles McClelland, Washington.

Publicity - Blaine Beeghley, Washington; R. C. Prevost, Washington; John Rush, Claysville.

Premium-James A. Scott, Burgettstown; George G. Paxton Washington, R. D. 1; T. Scott Pease, Washington, R. D. 2.

Washington County Fair Board is to Meet Friday
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 17, 1949 Edition

Fine Wheat Yield.

W. B. Gist, of near Independence, who has already threshed his wheat, had a crop of 216 bushels from a field of seven and one-half acres. The variety is Pennsylvania 44, and the yield is considered exceptional for this year. The wheat was threshed by the veteran Elisha Craft, who is in his 49th year of threshing.

Fine Wheat Yield

Burgettstown Enterprise-July 23, 1936 Edition

FIRST FAMILIES

OF THE CROSS CREEK COUNTRY

by A.D. White

Major William Vance, born in Scotland in 1718 and an immigrant to Virginia, was the oldest of this family to come into the Cross Creek Country. He was preceded here by his famous and well-known son, Col. Joseph Vance, who came here from Winchester, West Virginia, in 1774. He began to improve some land, later to be known as the Leech Farm lying on the eastern side of Smith Township and near the Mt. Pleasant Township line. But finding that William Crawford and Henry Houghland had a prior claim there, Col. Vance moved farther west and took up the land about two miles north of present Cross Creek Village, which embraced the farms which bore the Vance name for so many years and which are still referred to as the "Vance Farms."

Col. Vance took out a patent for a large tract which was called "Rich Flats," erecting on this tract a substantial log house and also his famous Vance's Fort, spoken of in an earlier article. This was Col. Vance's home until near the close of his life, when, in 1830, he built a brick house in Cross Creek Village adjoining the property of the Cross Creek Church. The older man, Major Vance, also patented a tract of land adjoining his son's land. This tract, known as the "Oat Field," included the farm at the southern end of the village of Slovan that was known some years ago as the Easton Farm. Finally David Vance, a second son of Major Vance, located on and patented a tract of 392 acres about three miles east of Cross Creek Village. This tract was known as the "Corn Field."

The title of "Major," which William Vance bore when he came into the Cross Creek Country, indicates that he had experienced military service before coming into this area. He is credited by some as having had service in the Revolutionary War, but since he was living in this area during the whole period of that struggle, any fighting which he did was probably against the Indians. Major Vance was about 56 years of age when he came into this area, so his activities here were probably more as a man of peace than of war. As early religious meetings were held prior to the organization of the Cross Creek Church, one of the societies which sponsored and conducted these meetings, met at the home of Major Vance. When Cross Creek Church was finally organized in 1779, Major Vance was one of the prime movers in the organization.

Since he appears to have maintained a home, one wonders about his wife. Major Vance died on April 18, 1788, in the 70th year of his age, and he is buried in the old Cross Creek Graveyard, where a very legible stone marks his grave. But there is no record there of the burial of his wife, which may mean that she died before Mr. Vance came into this part of the country. It is the belief of some that Major Vance in his later years lived in the home of his son, Joseph, and this is, in all probability, correct.

David Vance did not remain long in the Cross Creek Country. In 1788, the year of his father's death, he sold 116 acres of his tract to Aaron Lyle, who moved to this land and occupied it until his death in 1825. This land was the Gault Farm, now owned by the Stritzinger family. About the same time, David Vance sold 101 acres to William Marshall, and this was the William Perry farm now owned by Mike Buchko. In 1779, a small child of David and Sarah Vance fell into an open fire and was so badly burned that it died as a result. The body of this child was taken to Cross Creek Village and buried near the proposed site of the Church, so this was the first burial in the old Cross Creek Graveyard. After disposing of his land here, David Vance moved away, probably migrating to the State of Kentucky.

So, after the death of his father and the removal of his brother, Col. Joseph Vance remained the most important member of the family in the Cross Creek Country. As the builder and proprietor of Vance's Fort, he was known far and wide as a man of altruistic sentiments in thus providing for the safety and protection of his fellow pioneers in this wild country. He was no less renowned as a man of war, for he is credited with having been an aggressive fighter against the red men, both in protecting his family and neighbors against the incursions of the Indians, but also in actively conducting expeditions against them into the Ohio country. As mentioned in an earlier article, the famed Williamson expedition against the Moravian Indians in 1782 was planned at Vance's Fort, and Col. Vance was an officer in that campaign.

But after the Indians were subdued and the dangers of pioneer life were overcome, Joseph Vance took a prominent part in civic and religious affairs of the Cross Creek Country. He served in both houses of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. In 1782 he was appointed an elder in Cross Creek Church, and he served faithfully in that office for a full fifty years, until his death on May 6, 1832.

When Col. Vance retired from active work on his farm and moved into Cross Creek Village just two years before his death, he left his farm in charge of his son, William Vance, who about 1840 built the fine brick house still standing on this farm and which is the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rommes. This William Vance was married twice, and since his wives were sisters, there was quite a controversy in the courts of the Presbyterian Church of that day, since the marriage of a man to a deceased wife's sister was considered incestuous by the Church and hence was legislated against by that ecclesiastical body.

The story is about like this:
On December 24, 1799, William Vance was married to Rachel Patterson, daughter of William Patterson, in the old Patterson Stone House in Cross Creek Township. Before her death on January 9, 1817, Rachel Patterson Vance had borne her husband nine children, eight of whom were still living at the time of their mother's death. To help William Vance care for these motherless children, Rachel Patterson's sister, Hannah Patterson, came to the Vance home. As might have been expected, William Vance fell in love with Hannah, and on June 12, 1818, they were married. But evidently knowing the attitude of the Church toward such a marriage, William Vance did not ask his pastor, the Rev. Thomas Marquis, to officiate at the ceremony. Instead he took his intended bride to the County Seat, where they were married by Squire John Wilson, Burgess of the town



This picture of the Cross Creek Church shows the brick house to the left built by Joseph Vance in 1830, two years before his death.

of Washington.

But while Mr. Vance did not bother the Church to perform this marriage, Cross Creek Church did not ignore the matter, although no action was taken by the session of that Church for about a year and a half after the marriage. Whether the marriage had been kept a secret during that time is not now known. On December 27, 1819, William Vance was called to appear before session, and on being questioned, he acknowledged that he had been married to his former wife's sister and that they were living together as man and wife. On March 20, 1820, Mr. Vance was again called before session and again being challenged on the matter of this marriage, he declared that he considered himself as justified in this situation. The session then "did judge that William Vance and his wife cannot, with propriety, be admitted to the sealing ordinances of the Church until they manifest their repentance and that they now stand suspended."

Ever believing themselves to be right in this relationship, they never expressed any remorse or repentance, and so they were never again permitted to take communion in the Church. But they were faithful in attendance at public worship and continued so all the rest of their lives, but when communion time came, they had to "sit apart" from the communing congregation. Mr. Vance carried his case in this matter to all the higher courts of the Presbyterian Church, but the judgment of the session of Cross Creek Church was never reversed. But while that was the official attitude of the Presbyterian Church in 1820, this writer does not consider it a sacrilege to state that the Lord of all life seemed to bless the marriage of William and Hannah Vance, since they were permitted to live together for almost 38 years until Mr. Vance's death on April 18, 1856, at the age of 81 years, Hannah Patterson Vance lived 23 years after the death of her husband until May 12, 1879, when she died at the age of 92 years. And on the day of her funeral, which it was said was the largest in Cross Creek within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, the funeral procession stretched from the Vance Farm to Cross Creek graveyard a distance of nearly two miles.

Col. Joseph Vance, father of William Vance, was a member of the session of Cross Creek Church when his son was suspended from membership, but he was not present at the meeting when this judgment was passed, nor is it recorded that he attended another meeting of session until after the end of the pastorate of the Rev. Thomas Marquis, when he resumed his place on the session. It is evident from this that he was in sympathy with his son's marriage. However, Hannah Patterson Vance was not so happy in her family over this affair. Following her marriage to Mr. Vance, her father, William Patterson, added a codicil to his will greatly reducing the legacy which he had previously designated for her. And Hannah was never permitted to return to her old home to claim the side-saddle which was, in those days, part of the marriage portion of each girl. When Miss Mary Patterson sold the old Stone House in 1955, that old saddle was still hanging in the attic of the old homestead.

While William Vance and his wife were denied the privileges of communion in the Church, yet he was active in the business affairs of the congregation, and he served as a trustee for a number of years during the pastorate of the Rev. John Stockton. In 1816 William Vance was elected a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and after discharging that duty with signal success, he returned to his farm and family. Among his sons were Thomas P. Vance, John Stockton Vance (named for the pastor of Cross Creek Church) and Allison Vance. To each of these sons he gave a portion of his farm for homesteads, and here these sons spent their lives in agricultural pursuits. Of his seven daughters, the one perhaps best known was Miss Mary Vance, who distinguished herself, first by serving as a missionary under the Presbyterian Church in Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, and second as a nurse to the Federal Army with the U.S. Sanitary Commission throughout the years of the Civil War.

The Vance name, once so prominent in the Cross Creek Country, has almost disappeared from that area. The last of the name to occupy one of the Vance farms there was Robert M. Vance, a great-great-grandson of William and Rachel Patterson Vance and a member of the seventh generation of the Vance family here, who, with his family and sister, Miss Hazel Vance, moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, several years ago. However, many descendants of the Vances, some of whom go by other family names still live in Cross Creek Township and other nearby areas. Among these are Bert Vance, of Burgettstown; Mrs. Nellie V. Kharas, of Cross Creek; and J. Lee Foster, of Hickory, all descendants of John Stockton Vance. Also, in Burgettstown, J. Ralph Lee and his sister, Mrs. Anna Puckett, and his son, Thomas V. Lee, are descendants of Thomas S. Vance, while Mrs. Edna Luttrell and Thomas B. Stevenson, Jr., are descendants of Col. Joseph Vance's daughter, Janet Vance, who married John Stevenson. There are no doubt many other lineal descendants of the Vance family in Burgettstown and Neighboring Towns, and it is the belief of this writer that all who are of this blood have much of which to be proud, as they reflect upon the lives and deeds of those who have made the name Vance an honored one over the years since Major William and Colonel Joseph Vance settled here nearly two hundred years ago.

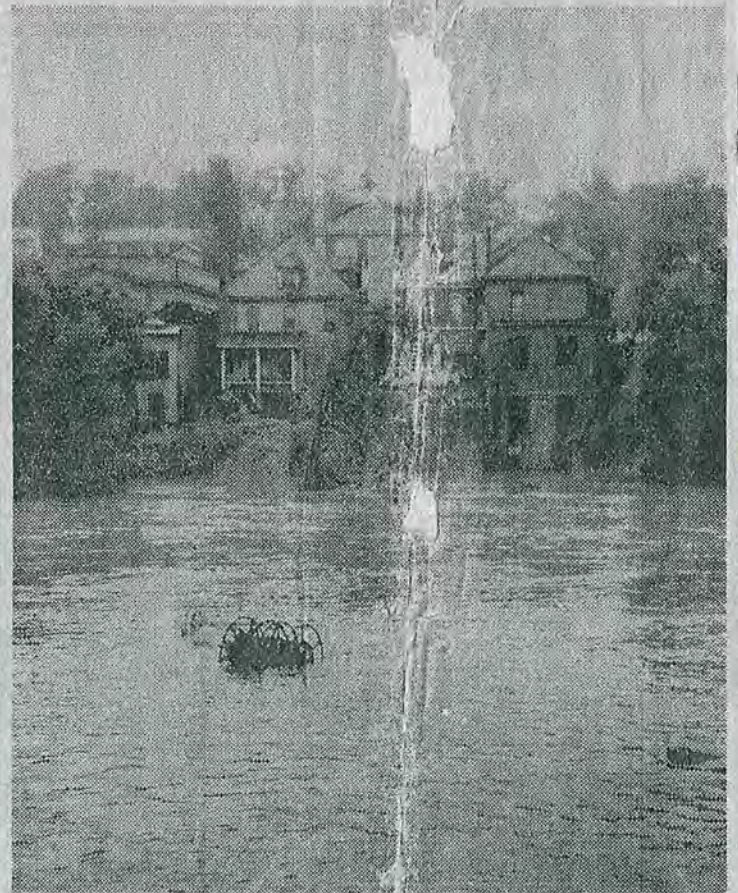
Next - Part III - The Marquis Family.

Pictures Of Surging Flood In Burgettstown—Slovan Area



Burgettstown Enterprise Photo

Petrucci's Foodland, Main street, Burgettstown, shown above, was converted into floodland for several hours as flooding Burgett's Branch of Raccoon Creek reached river proportions. Water attained a height of three feet in the modern food store and contents of the store as well as the storage basement were destroyed or hopelessly damaged. During the high water of several days ago Burgett's Branch overflowed and inched up toward the Petrucci store but did not enter the establishment. Damage to contents and about the building will mount into thousands of dollars, it was estimated.



Burgettstown Enterprise Photo

Heavy rains of the past week or more sent Burgett's Branch of Raccoon Creek on one of its most serious rampages, inundating sections that had not suffered flood damage for years. The valley district of Burgettstown was converted into a broad sweeping river. The view shown above was photographed from Center avenue overlooking the railroad tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad. The railroad was under three to four feet of water at the time. In the background are buildings in the higher section of Main street.



Valvoline Gas tanks during 1950 flood. Burgettstown, PA



1950 Flood
Center Avenue Bridge area-Burgettstown, PA



1950 Flood-Bridge Street and the Center Avenue Bridge, Burgettstown, PA



1950 Flood-Bridge Street and the Center Avenue Bridge, Burgettstown, PA



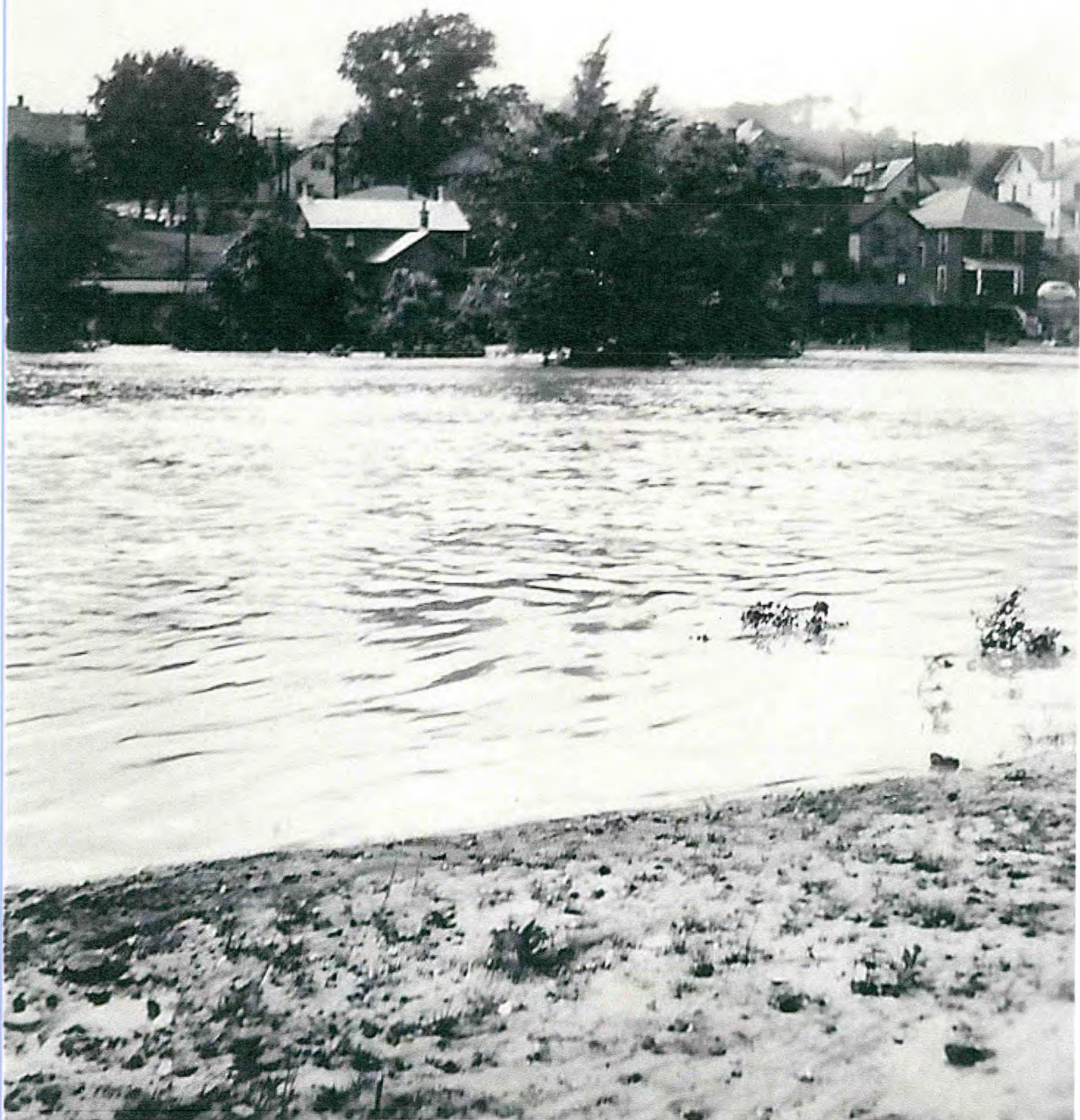
Atlantic Gas Station
Bridge Street, Burgettstown, PA



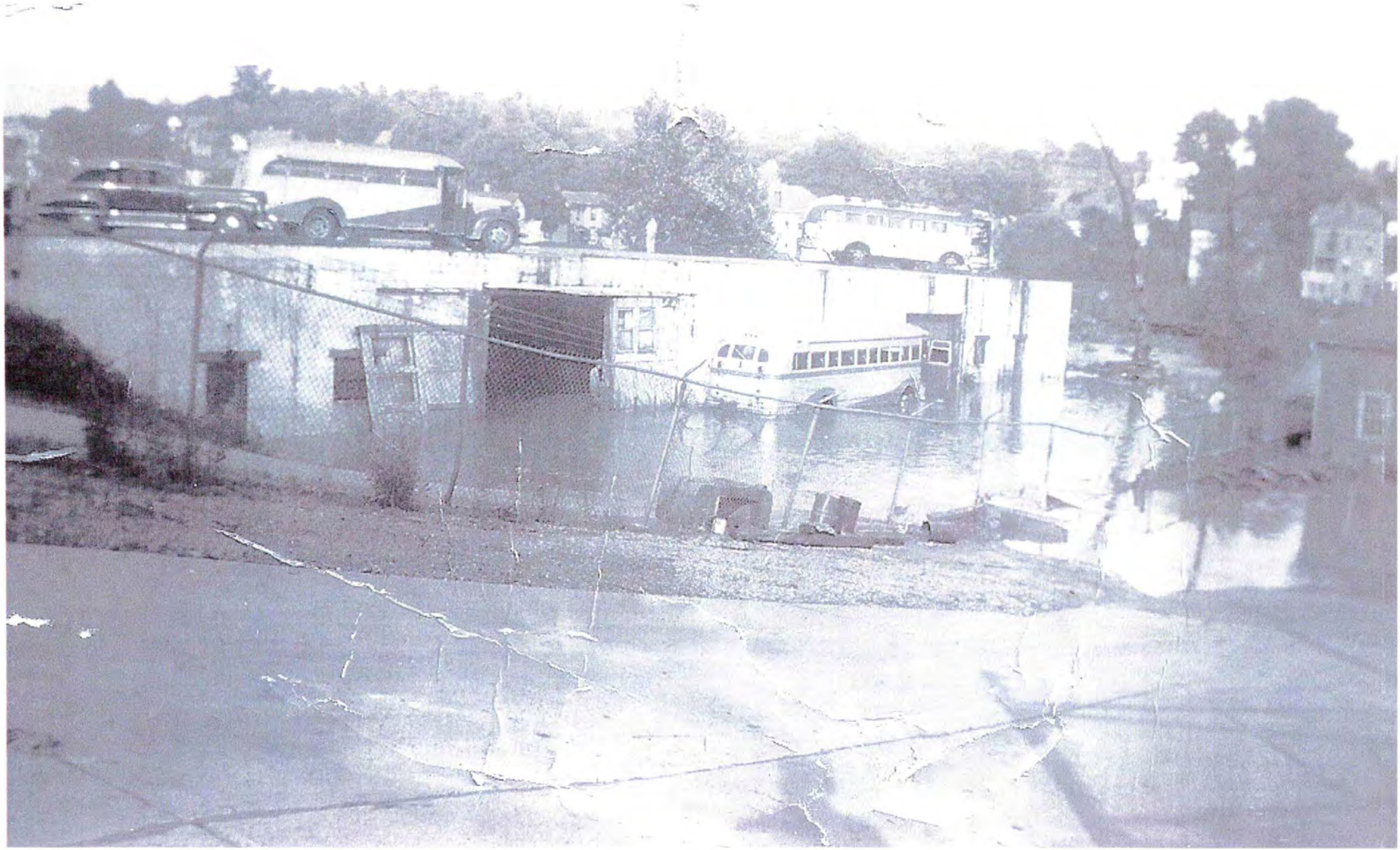
1950 Flood-View of Center Avenue area from Main Street, Burgettstown, PA



1950 Flood-Railroad yards off Center Avenue, Burgettstown, PA



1950 Flood-Main Street, Burgettstown, PA



Gradison Bus Station, Main Street, Burgettstown, PA



1950 Flood-View of backyards of Main Street, Burgettstown, PA

1950 Flood-Burgettstown, PA

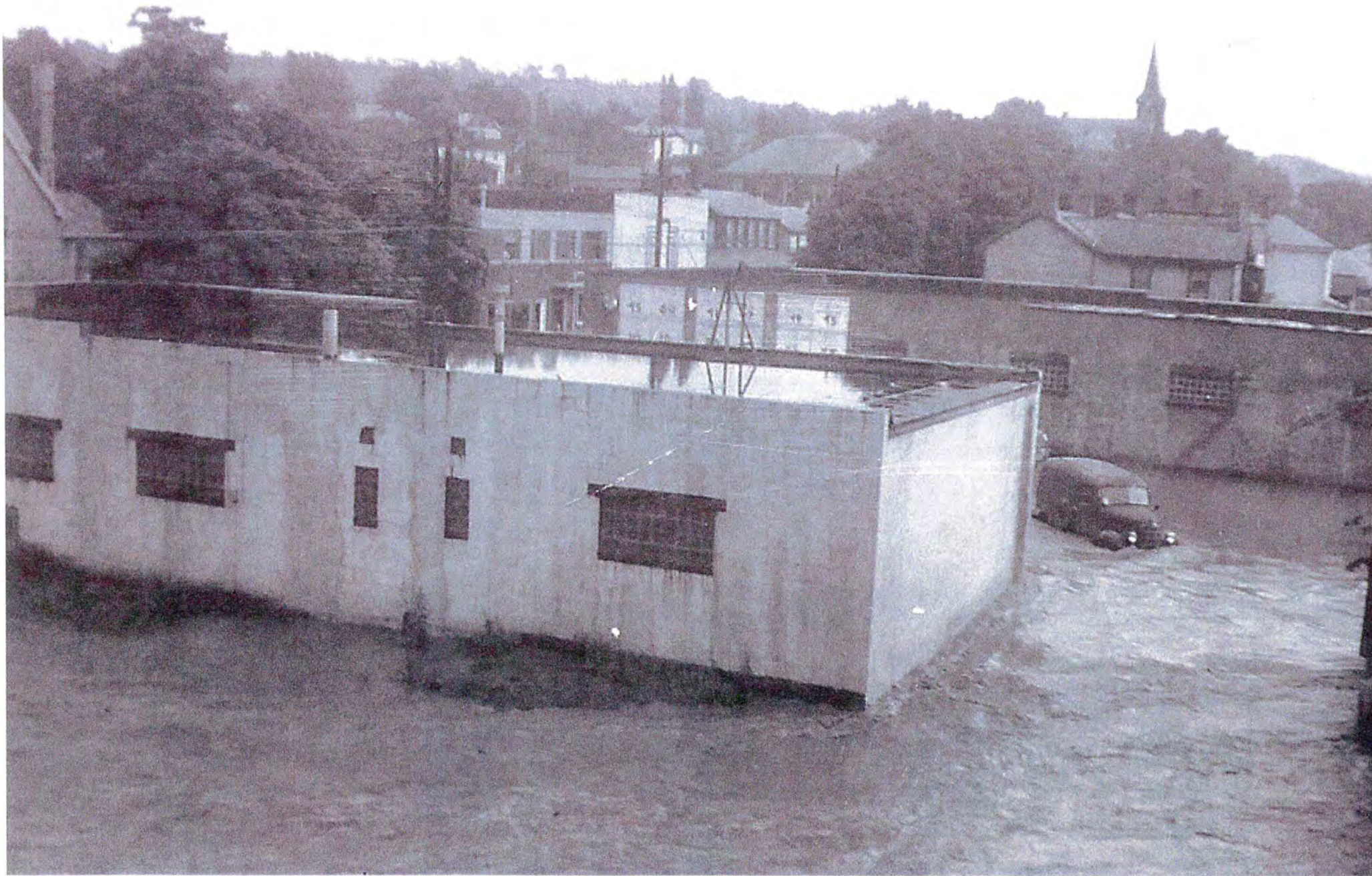


View from Dinsmore Avenue. Building on the right is currently Luanne's Dance Studio



1950 Flood-Main Street, Burgettstown, PA

1950 Burgettstown, PA Flood



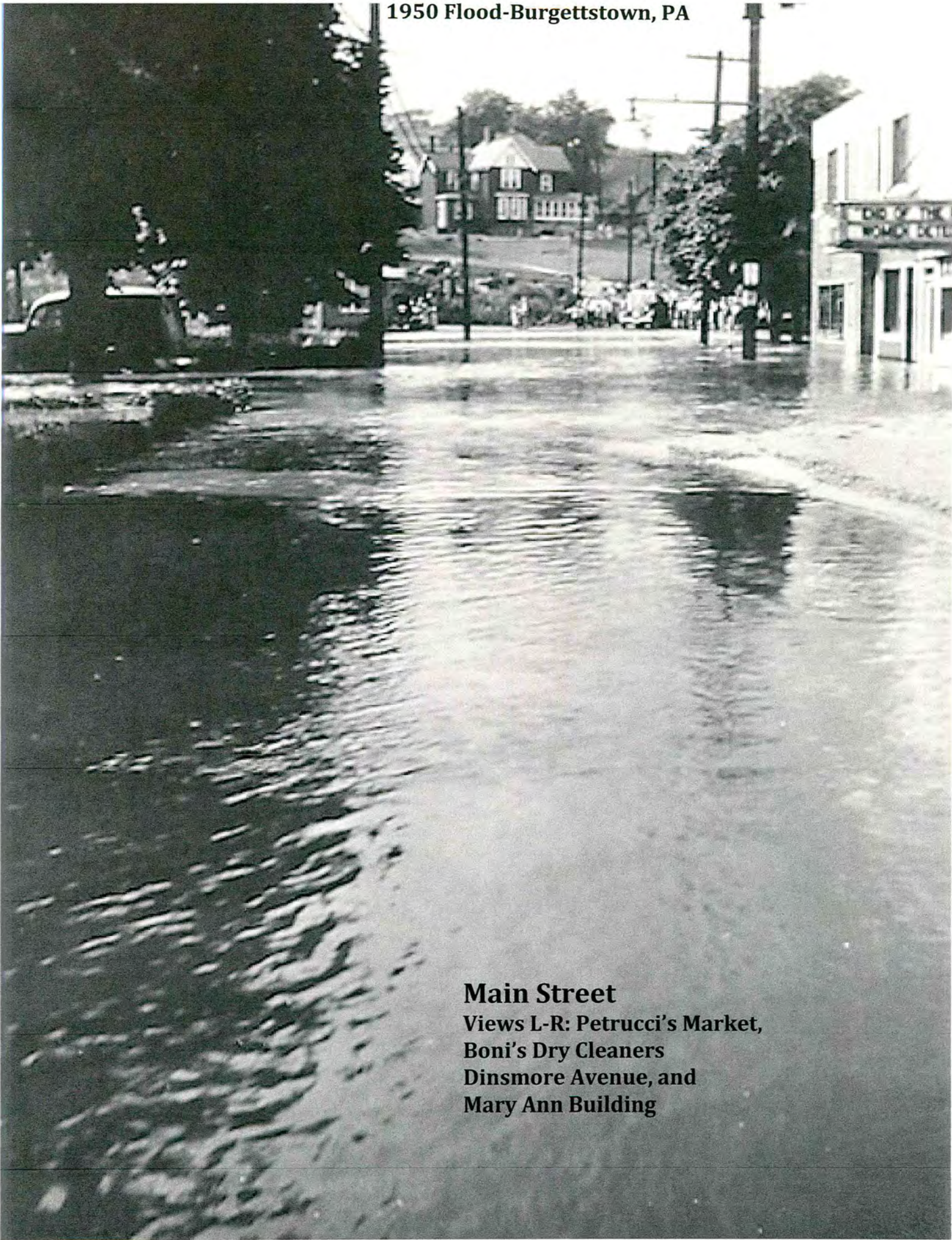
L-R: 1950 Flood, Old Boni Dry Cleaner, Old Petrucci's Market, Hillcrest Church steeple

Burgettstown, PA



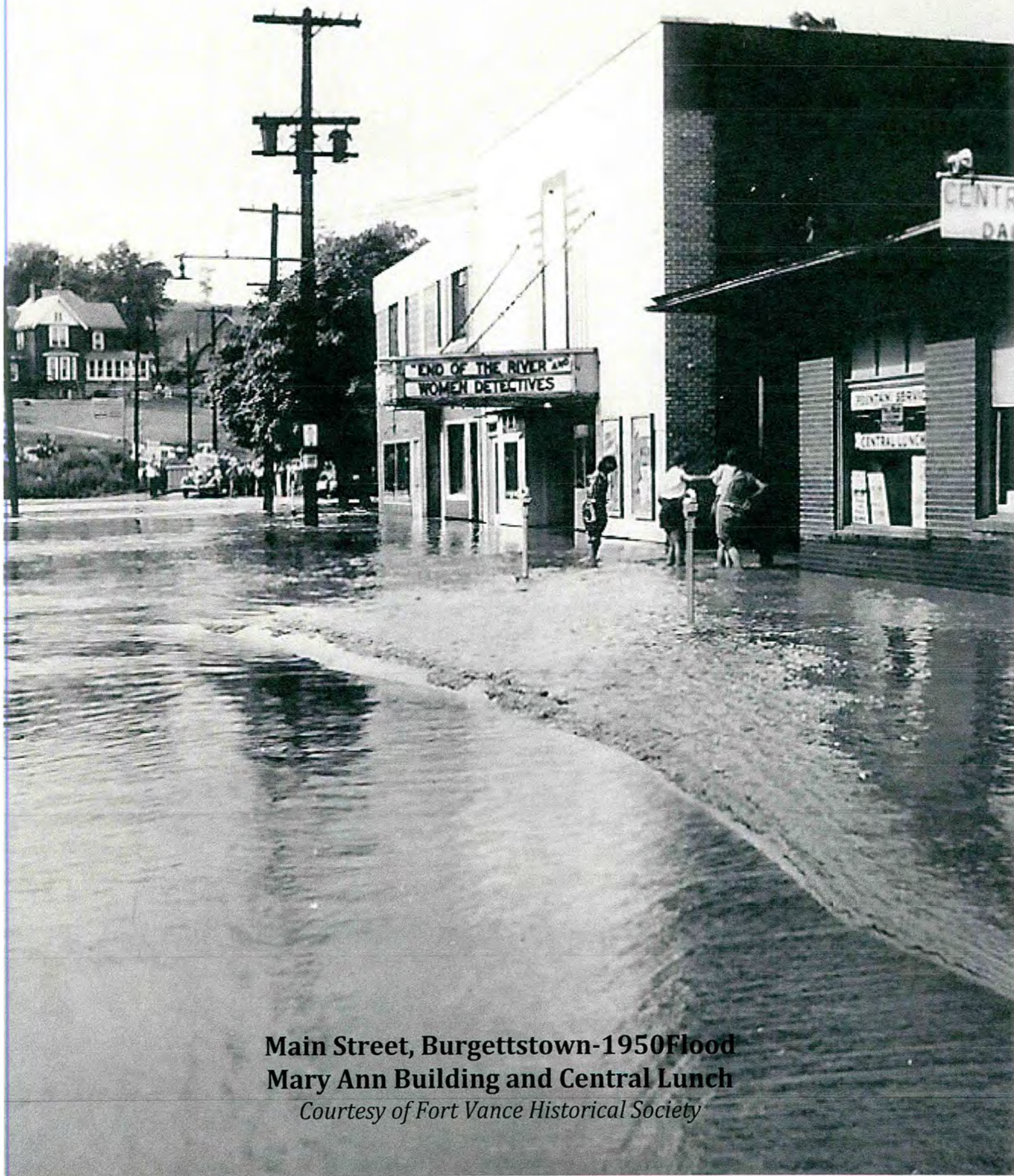
1950 Flood-Petrucci's

1950 Flood-Burgettstown, PA



Main Street

**Views L-R: Petrucci's Market,
Boni's Dry Cleaners
Dinsmore Avenue, and
Mary Ann Building**



Main Street, Burgettstown-1950 Flood
Mary Ann Building and Central Lunch
Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Flood-July 5, 1950



Main Street, Burgettstown, PA

Plans Are Advanced For Campaign To Build 14 Dams For Flood Control In Harmon Creek Water Shed

Plans for a concerted campaign to achieve construction of a series of 14 earth-compacted dams in the 25,000 acre Harmon Creek Watershed were arranged at a meeting held recently in the Weirton City Building.

The watershed drains an area of 25,000 acres extending from the Ohio River, through Brooke County and into Washington County.

Cost of constructing the proposed eight dams in Washington County and six in Brooke County was estimated at \$1,127,00.

Easements Local Duty

The federal government would pay the entire cost of engineering, designing and construction phases of the flood-control project, but local authorities would be responsible for obtaining easements from owners of properties on which the dams are to be located. The governments also would be responsible for maintenance of the dam system for a period of 50 years.

The procedure for development of a project of this type was outlined by Alfred Millender of Morgantown, leader of watershed planning in West Virginia for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. He was assisted by Encil Brohard of Wellsburg, soil conservationist for Hancock and Brooke counties.

Four committees were appointed at the suggestion of Mr. Millender and these will function until the program is com-

pleted. The functions and duties of these committees - steering, land treatment writing and education - publicity - were reviewed by Mr. Millender. A series of meetings will be held after the first of the year.

Edward Sikora, chairman of the original easement committee, reported that owners of properties on proposed dam sites have indicated their willingness and desire to cooperate in granting rights-of-way to the Conservation Service. Since the City of Weirton has budgeted no funds for easements, the committee hopes to obtain the easements without charge. National Steel Corp. and Starvaggi Enterprises own properties on which half the sites are located.

Five of the Brooke County dams will be built in the Colliers district and the sixth one at the Cove Police Lodge, just above the Quonset hut. It will impound five acres of water and will be 17 feet deep at the dam.

The Burgettstown committee has been inspecting sites in this area and proposed dams are to be located at Eldersville, Hanlin Station, Harmon Creek at Goodwill-Dinsmore, the old railroad station in Hanover township, Ward's Run, Hanover township, Harlin Hollow, Hanover township and Paris Run in Jefferson township. A survey is being made and the cost estimated for building the above dams.

Mr. Millender pointed out that the owners of land on

which dams are constructed have the privilege of using the impounded waters for fishing and recreational purposes on a private basis. However, should these owners want the water level raised beyond government specifications to create a larger lake, the government will approve the project and pay half the cost but the area would have to be open to the public.

Mr. Millender said he expects the "work plan" for the project to be completed by next July.

The "writing committee," which will work on the accomplishment phase of the work plan, is comprised of Mr. Rowland, chairman, and Shirley Murchland.

Named to the land treatment committee were Mr. Brohard, chairman; Oliver Johnson, Earl Johnson, Charles A. Freshwater and Glen E. Montgomery. They will select measures to go into the work plan, such as contour farming, strip cropping, ponds, establishing hay land or pasture land, and providing better vegetative cover to prevent soil erosion.

Appointed to the Steering committee were Mr. Leach and Mr. Kelly, co-chairmen, Pete Reitter, Wesley W. Robinson, Robert Thompson and C. R. Cattrell. To the education-publicity committee Carl Swift, chairman, Robert W. Fair, Stan Scott, Wayne VanDine, Mrs. Cleo Johnston.

Plans are Advanced for Campaign to Build 14 Dams For Flood Control in Harman Creek Water Shed
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 12, 1961 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

FORMER PREXY HERE IS CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

W. H. Donaldson, Supervising Principal of Chartiers Township School District, has announced that he is a candidate for election to the office of County Superintendent of Schools. This office will be filled by vote of the School Directors of Washington County at their convention next April.

Mr. Donaldson was born in North Strabane Township where he received a public school edu-



cation. He was graduated from the John C. Freemont High School in Oakmont, California, after which he attended Washington and Jefferson College for four years, receiving the Bachelor of Arts Degree. He also attended the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh, specializing in school administration and received a Master's Degree from that institution.

Beginning his career as a science teacher in Burgettstown High School, two years later he was elected Supervising Principal of the Burgettstown Schools. While holding that position, Burgettstown joined with Smith Township in building Union High School, and Mr. Donaldson became its first principal and aided in organizing the new school which became one of the outstanding high schools of the county. Before coming to Chartiers Township he was employed in Centerville High School as a teacher of mathematics and science. He taught there until 1939 at which time he was elected principal of the newly constructed Chartiers Township Junior-Senior High School. Since 1943 he has served as Supervising Principal of this school district and has become well known throughout Washington County as a successful school administrator.

W. H. Donaldson
Candidate for County Superintendent
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 28, 1945 Edition

Fort Dillo Literary

The Dillo literary society met Friday evening, January 15. There was an excellent program. Mrs. Wagner read an interesting essay about their trip to the Burgettstown fair. She told of the difficult time she had when taking care of some of her neighbors' children. Edna McMillen had a good medley for a recitation. There were two comic dialogues, "Good bye," and "Trouble in the Kitchen." The question for debate was, "Resolved, That the World is Growing Morally Better." Affirmative, Raymond McMillen and Clarence Cooley; negative, Ed. Armour and Archie Dungan. The question was decided by the judges in the affirmative. The arguments on each side were good.

It was admitted by the affirmative debaters that while the world was better than ever before, it would be a good thing to have a state policeman at Dillo on Friday nights to keep order. King Alcohol was too much in evidence for quiet. The people of the district are interested in having a good literary and we know they will have it after seeing such a large crowd and so many young people of the district taking an active part last Friday night.

Charles McMillen is president and Stella Cooley is secretary. The question for debate next Friday night is, "Resolved, That ~~Prizes~~ Prizes Should Not be Given in the Public Schools."

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The sly fox Reynard had better watch out, come Sunday, February 16. Sportsmen, farmers, and perhaps one or two curious John Q. Publics will be out to track him down. The call will be sounded from both Cherry Valley and Langeloth clubs and foxhounds will start the chase to wipe out a few more mores in this vicinity. Last year 16 were killed. Farmers in the Florence district are prone to argue con about the fox, as to whether he should be eliminated or coddled. There's those who maintain the fox is a valuable animal and there's the sportsmen who argue that he kills chickens and destroys wild game.

Fox Hunt

Burgettstown Enterprise-January 30, 1947 Edition



Great boss award

Bulger Postmaster Pat Fratini, second from left, receives a U.S. Postal Service "Great Boss Award" from Lawrence McClain, left, district manager, Pittsburgh District; James Tartar, director of postal operations; and Kathleen Johnston, manager, postal operations. Presented in Pittsburgh Nov. 8, the award cited Ms. Fratini for outstanding dedication and performance as "a model manager who exhibits excellence in communications; values employees' opinions and ideas; seeks input before decision-making; treats individuals with respect and dignity; and is a team player who encourages teamwork by others at all levels." She was also the recipient of a gift certificate for dinner at Quicksilver Golf Club.

Pat Fratini-Great Boss Award
The Enterprise-November 24, 1993 Edition

Free Shoes for Children.

H. W. Kraeer states that there are available for needy children 55 pair of shoes which may be obtained without cost by communicating with him at his residence on Florence avenue, about 2½ miles west of Burgettstown or by calling upon Justice of the Peace W. B. Culley, at his office in Burgettstown.

Fritzie Kanzius Stars In A. M.

GIRL SHATTERS RECORD, TAKES FOUR CROWNS

Points Won in Broad Jump, Discus, Javelin, Baseball Throw Give Mates Trophy.

By JESS CARVER

Diminutive Fritzie Kanzius, of Burgettstown, took her market basket and went first place shopping yesterday afternoon out at West View Park in the annual Allegheny Mountain Association women's track and field championships.

Little Miss Fritzie, given name Frances, had her basket jammed to overflowing when the competition was over, with no fewer than four first places and one meet record therein. There were no bargains in that basket, either, for as though the competition wasn't tough enough, she had to battle the rain and mud, which provided treacherous footing and slippery implements.

SETS NEW RECORD

Fritzie won the broad jump, the discus, the javelin and the baseball throw. In the discus, she caught hold of a pip on her next to the last try, and hurled the platter 104 feet, 5 inches, for a new record.

Fritzie's activities provided the big scoring punch as her team, the Burgettstown A. C., romped off with the team title, scoring a grand total of 44 points. The Union A. C., of Turtle Creek, finished second with 14; Slippery Rock State Teachers' two-girl team of Jane Laird and Mary Kaben, was third with 11, and the Allentown Turners wound up in fourth place with nine.

In the only other record shattering feat of the day, lithe Miss Frances Ferello, of the Monongahela Turners, cleared 4 feet 9½ inches in the high jump to establish a new mark. It was a great afternoon for umbrellas and girls named Frances.

WINS TWO EVENTS

Blonde Marie DeMay raced to a double triumph in the sprints, winning both the 100 and 200-meter events. Jane Laird, Slippery Rock State Teachers' College star, took the 50-meter event and Mary Luckjohn, another Burgettstown A. C. star, got off a heave of 31 feet 2 inches to win the shotput, missing equalling the A. M. A. record by a half an inch.

The Burgettstown 400-meter relay team, composed of Misses Clark, Karnienik, Dugas and Allen, running in the order named, won the event in 1:34.8.

The meet twice was interrupted by rain and the downpour made fast times in the running events impossible. The summary:

TRACK EVENTS
 50-meter dash, first heat—Won by Jane Laird, Slippery Rock State Teachers; Loreta Clark, Burgettstown A. C., second. Time 7.1. Second heat—Won by Yvonne Hojas, Burgettstown A. C.; Pearl Baldwin, Allentown Turners, second. Time 7.2.
 100-meter dash—Won by Jane Laird, Slippery Rock State Teachers; Loreta Clark, Burgettstown A. C., second; Pearl Baldwin, Allentown Turners, third. Time 7.2.
 150-meter dash, first heat—Won by Marie DeMay, Union A. C.; Pearl Allen, Burgettstown A. C., second. Time 13.8. Second heat—Won by Mary Karnienik, Burgettstown A. C.; Pearl Baldwin, Allentown Turners, second. Time 14.1.
 200-meter dash—Won by Marie DeMay, Union A. C.; Pearl Allen, Burgettstown A. C., second; Mary Karnienik, Burgettstown A. C., third. Time 15.1.
 300-meter dash—Won by Marie DeMay, Union A. C.; Pearl Baldwin, Allentown Turners, second; Pearl Allen, Burgettstown A. C., third. Time 23.5.
 400-meter relay—Won by Burgettstown (Clark, Karnienik, Dugas and Allen); Allentown Turners, second; Union A. C., third. Time 1:34.8.

ONE-GIRL TRACK TEAM STARRING



MEET FRANCES KANZIUS, BURGETTSTOWN, WINNING BROAD JUMP IN A. M. A. MEET



FRANCES KANZIUS, BURGETTSTOWN, WINNING JAVELIN THROW

BURGETTSTOWN
 GIRLS

From Our Files

ONE YEAR AGO--Firemen plan for their annual banquet in Burgettstown; Liquor store at Avella burglarized; Lions midgets beat Youngstown to end unbeaten football season; Denise Smith crowned the Coal Bowl Queen.

FIVE YEARS AGO--Four robbers apprehended at Sun Valley service station; Committee to form Christmas Light group; Carnegie man held for theft of truck from local farm; Wayne Culley appointed Burgettstown Acting Postmaster.

TEN YEARS AGO--Junior Women to conduct Tag Days for Community Library; William Prata installed as new school director; Pat Yanni named Union High basketball coach; W. Sherman Wilson called as pastor of First U.P. Church; Ron Maltony, Deanna Bertovich, crowned Football King and Queen.

TWENTY YEARS AGO--Repole Brothers Furniture Store open for business; Army recruiting station opened in Burgettstown; Union beats McDonald, 26-0.

From Our Files

Burgettstown Enterprise-November 17, 1965 Edition

F S A IS EXPANDING
FARM ACTIVITIES

To help small farmers in the Food for Freedom program, the Farm Security Administration is expanding its activities, John L. Miller, FSA supervisor, announced this week.

In addition to its regular activities Farm Security will make a limited number of loans to enable low-income farmers to repair their buildings. In cases where farms are too small to support the family, loans will also be made to increase farm acreage.

In this part of the country the start of the farm and home improvement loans will be made in the northern half of Pennsylvania and southern New York. The loans will carry 3 per cent interest and the amount of the loan as well as the number of years allowed for repayment will depend on the productive ability of the farm. In general, loans will be limited to a maximum of \$3,500. Like other FSA loans, they will be made only to families unable to obtain adequate credit elsewhere.

F.S.A. is Expanding Farm Activities
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 1, 1942 Edition

Gala Water Show Slated For Park Pool On Sunday

Charles Mulholland, Burgettstown Community Park manager, announces a gala water extravaganza to be presented in the Park pool on Sunday afternoon, June 24.

Featuring district mermaids and mermen, the program will include swimming races, diving exhibitions and a Water Follies festival.

Opening the afternoon's performance will be a series of swimming races: (1)-Forty Yards free style for ages 12-14, 14-16, 17 and over. (2)-24 yards backstroke for ages 14-16, 17 and over. (3)-24 yards breast stroke for ages 14-16, 17 and over. (4)-24 yards side stroke for ages 14-16, 17 and over. (5)-Floating for ages 12-14. (6)-Bobbing for ages 10-12. (7)-Distance underwater for ages 10-12, 12-14, 14-16, 17 and over. (8)-12 yards free style for ages 10-12.

Individual Diving will have 10 divers going out after honors.

Partner Diving will show four divers battling for top recognition.

The Water Follies presentation will show performers in three scenes: Comedian divers, Mermaid acts and a huge Water Show.

GAS TAX DIVERSIONS RAPPED BY AUTOISTS

of Washington
Gas Tax Funds

Diversion of gasoline taxes to other than road-building purposes will likely amount to \$15,000,000 during 1931, and emphasizes the importance of limiting motor taxes to highway construction and maintenance.

This statement is made by the manager of the Washington County Motor Club, Robert E. Cole. The Washington County Motor Club is an A. A. A. affiliation. Mr. Cole's statement is made on the basis of a report showing that gas tax diversions in five states amounted to \$8,645,428 during the first six months of the year.

Diversions for 1931 will exceed the total gas collections for 1922, when \$12,703,078 was collected in nineteen states.

During the first six months of this year, gasoline taxes were diverted mainly for schools, unemployment funds and port development. All these were worthy causes, but causes which should be financed out of the pocketbooks of all citizens, rather than by motorists as a class. Texas led the list by diverting \$3,785,317 to the state school fund. Florida was second, with diversions of \$2,117,773, of which \$200,000 went to the permanent buildings fund under the State Board of Control for Buildings of Higher Learning, and the remainder to schools under county boards. Georgia was next, with \$1,060,233 diverted to schools, while Louisiana used \$886,186 of the gas tax receipts for schools and port development.

Oklahoma turned \$756,241 over to the Governor for emergency relief work.

No one will deny that the voters of the state have a right to tax themselves as they see fit, within constitutional limitations and with due regard for the rights of the minority, but if the precedents already established are followed by many others, it will ultimately prove the undoing of the gasoline tax.

**Gas Tax Diversions Rapped by Autoists
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 24, 1931**

Gathering Held At Frank Korpos Home

The front lawn and adjoining field, as well as the winding shallow creek at the Frank Korpos home near Eldersville, came alive with laughter and merriment Sunday afternoon, June 24, as "Our Gang" gathered for an all-day outing and picnic. "Our Gang" included workers from the Coke Plant of Wheeling Steel Co., Follansbee, and members of the Arthur Latimer Contractor Bowling Team, Eldersville Road, and their families.

Seventeen families were represented numbering 71 fun-seekers of all ages. Games were played including badminton and croquet, while the children donned their swim suits and paddled in the creek. A basket picnic dinner was set on tables under the trees and an enjoyable day was spent.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Hal Armisted and family; Mr. and Mrs. John Tucci and children; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huggins and son; Mr. and Mrs. Geno Andreozzi and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Rocky DiAmico; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Latimer and family; Mr. and Mrs. Adam Ciccarella and children; Mr. and Mrs. John Budash and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfonse Sachini and son; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony D'Urza and children; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roman and children; Mr. and Mrs. John Geary and daughter; James Guiddy and children; Mr. and Mrs. James Guiddy and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Settimio and family; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Muzopappa and sons; James McFarland; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Korpos and children.

Gathering Held at Frank Korpos Home
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 5, 1962 Edition

Gets Commission



Governor David L. Lawrence has announced the appointment of John L. Brunner, local attorney, to the position of Workman's Compensation Referee for the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

In this capacity Mr. Brunner will act as Judge in Workman's Compensation cases where workmen are injured in the course of employment.

He received his commission and was sworn in at Harrisburg on December 13 by A. Allen Sulcove, Secretary of the Department of Labor and Industry.

A graduate of Duquesne University and Georgetown University Law School, Mr. Brunner has been Assistant District Attorney for Washington County since 1959. He lives with his wife and three children on Highland avenue, Burgettstown.

Mr. Brunner will continue to operate his law office in Burgettstown.

John L. Brunner
1961

**GIRL CHOSEN
TO COMPETE**

Laurie Duran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Duran, of Bulger, R. D. 1, has been selected as an entrant in the 1983 Miss Teen Western Pennsylvania Pageant to be held in Butler at the Holiday Inn, August 21. This regional event will select Western Pennsylvania's representative to the Miss Teen All American Pageant staged at the Sheraton Bal Harbour, Miami Beach, Florida, October 12-15.

Miss Duran, who was selected as an entrant-at-large, will be competing with girls from all over the western part of the Keystone State.

She attends Fort Cherry High School, where she participated as captain of the Rangerette drill team, vice president of the H. G. Parkinson FFA chapter, president of the Washington County Association of the FFA and vice president of the Hickory Ag. 4-H Club. She has also been involved in many community activities. Her hobbies include gymnastics, dancing, reading and gardening.

**Laurie Duran Chosen to Compete-1983 Teen Western Pennsylvania Pageant
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1983 Edition**

'Golden Age of Radio' is no longer remembered

I don't think young people of today can imagine how families would gather around the radio to listen to a favorite Red Skeleton, Jack Benny or Lucille Ball program; or listen to the news broadcasts during World War II, just as is done television now.

They cannot imagine entertainment with no picture, just voices coming through a big box in the corner of the living room, with the radio once called "a piece of talking furniture."

There was a time known as "The Golden Age of Radio," when Fibber McGee and Molly had the contents of their hall closet forever falling to the floor and Molly exclaiming "Heavenly days."

Or when Edgar Bergen had a running argument with Charlie McCarthy or Mortimer Snerd would offer "Snerd's Words for the Birds, making listeners roar with laughter.

The imagination had to be used to "see" what was going on.

Duffy's Tavern, where the elite meet to eat, had some meaningful discussions on unmeaningful issues and Our Miss Brooks was always confused by her English student, Walter, who used extravagant words that confused even her, during her teaching at Madison High.

Radio Spirits, a company providing cassettes of many of the old-time programs, tells that William S. Paley purchased the United Independent Broadcasters, a struggling network of 16 stations, in 1928.

By the end of the year, his struggling network was renamed the Columbia Broadcasting System and had grown to 47 affiliates, establishing itself as the only serious competition for the RCA owned NBC Red and Blue Network.

To compete against NBC's



ESTHER MCCOY

high-priced comedy stars, CBS groomed new talent, including Bing Crosby, Kate Smith and later Frank Sinatra.

There were high quality programs, such as Lux Radio Theatre; and Mercury Theatre, creating a national panic on Oct. 30, 1938, when Orson Welles terrified the nation with his adaptation of H.G. Wells "War of the Worlds." People thought it was a real invasion of earth and were terrified.

The greatest old-time radio shows have been listed by Radio Spirits, with the help of Walter Cronkite, with just one special program from each of these selected.

See how many you remember and if any of these were your favorites too.

The Adventures of Phillip Marlow; Adventures of Sam Spade, Detective; Amos 'n' Andy; Baby Snooks Show; Big Town; Bing Crosby Chesterfield Show, and Blondie.

Other shows were Broadway is My Beat, Burns and Allen, Casey-Crime Photographer, CBS Radio Workshop, Charlie McCarthy Show, Columbia Workshop, Crime Classics, the Danny Kay Show, Dr. Christian, Escape, The FBI in Peace and War and First Nighter Program.

More favorites were The Fred Allen Show, Frontier Gentlemen, Fort Laramie, Gang Busters,

Grand Central Station, Harold, Hopalong Cassidy, Inner Sanctum Mysteries, It Pays to Be Ignorant, Jack Benny, Jeff Regan Investigator, Jimmy Durante Show, Let's Pretend, Luigi, Lights Out, The Line Up and Luke Slaughter of Tombstone.

Lum and Abner, the Mel Blanc Show, the Mercury Theatre of the Air, Mr. Chameleon, Mr. Keen Tracer of Lost Persons, My Favorite Husband with Lucille Ball, My Friend Irma, My Little Margie, Our Miss Brooks, Phillip Morris Playhouse, Pursuit, Red Skeleton, Frank Sinatra, Suspense, Tales of Fatima, The Whistler, You Bet Your Life and Yours Truly Johnny Dollar were favorites also.

I recall the squeaky door in Inner Sanctum Mysteries, Kate Smith singing "God Bless America" on her show and all the celebrities appearing on the Lux Radio Theatre.

I remember Rochester always saying "Yes Boss" and could almost see him rolling his eyes at the preposterous requests of Benny, along with the singing of Dennis Day on Jack Benny's Show. I would never miss Your Hit Parade, with top songs and singing artists of the day on Saturday nights either.

My brother, Dale, would listen to Bobby Benson and the B-Bar-B Ranch, Sergeant Preston of the Yukon and Sky King. I remember them well too.

There was a Saturday show called Grand Central Station and I think one of the actors was Galeon Drake. It seemed that someone was always trying to run away from their troubles by taking the train but they always learned it is best to stay and face troubles head on by the end of the show. When I was sick and home from school on weekdays, I would listen to a "soap opera" called Hilltop House. No one has ever heard of this 15 minute program so I'm starting to think it went by another name.

Now in the 21st century, with television, videos, high tech shows and digitally enhanced programs, it seems impossible for youth to imagine that listening was a major type of entertainment in earlier years.

Radio was more than playing the top tunes of the day, song requests and news, as it is today. It was a real work of art.

Heavenly days! Who would have thought that it is all coming back on cassette and compact disc.

(McCoy, a Smithfield resident, is food editor, staff writer and columnist with the Herald-Star.)

Golden Age of Radio is no longer Remembered
Herald-Star-2000

GRADISON AUTO BUS COMPANY

special bus schedule to and from
BURGETTSTOWN COMMUNITY PARK
 MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS

LEAVE		LEAVE PARK	
Langeloth (Eddies)	11:30	To Slovan, Atlasburg	
Atlasburg (Blues)	11:50	and Langeloth	4:20
Slovan (P. & G. Market)	11:55		
Slovan (Yadricks)	12:00	To Raccoon, Bulger and	
Burgettstown (Pompes)	12:05	Cherry Valley	5:10
Burgettstown Bus Station	12:10		
Arrive at Park	12:20		
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LEAVE		FARES	
Bulger (Pratas)	11:45		one round
Cherry Valley corner	12:00		way trip
Raccoon (Delieres)	12:15		
Arrive at Park	12:30		
		Atlasburg	20c 25c
		Slovan	15c 20c
		Langeloth	15c 20c
		Burgettstown	10c 15c
		Raccoon	15c 20c
		Bulger	20c 25c
		Cherry Valley	20c 25c



THE ENTERPRISE / STAN DIAMOND

Traffic dead-ends at Dead Concert
The Enterprise-July 1, 1992 Edition

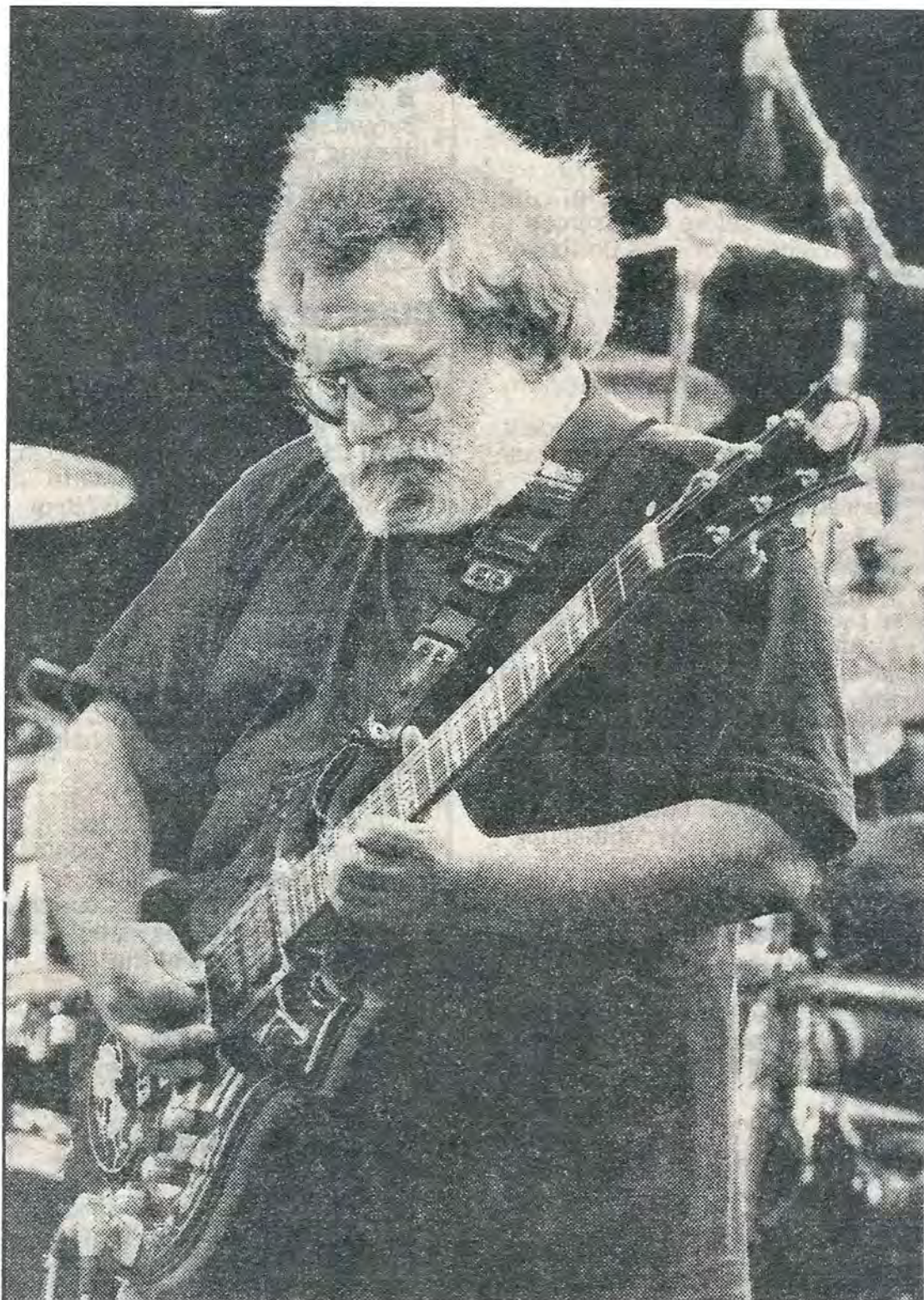


THE ENTERPRISE / LARRY SIVAVEC

The treat's on me!

Store owner Jim Petrucci donated salad, fruit, pasta and ice cream to three bus loads of "Deadheads" who were in Burgettestown awaiting the opening of Star Lake. Approximately 50 people were in the caravan that started in California and will follow the summer tour of the Grateful Dead. They said the hospitality of the local people was the best they had encountered so far.

"The Treats on Me!" - Jim Petrucci with Deadheads
The Enterprise-July 8, 1992 Edition



**Jerry Garcia-Grateful Dead
The Enterprise-July 1, 1992 Edition**



THE ENTERPRISE / STAN DIAMOND

ERIC SMITH, 20, of Detroit, Mich., sits beside his van parked at Star Lake Amphitheater and makes beaded hair wraps before the concert.

**Deadheads descent on Star Lake is Chaotic
The Enterprise-July 1, 1992 Edition**

Thumbs up & down

↑ **Thumbs up** to the security force at Star Lake Amphitheater for keeping problems at a minimum last week with the area appearance of the Grateful Dead.

↓ **Thumbs down** to those people who broke down a fence at the amphitheater and created some damage because they could not gain admittance to the sold-out concert Tuesday night.

↑ **Thumbs up** to the thousands of Deadheads who visited Burgettstown and Florence last week and made a favorable impression with their courtesy and politeness.

↓ **Thumbs down** to those other members of the Deadheads who showed no respect for the privacy or property values of area land owners.

↑ **Thumbs up** to America as our nation celebrates its 216th birthday this coming Saturday, July 4.

↓ **Thumbs down** to those who do not fly the flag on the Fourth of July as a symbol of appreciation for our country and for all the values that America stands for.

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H. B. McMURRAY

H. B. McMurray who served on the committee for incorporation was a druggist whose advertisement included paints, dye-stuffs, patent medicines, perfumery, brushes and toilet articles. His store was on the site of the present Stottlemyer Park. Mr. McMurray was a Civil War veteran. He enlisted in the Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, was



sent into the Shenandoah Valley and served under Sheridan and Custer. He was taken prisoner at Ashby's Gap and was imprisoned at Libby Prison for 3½ months. He married Annie C. Watterson. He opened his drugstore in Burgettstown in 1865. His home was the present Creps residence on Church Street, formerly the Inglefield home. Mr. McMurray is buried at West Alexander.

Avella Woman Rewarded for Following Her Natural Instincts

“Nothing heroic. Just doing what I thought I should do.” This was the response from Mrs. Tammie Hall of Avella, PA, as she accepted the “Chairman’s Award” for \$250 for preventing a possible disastrous train derailment in November, 2006.

“My son came in and alerted me to the fact that ‘something serious is wrong with the train track’. I became alarmed and went to investigate. I saw the damage and immediately contacted Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company.” It is not clear what had happened to the tracks. It is known only that the next train through Avella could have derailed near the Station.

Today, Tammie holds not only one award for following one of her natural instincts. Just recently she was personally presented with a check for a \$5000 reward by James Northcraft, Vice President of Transportation for Wheeling & Lake Erie. The ceremony took place at the Avella Railroad Station in the presence of several members of her family.

On April 8, 2007, the ‘train folks’ whose tracks run almost through Tammie Hall’s petunia patch, were frightened beyond belief. As he neared the Avella station, the engineer came within the range of a sniper’s bullet that shattered the glass where his face had been. The alarm was soon spread that “someone shot at the train”. Within minutes- police, medics, helicopters – all converged on the station area of Avella.

The din created by the excitement did not prevent the sharp eye of Tammie Hall from zero-ing in on a possible suspect. With a ghostly expression on his face and a BB gun in his hand, the 12 year old admitted his guilt to Tammie. She calmly explained to him that it was her duty to “turn him in”. She then notified the authorities.

“But it was just a BB gun!” the juvenile protested.

Tammie’s favorite pasttime is helping people. The daughter of LaVerne and the late David Hampe, Tammie is married to Donny Hall and is the mother of two sons. She has been a resident of Avella, and Smith & Robinson Townships since 1978.

A 1983 graduate of Avella High School, she has devoted much time to civic duties such as the Avella Volunteer Fire Department and the ARC Human Services in Avella. She recently broke her ankle in helping to answer a call that proved to be a false alarm.

She remembers a great uncle, August Hampe, who lived in Buffalo Village and served before 1978 as the local constable.

“I did not want to get anyone in trouble,” Tammie says quietly, in reference to her actions in the train-shooting incident . “But I wanted to prevent a worse situation from occurring. I feel I must look out for the safety of my family and the community in which I live and work.”

James Northcraft’s journey from Brewster, Ohio, to Avella, Pennsylvania, for the presentation to Tammie Hall, eventually proved to be three-faceted. In addition to the award presentation, he and Division Superintendent, James

Hill, became members of the A.D.White Society during their stop at the Avella Wabash Station. This visible token of their personal support of this active historical group deeply touched members who are struggling to make it a force for good in the Avella area.

The third highlight of the visit was Northcraft's announcement that the governing body of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company, led by Chairman and CEO L.R. Parsons, had reduced the yearly fee, for the Society's use of the land on which the Station is located, from \$600 to \$6. What a boon!

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

'WE WANT TO BE SAFE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. EVERYBODY HAS THAT RIGHT.'

Hanover residents express concern



EMILY PETSKO / OBSERVER-REPORTER

Pam Chappell of Hanover Township points to the site on Steubenville Pike where an access road would be constructed if township officials approve a conditional-use application by Hydro Recovery to construct a facility to recycle frack water. At right, Chappell put a sign in her front yard to appeal to supervisors to vote down a proposed facility for recycling frack water.

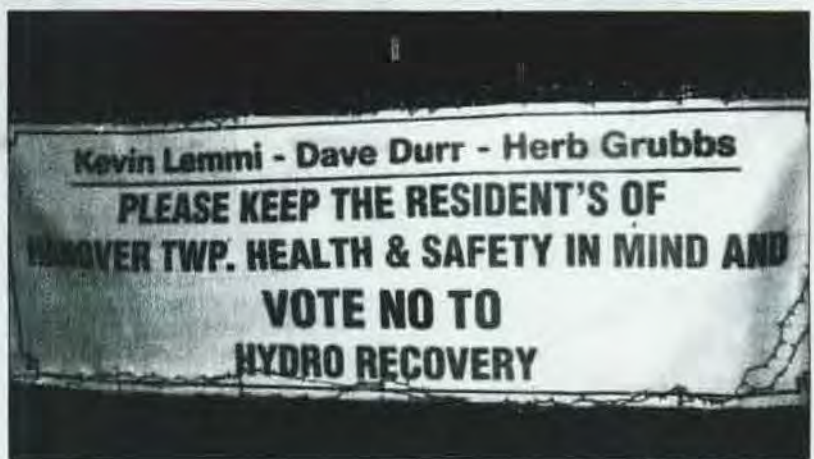


PHOTO COURTESY OF PAM CHAPPELL

Possible frack water-treatment facility raises alarm for locals

By EMILY PETSKO
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FLORENCE—Five hundred seventy-eight yards. That's the distance from Pam Chappell's home in Florence, Hanover Township, to the site of a proposed tank farm that would process and recycle frack water.

Step by step, Chappell measured the distance with a rangefinder— from her picnic table to her grape arbor and from there to Golfland on

Route 22, which Chappell said is roughly 200 yards from the proposed industrial site.

Chappell and a dozen of her neighbors said the short distance from the proposed water-treatment facility to their homes and township park is cause for concern.

Township supervisors could vote to approve or deny the site application as early as Feb. 20 after a public hearing is held at 6:30 p.m. at the municipal building.

Hydro Recovery LP, based in Blossburg, needs township approval to construct six double-containment tanks capable of storing as much as 12 million gallons of liquid waste altogether.

The company has a sales agreement for 20 acres of industrial-zoned land between Old Steubenville Pike and Route 22 that is currently owned by The Buncher Co., a Pittsburgh real estate group.

If the site application is

approved, Hydro Recovery truck drivers would transport flowback and produced water from gas well pads to the Hanover Township facility. The facility would then treat and recycle the water, and it would be transported back to well sites to use in the hydraulic fracturing process.

The liquid waste also could contain frack sand, boring fluids from pipeline construction and stormwater collected in

an operator's secondary containment, according to information provided by Hydro Recovery.

The company would construct a new 2,500-foot access road about 100 feet east of the existing Golfland entrance, which would be widened by about 60 feet.

Hydro Recovery estimates it would bring in an average of 150 trucks per day, operating around the clock.

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The site would include six truck bays, with secondary containment to load and unload liquid waste, at the south end of the property between the facility and Route 22.

Teresa Irvin McCurdy, Hydro Recovery government and public relations manager, said trucks could come into Hanover Township from any distance, but "economically we found most of the trucking will be within 60 miles to reduce trucking cost."

Chappell said increased truck traffic would be her greatest fear. She said Pittsburgh doctors told her her father, a truck driver, died from environmental cancer caused by diesel exhaust fumes.

"I feel like I'm basically being pushed out of my home that my parents left me," Chappell said. "I'm 44 years old. I was raised here."

Chappell mailed letters to township residents urging them to speak out and attend the upcoming public hearing, which was continued from a hearing last month.

She also posted a large, lighted sign in her front yard addressed to township supervisors Kevin Lemmi, David Duerr and Herb Grubbs, calling on them to "vote no to Hydro Recovery."

Some residents have questioned why the company isn't considering land in the Starpointe Business Park, which is farther from residential properties.

Grubbs, Ted Shiska and Brian Beyerbach, members of the township planning commission, agreed at last month's meeting that the water-treatment facility should be located at Starpointe.

However, they also recommended seven conditions for supervisors to impose if they approve the facility at the Florence site.

These included stipulations on the access road entrance; updating signs and traffic signals in Florence; ensuring plans are reviewed and approved by the township engineer and Hanover fire department; and ensuring the township receives inspection reports from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Grubbs, who is both a supervisor and planning commission member, said Tuesday "there's been a lot of stuff tossed around, but nothing solid."

He said supervisors will listen to residents' concerns at the public hearing and consider setting rea-



The access road for a proposed frack water recycling facility in Hanover Township would be across from Hanover Acres Apartments on Steubenville Pike, which are owned by Cyndy Triebisch of Smith Township.

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PAM CHAPPELL,
HANOVER TWP. RESIDENT

sonable conditions.

McCurdy said Hydro Recovery still has an open dialogue with Starpointe, but the company "would have to access Starpointe by way of the Steubenville Pike; therefore, the same trucking issues may still arise."

She said the topography at Starpointe would also create challenges because more earthwork would need to be done.

Dan Reitz, executive director of the Washington County Council on Economic Development, said Hydro Recovery is still participating in discussions regarding the potential site at Starpointe.

"We put together a site toward the back of the (industrial) park away from residential areas," Reitz said, adding that from that location, residents would "never even know it's there."

Reitz said the land is already zoned for special use, and he doesn't envision it would be difficult to have the company's application approved for Starpointe.

McCurdy said Hydro Recovery previously applied for a zoning variance on a lot across from First Niagara Pavilion, which "would have eliminated the trucking problem by keeping trucks on Route 18," but it was denied by the township.

The proposed access road



Hanover Township residents Dawn Paden, left, and Barbara Zianni are shown at Pam Chappell's home, where they recently discussed their opposition to the proposed Hydro Recovery facility.

to the Florence facility would be across from Hanover Acres, a 16-unit apartment development owned by Smith Township resident Cyndy Triebisch.

Triebisch said she would worry about the safety and health of her tenants if the facility is approved.

"The layout of the land is not conducive to this type of business," Triebisch said. "The safety and health primarily are the key right there."

"The noise, the smell ... the toxins that are being brought in, the continuous running of the company ... With all those trucks, I'm so concerned because it's near the entrance to our apartments, and I'm concerned for everybody's safety."

Hydro Recovery officials said the water treatment process does not produce vibration, noise or smells, and would not adversely affect the wetlands near the proposed site.

Company representatives also stated the tanks would be

designed to hold 110 percent of the largest tank's capacity in the event of a spill.

McCurdy said about 2 jobs would be created a full operation of the facility. The company operated two facilities since 2011 in Tioga County, where it stored 10 million gallons of untreated and treated brine water.

Hydro Recovery "has met and exceeds state Department of Environmental Protection requirements," according to the company.

Township resident Dawn Paden said she and her neighbors are not opposed to development, but she wants supervisors to consider another location for the Hydro Recovery facility.

"We're going to have activity, and we understand that, we do," Paden said. "Just don't believe the site they've chosen is going to be safe for us ... We want to be safe in our neighborhood. Everybody has that right, and I believe that company is going to take that away from us."

Happy Boy



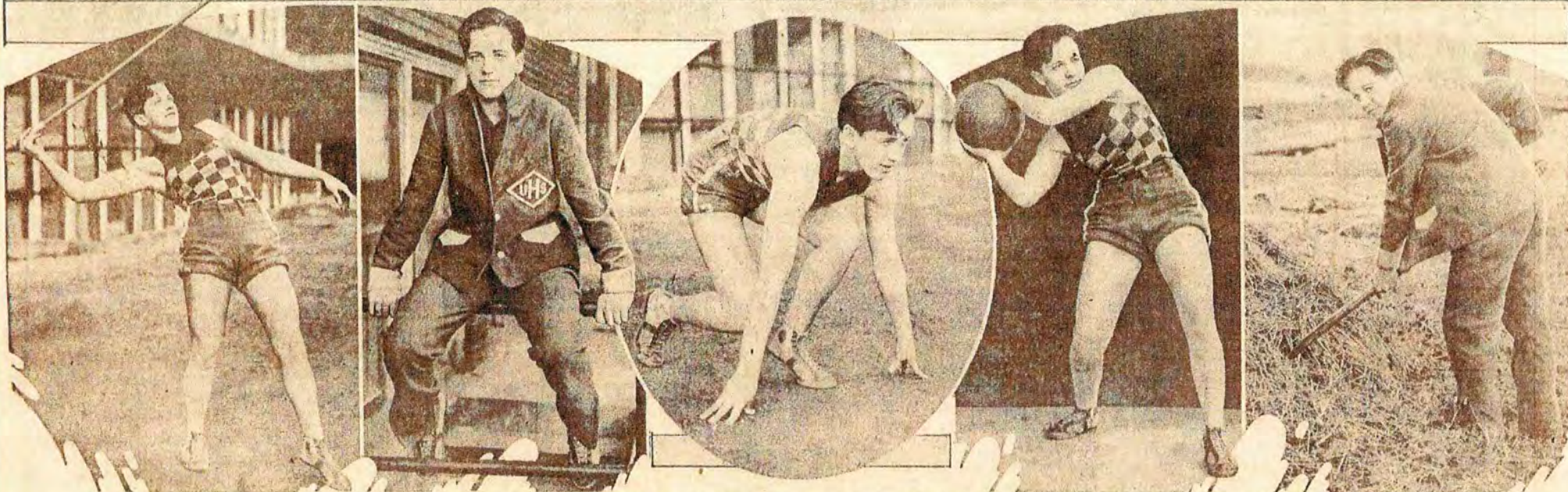
Michael Esno (pictured above), 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Esno of Slovan, is grateful and happy over the \$250 deposited in the Washington Bank by the Croation Lodge, 548 of Slovan for him. The money was raised by a benefit dance held by the lodge last August.

Michael suffered severe burns Christmas Day, 1947 and has been hospitalized ever since. Recently he submitted to an operation at the Shriners Hospital, Roosevelt Blvd., Pennypach Circle, Philadelphia.

Michael and his parents are also grateful for the 75 pints of blood which the people of the greater Burgettstown community have donated since the tragic accident.

Michael Esno
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 20, 1949 Edition

Hay-Pitchin', Spud Hoein' Make a Second 'Babe' Didrikson Out of Burgettstown Farm Girl



By RUTH AYERS

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 18—She knew how to handle a hoe but a javelin was just another word in the sports pages to Frances Kanzius, 17—until a year ago. She could pitch a load of hay—but she was in the dark about a discus.

Yet today, the farm girl and high school sophomore is such a promising track and field star, according to her high school coach, that Burgettstown hails her as a second "Babe" Didrikson.

Inasmuch as Mildred "Babe" Didrikson has quit amateur athletics after being hailed as the greatest woman athlete of

the country, Frances Kanzius hopes to be Olympic material four years from now.

Both the Burgettstown "Babe" and "Babe" Didrikson were at the Chicago try-outs for the Olympics, where Miss Kanzius watched the girl high jumping. Although last summer was her first one in sports, Miss Kanzius came out fourth in the baseball throw when she competed in the Olympic tryouts. She was first in the basketball and baseball throw at the Allegheny Mountain Association meet in Kennywood Park.

"I bought a javelin for her last spring," Coach Peter Fee said. "The first time she ever had it in her hand she threw it 100 feet."

And Frances adds, "Yes, and I didn't know a javelin grip from a jiu-jitsu throw. I hadn't an idea in the world what a discus looked like, either. The only sport I had ever known anything about before I came to high school was basketball, which I played in sixth year grade school."

Frances "Babe" Kanzius is shown above (left to right) in correct position for the javelin throw; in school sports logs; ready to hit the cinder trail; all set to make a basket and at work on the farm.

"Babe" the second, is one of seven children. Her home is a farm in the hills of Langeloth, with her father, a miner and a farmer by turn.

Farm work, she believes, has made her strong and agile. She can handle a team of horses, hoe corn, pitch hay—and when she's dressed in working clothes or in a gym suit, she looks so much like a stocky boy that more than one person has been surprised to learn she's a girl.

She weighs 121 pounds, and is five feet three. A four-mile walk a day, to and from Union High School, does much, she believes, to keep her in good trim.

Frances "Babe" Kanzius

Heavy Rains of 1950 Raise Havoc in Burgettstown Area



Water was racing down South Main street when the Enterprise photographer rode into the surging waters on a truck of the Bur-

gettstown Fire Company. Ironically, the caption on the Mary Ann Theatre marquee read, "End Of The River."

Heavy Rains of 1950 Raise Havoc in Burgettstown Area (Mary Ann Building)

Burgettstown Enterprise-July 7, 1965 Edition

HELP BURGETTSTOWN BUSINESS MEN TO HELP YOU

Everybody will agree that a man succeeds and prospers only when he spends less money than he receives in a given period of time.

Let us apply this great economic test to the situation in Burgettstown: The business men of this town have invested—and continue to invest—their money in stocks of goods brought here to the very doors of residents to meet daily needs.

Through the pages of the Enterprise they advise readers of their ability to serve this community, and therefore deserve the reader's patronage. The more they are patronized, the more funds they can invest in larger stocks and new lines.

Read the Enterprise ads regularly and save money by trading at home.

**Help Burgettstown Business Men to Help You
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 20, 1931 Edition**

**HIGHWAY TO FLORENCE
MAY OPEN THIS WEEK**

Route No. 18, between Burgettstown and Florence, will be opened to traffic about August 8, state highway department officials state a few days ago.

The last of the concrete on the small section of highway, which has been under repair for weeks, was poured Friday and unless there are further complications the road will be ready for travel late this week.

Citizens of the district commenced to complain about the prolonged detour weeks ago and numerous petitions were sent to the highway department to have a short temporary detour constructed about the section under repair. Such a detour was made and its use permitted for a few days and then closed.

Persons residing within a few miles of Burgettstown, who had to make daily trips, have been forced for weeks to travel to Florence by way of Bavington over the detour, a distance of eight miles.

The section of Route 18 which has been under repair since early in June is approximately 200 feet in length. A slide occurred and the section had to be entirely rebuilt. A loose stone drainage system was also constructed to prevent future slides.

Highway to Florence May Open This Week
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 6, 1936 Edition

Limited Edition Of 500

History Of Northern County Published



White, right, receives a copy of his book from Emile Robert.

The book, "Historical Sketches of Northern Washington County," written by Alvin D. White of Hickory, is now on sale.

White and members of the Fort Vance Historical Society were the first to see the volume when it was first offered for sale Wednesday evening, July 25, at the society's annual picnic at Burgettstown Community Park.

The limited edition of 500 copies, which has been in the making for many years, is bound in Bristol leatherette with an artist's sketch of how old Fort Vance might have looked on the cover.

The book opens with a brief history of the pioneer forts of the area, continues with background sketches of various villages and towns east and west from McDonald to the West Virginia line and north and south from Frankfort Springs to Independence. The religious, educational and social history of the region around Burgettstown follows. A section is devoted to floods, fires and other disasters, and several pages relate humorous incidents of earlier times in the county. The volume closes

with stories of three murders which occurred over a century ago.

Pictures of various neighborhoods around Burgettstown are included in the center of the book. A photograph of the author, a brief preface, bibliography and a list of patrons who made publication possible make up the remainder of the 200 pages.

White has written several other books, including "The Lyles of Washington County;" "History of Cross Creek Church;" "History of Cross Creek Graveyard and Cemetery," 1969; "History of Mt. Prospect Graveyard and Cemetery," 1972; "History of Cross Creek Country," 1975; and he also helped compile "Historic Sketches of Cross Creek Valley," 1976.

The book is offered for sale to the public at \$7 per book

plus \$1 mailing charge. Persons interested in purchasing it may contact the following members of the society: Washington, Lucy McCoy, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 225-8225, after 5 p.m. at 228-4025; Burgettstown, Katherine Pyle; McDonald, Florence Jean Fenwick; Midway-Bulgar, Mary Frances Cataney; Robinson, David Barkhurst; Florence-Paris, Emile Robert and Tom Moore; Avella-West Middletown, Josephine Baker; Hickory-Cross Creek, Minnie Cooke.

Checks may be made payable to the Fort Vance Historical Society Book Fund and mailed to Florence J. Fenwick, 214 Fifth Street, McDonald, 15057. For further information, call Emile Robert, Burgettstown R.D.1, telephone, 947-3251.

**History of Northern Washington County
Observer-Reporter- August 4, 1979 Edition**

Holstein-Friesian Group Honors H. McCreary



Harry McCreary, Cross Creek farmer, is shown above holding the Progressive Breeders Award certificate presented him by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. McCreary is only one of 29 farmers in the state and only 274 breeders in the nation to win the award, the highest recognition bestowed upon a breeder of registered Holstein-Friesian dairy cattle. In addition to the certificate, he also will receive a bronze plaque, which will be presented at a meeting of Holstein breeders in the area. To his left, above, is a miniature of the Holstein-Friesian dairy cow McCreary raises.

Eighteen years ago, Harry A. McCreary of Cross Creek saw "he wasn't getting anywhere" with one breed of cattle so he changed to Holstein-Friesian.

This year McCreary became only the 29th Pennsylvania farmer to qualify for the Progressive Breeders Award presented by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

The Cross Creek man has already received the certificate. A bronze plaque signifying the award will be presented to him at a meeting of Holstein breeders in this area.

The honor, the highest recognition bestowed upon a breeder of registered Holstein-Friesian dairy cattle, has been received by only 274 Holstein breeding establishments in the nation. A breeder must meet strict qualifications in all phases of dairy work including production, type improvement, herd health and progress in development of home-bred animals.

The McCreary herd of 12 cows includes eleven bred on the home farm and only one that was bought.

In 1937 when McCreary first went into Holsteins, he bought five head at a price of about \$250 each. He said this is about half of what the same cows would cost now.

McCreary has no plans for increasing the size of his herd. He says he plans to continue raising an occasional heifer, meanwhile selling off the older cows to keep the size of the herd about the same.

He has two young bulls on his farm, one of which was bred on the McCreary farm.

The last production test of the McCreary herd in the Herd Improvement Registry program was completed October 31, 1954, with the herd averaging 14,602 pounds of milk and 526 pounds of butterfat in 311 days on two milkings daily.

The milk itself is shipped daily to the Pittsburgh metropolitan market.

Winning the Holstein award was no chance happening, however. As McCreary went through his desk to find the certificate he had won, he pointed to some of the other drawers in the desk:

"Complete production records of every cow I ever owned," he said.

Holstein-Friesian Group Honors Harry McCreary
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1955 Edition

THUGS ATTACK FAMILY TO MAKE MONEY GRAB

Members of Horovitz Family Beaten
and Robbed in Their Home in
South Burgettstown

One of the boldest robberies ever perpetrated in Burgettstown was recorded on Thursday evening of last week when two masked bandits entered the home of Adolph Horovitz, 321 Main street, South Burgettstown, and after beating Mr. Horovitz and members of the household, robbed Mr. Horovitz of between \$300 and \$400 in money.

According to the police report, the two bandits entered the kitchen of the Horovitz home through a rear door, shortly after 8 o'clock in the evening. Florence Horovitz, a daughter, was in the kitchen at the time, while the parents were in the upper part of the house and a son, Harold, was in a room adjoining the kitchen. Frightened by the intruders, the young woman screamed, and Mr. Horovitz and Harold hastily ran to the kitchen.

They were met with revolvers thrust in their faces and a demand that Mr. Horovitz produce the money he had carried home from his store at Slovan. When the demand was not promptly complied with Mr. Horovitz was struck over the head with a gun, and Harold was kicked in the stomach by one of the thugs. Mr. Horovitz was forced to hand over the money he carried and the robbers beat a hasty retreat.

Mrs. Horovitz and daughter made their escape from the house and ran into the home of A. S. Fleming, near by, from where they summoned the police and a local physician.

Chief J. E. Dowden responded, and in a short time had called Constable John Kucera of Burgettstown, Constables Mike Robb and Andy Robb of Slovan, and two members of the State Police from the Washington barracks. The officers immediately began a careful search, and about midnight Constable Kucera arrested one of the bandits as he was about to force a motorist from his car near Bella's lunch room, with the presumed purpose of stealing the automobile.

This man was locked up and later identified as one of the robbers. The other made his escape through the Center avenue railroad yards. The man arrested gave a number of different names and claimed residence in various parts of the country. He was unknown in the local territory. Officers state he was an alcohol addict and had been drinking the fluid from canned heat. None of the money or any weapons were found upon his person.

Thugs Attack Horovitz Family to Make Money Grab
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 17, 1932 Edition

Thieves Raid Stock.

A raid by thieves was made on the old Hunter farm, near Dinsmore station, on Sunday night and a valuable young heifer was slaughtered and the carcass cut in two, the back section being carried away. An arrest was made by local officers in the case and a hearing was scheduled for Wednesday evening before Justice W. B. Culley.

In 1855, abolitionist suspected of being a slave catcher

By Len Barcoucky
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Henry Northup, the New Yorker who rescued Solomon Northup, a free black, from illegal bondage, found himself suspected of being a slave-catcher himself when he visited Pittsburgh in 1855.

Reports in the Daily Pittsburgh Gazette and the Daily Morning Post that year laid out the tale of mistaken identity. The Gazette, which was sympathetic to the abolition movement, said the incident also provided evidence that "the mass of our citizens are sound on the slavery question." Today,

the movie "12 Years a Slave," which dramatizes Solomon Northup's ordeal, competes for nine Oscars.

Many members of Pittsburgh's African-American community were on edge during the summer of 1855.

The 1850 Fugitive Slave Law, which made it a crime to

assist blacks escaping from the South, was in full force, and all law-enforcement officials were required to carry out its provisions. Citizens who violated it faced fines and jail. Pittsburgh, nevertheless, remained an important stop on the Under-

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Solomon Northup is illustrated wearing his plantation suit. The original illustration was in the 1854 edition of "Twelve Years a Slave" and reprinted in the 2013 Penguin Books edition of Northup's narrative.

ground Railroad. That was the name given to an anti-slavery network whose members identified and operated safe houses where escaping slaves could find shelter and aid while they made their way north to Canada.

A story published June 20 in the Gazette described how anonymous "agents of the underground R.R. Co." acted to assure a group of ex-slaves freed by their late master in Virginia held on to their freedom.

The Underground Railroad supporters persuaded the former slaves not to travel any farther with the man charged with bringing them north after he "refused to give them any satisfaction as to what disposition he was going to make of them," the story said. That created "the presumption that he might take them beyond the place designated in the will" and sell them back into bondage.

The Gazette was the city's Whig and Republican newspaper, and its editorial policy opposed slavery. The Post, on the other hand, was sympathetic to the South and its "peculiar institution." In a story that appeared July 17, an anonymous reporter made fun of the idea that the newly freed slaves had been in any danger. When the "select committee of the Underground Railroad ... caused a number of manumitted negroes in charge of Capt. M'Henry to be carried off," they did not free them from the danger of re-enslavement, the newspaper said. Instead they had relieved "that gentleman of the further trouble of taking care of them, and obliging him exceedingly."

Nor surprisingly, the Post relished retelling the tale of how Henry Northup was mistaken for a slave catcher when he arrived in Pittsburgh on July 15. His apparent mistake was to immediately ask for information on the whereabouts of the local U.S. marshal and other federal law enforcement officials. Making contact with federal authorities often was a first step in seeking their assistance in recovering what was considered stolen property: an escaped slave.

"Several of the 'affiliated' [with the Underground Railroad] soon heard of the circumstance ... and quickly sent word to their brethren in all parts of town that there was a negro-catcher in our midst," the story said. Black ministers, preach-



An illustration from the 1854 edition of "Twelve Years a Slave" shows Solomon Northup greeting lawyer Henry Northup, who will eventually take him back North.

ing that day, "even went to so far to announce the news from their pulpits, accompanied by the warning that if any fugitives were present, they should conceal themselves," the newspaper reported.

The Post took advantage of the story of Henry Northup's mis-identification to print not once, but twice, what is considered the most derogatory term for African-Americans.

The Gazette then picked up the story. Northup was staying at the Monongahela House, the city's finest hotel. That night after the out-of-towner had gone to bed, "a committee of gentlemen waited upon him to ascertain the truth of the reports and to take such action as might be deemed proper, provided they were true," the Gazette story said on July 17. There is a strong hint of menace in the newspaper's description of the night-time call on Northup.

Even after "H.B. Northup," identified himself as the resident of Sandy Hill, N.Y., who rescued his former neighbor, Solomon Northup, from slavery in Louisiana, at least one of his interrogators remained unconvinced. The suspicious questioner asked whether Henry Northup "might have stolen the livery of a saint to serve the devil in," according to the Gazette.

The next day Northup went to the office of the clerk of U.S. District Court where he talked with a reporter from

the Gazette and was again questioned by Pittsburgh abolitionists. "He was waited on by two committees of white and colored persons at the United States Building, but his explanations were of course satisfactory," the newspaper said.

The Gazette story identifies Solomon Northup as "the hero of the book so extensively circulated, entitled 'Twelve Years a Slave.'" In the final pages of his first-person story, Solomon Northup describes how Henry Northup, a lawyer, arrived at the last Southern plantation where he had been enslaved after his kidnapping more than a decade earlier.

"I seized my old acquaintance by both hands," Solomon Northup wrote. "I could not speak. I could not refrain from tears."

"Sol," he said at length. "I am glad to see you."

Although the two men were not related, they share the last name via a connection with Solomon Northup's father, Mintus. Before he was freed upon the death of his owner, Mintus Northup had been a slave owned by the Northup family and took their name. Henry Northup was a relative of that family.

Despite Henry Northup's critical role in proving that Solomon Northup was a free man, a character by that name doesn't appear in the movie version of "Twelve Years a Slave." In the Academy Award-nominated film, a Saratoga, N.Y., merchant named Parker comes to Louisiana and provides the written evidence of Solomon Northup's legal status as a free man.

While the Post concluded that Underground Railroad supporters should follow the adage "look before you leap," the Gazette drew another lesson from the incident with Henry Northup.

Winking at abolitionist activities that were clearly illegal under the Fugitive Slave Law, the Gazette concluded that city residents, black and white, were following a higher commandment in obstructing slave catchers.

"The prompt action taken by our anti-slavery friends shows that the mass of our citizens are sound on the slavery question," the story concluded. They "are fully resolved that no fugitive slave shall be taken from this city without an effort to resist it."

INDEPENDENCE TWP. CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR



L. H. ANDREWS

L. H. Andrews, 39, of Independence, is seeking the nomination and election as School Director in Independence Township on the Republican ticket.

A life-long resident of the township, Mr. Andrews attended Independence township schools. He is a member of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children and is very active in Crippled Children's work. He is Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School in Independence, a member of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Tool Corporation, Meadville, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Tool and Die in Gastonia, N. C.

"Dutch" is well-known in the area as a magician, and is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. For 21 years he has been employed by the Jessop Steel Company of Washington, currently as National Sales Representative. He is married to the former Dorothy Brown of West Middletown, and is the father of two daughters: Linda Lee, 15, and Cheryl, 11.

Mr. Andrews also raises registered Polled Hereford Cattle on his Lyn-Dor Farms, and is a member of the Burgettstown Saddle Club.

He was vice-president of the Independence township school board for two years, and also ser-



RAYMOND E. ROCCON

Raymond E. Roccon, 30, of Avella Heights, is seeking the nomination and election as School Director in Independence Township on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Roccon attended Avella grade schools and is a graduate of Avella high school. He served in the Air Force for 3½ years, including 17 months in Korea during the Korean War. While in the Air Force, he took electronic training.

Self-employed, Roccon is in the home improvement business, a partner in the J. D. Roccon and Son firm. He is a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic church of Avella, a trustee in the Polar Star Society and vice president of the Avella Chamber of Commerce.

He is married to the former Bernice Wysocki of Langeloth, and is the father of three children: Lorene, 5; Raymond, 3; and Richard, 1.

"My primary interest in running", said Roccon, "is to see that my children and all children of the school district receive the best possible education."

ved for two years with the Joint School Board.

He told an Enterprise reporter, "I believe with my experience in traveling all over the country and talking to the various school directors, etc., I am well qualified to make our school district a better one."



JOHN HAVERLACK

Seeking the nomination and election as School Director on the Democratic ticket in Independence township is John Haverlack, 49, of Avella.

Mr. Haverlack attended the Avella schools, and is a life member of the Avella Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Avella Sportsmen's Association, and a member of St. John the Baptist Greek Catholic church. He is married to the former Catherine Bittner and is the father of two sons, Richard John, 18, and Edward George, 16.

During the Second World War, he served as school director for 2½ years. For the past seven years, he has been employed as a salesman by Brown and Husted, Washington.

Mr. Haverlack said, "If I am nominated and elected, I will work for the best interests and purposes for the taxpayers in my township and for the Avella Joint Schools".

CHRISTINE VANCE

Christine Lusakow Vance, 44, of Avella, R. D. 1, is seeking the nomination and election as School Director in Independence Township on the Republican ticket.

The wife of Robert B. Vance, she is a life resident of the Independence Township area. She attended Avella elementary schools and Hickory high school, and is a graduate of Penn Commercial School.

Mrs. Vance is employed as a part-time postal clerk.

Indian mound has new owner

By Michael B. Lafferty
Dispatch Science Reporter

FRANKFORT, Ohio — Ownership of a prehistoric Indian mound, the last vestige of what was once a huge and intricate configuration of mounds, has been transferred to a national archaeological organization for protection.

The heirs of Freda Henneberger transferred ownership of the mound, which has never been excavated, to the Archaeological Conservancy in May. The conservancy made the transfer public last week.

"It's one of the last remaining undisturbed examples of a Hopewell Indian mound. It's completely undisturbed, and that's very rare. Most have been plowed down," said Sylvia Ball, eastern regional director for the Archaeological Conservancy.

The group, headquartered in Santa Fe, N.M., owns and administers 60 sites in 11 states, including five other sites in Ohio.

Patterned after the Nature Conservancy, the Archaeological Con-

servancy protects important archaeological sites until they can be turned over for safekeeping to local groups.

The site on the north edge of this Ross County village is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and formerly was known as the Frankfort Mound. Ball said it has been renamed the Henneberger Mound to honor the donors.

The grassy, cone-shaped mound is about 15 feet high and 120 feet in diameter.

It was constructed by Hopewell Indians about 2,000 years ago as a burial mound, Ball said, and was one of a number of mounds built within the perimeters of three larger earthworks — one square-shaped and two circular.

The Hopewells, who lived between 100 B.C. and A.D. 400, often built mounds in the shapes of circles and squares in areas covering up to 100 acres. Their most famous earthworks — at Newark, Ohio — covered almost 4 square miles or more than 2,500 acres.

The Hopewells traded extensively for goods and materials — bear teeth from the Rocky Mountains, silver from Ontario and copper from Michigan — which artisans worked into ornaments.

Several mounds near the Henneberger Mound were excavated in the 19th century. Martha Otto, an archaeologist with the Ohio Historical Society, said an 1889 excavation by Warren K. Moorehead uncovered the remains of 20 Indians, ashes containing animal bones, a copper plate and ornaments, large bear teeth, panther teeth and other artifacts. One skeleton was dressed with a strand of 600 pearls, some up to one-half inch in diameter.

The Henneberger Mound escaped excavation because landowners always protected it. The mound site also is bordered on two sides by private homes and on a third by a county road. Anyone seeking to dig would be spotted quickly.

Ball said there are no plans for professional archaeologists to excu-



vate the mound. That should fit Freda Henneberger's desires, her great-niece, Carol Recob, said. "Freda looked at herself as the custodian of the mound."

The mound was part of a farm purchased by the Henneberger family in 1936.

Recob said some family members wanted to protect the mound after Freda died in 1968 and the farm was divided among her heirs.

Indian mound has new owner
Columbus Dispatch-July 8, 1990 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

INSPECTIONS OF AUTOS CAUSES MUCH JUNKING

**More Than 14,000 Unfit Automobiles
Are Forced out of Road Service
by Failure to Pass Tests**

The Division of Safety of the Department of Revenue distributed 2,000,000 inspection stickers to Pennsylvania's 7955 official motor vehicle inspection stations during the recent inspection period, Secretary of Revenue John B. Kelly said recently.

Under a policy inaugurated for the first time this year, inspection stations are charged five cents for each sticker. Previously inspection supplies were provided free to the stations by the department.

The money collected this year from the inspection stations for the stickers will be sufficient to cover all of the expenses of administering the campaign as well as certain other highway safety activities conducted by the Department of Revenue. Heretofore these expenses were paid out of the Motor Fund from the automobile fees and gasoline tax collected from the motorists of the State.

During the recent campaign 14,844 mechanically unfit cars were found unsafe to operate on the highways. The registrations of these cars were withdrawn and the vehicles junked.

In the course of the campaign 109 inspection stations were suspended and 132 were cancelled for improper practices. During the same period 356 new stations were installed.

**Inspections of Autos Causes Much Junking
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 6, 1936 Edition**

JOE TEPsic, FORMER U.S. STAR ATHLETE ENROLLS AS STUDENT AT STATE COLLEGE

As a pattern of what will very likely take place a thousand times and more in sports in the years just ahead, take the case of Joe Tepsic, of Penn State, a Guadalcanal veteran and a former all-around star at Union High School.

The story comes from Joe Bedenk, who coaches the baseball team for State's Nittany Lions.

Tepsic showed up one day last March at State College and enrolled. He was a stranger, but said he would come out for the baseball team and Bedenk made him welcome. 'I didn't know whether he could tell a baseball from a load of hay, but I soon found out,' the coach grinned.

Tepsic was no 17-year-old waiting for the draft board to gobble him up, nor was he 4-F at 21, he was beginning his college career under the GI bill of rights, a privilege Uncle Sam has made possible for all his service men.

Joe was a veteran Marine. He had gone ashore with the leather-necks at Guadalcanal where a Jap Bayonet had wounded him grievously in the shoulder. It took almost a full year for the surgeons to finish their repair work on him and turn him loose.

'I didn't say much when Joe drove out a long home run in our first game,' Bedenk said, 'I had a hunch Tepsic was a natural, but I thought it would be a good idea to sit tight and see what happened. But by the middle of our season I knew he was not a morning glory. Tepsic hit three home runs, two triples and two doubles for us in 10 games. His average was .500, and around the school they were saying he was one of the best athletes to come to Penn State in years'.

JOE'S BACKGROUND

Meanwhile, Bednek and other athletic officials learned the boy's background—that his home was in Slovan that he had been an all-around athlete at Burgettstown

High; that he entered Waynesburg College, where he played his Freshman year for the Yellow Jackets. He left Waynesburg to enlist in the Marines and served until they got him at Guadalcanal.

It was my fault, Bednek says, that Tepsic's reputation as a fielder wasn't on a par with his hitting prowess. He is an out fielder, not an infielder, but I needed a third baseman badly and he agreed to play there.

As an outfielder, Bedenk thinks Tepsic is sure fire. 'He starts faster than any player I ever coached and covers acres of ground. And he has a powerful throwing arm. He's a switch hitter, too, but is at his best when he bats right-handed.'

The scouts must agree with Bedenk, for they arrived in droves when the word got out, and showered Tepsic with honeyed offers, but he turned them all down.

'Come back after I get my degree,' he told them.

While Tepsic has made his name on the diamond at Penn State, he will also report for the football team. Football was his best sport in high school and baseball came second. It was not until he arrived at Penn State and got back into baseball that Tepsic realized that football was not impossible for him. It came about unexpectedly one day when, while rounding second base at full speed he ran head-on into a teammate. Joe picked himself up, brushed off his uniform, and announced to everybody, 'I think I am going to play football.' The collision convinced him that he was as fit as ever for contact sport.

There are going to be young fellows like Tepsic on every campus in the land, Coach Bedenk declared. They are coming back in dribbles today, but they'll be streaming in by next fall and winter to give every branch of sport a tremendous impetus. It is important that we be ready for them.

JOFFRE COUPLE HAS 50th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Argenta, Sr., of Joffre celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and the latter's 80th birthday on Father's Day, June 19, with an "open house" reception for the family and friends.

Attending from the immediate family were: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Latella and daughter Dolores and Mary of Slovan; Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hatton and sons Gerald, James and Thomas of Midway; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Argenta, Jr., and daughters Patricia and Eileen and son Joseph, III, of Baden; and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tsekas at home.

Grandchildren present included: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Antiga and daughter Marcia; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mechling; Thomas and Donna Argenta, all of Wellsburg, W. Va. The honored couple received many beautiful gifts.

JOFFRE

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hanna, daughter, Norma, and son, Norman, attended the graduation exercises at Pitt University, where their son and brother, Michael Hanna, graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law.

The Rev. J. V. Stevenson is suffering from a paralytic stroke.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McFarland visited in the home of Mrs. John Wyko in Francis Mine.

Mrs. Martin Ruzsa has returned home from the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, where she underwent an operation.

Frank Ocepek returned home from the Mercy hospital.

Andrew Sherockman left on a motor trip to New Jersey.

Ray Koraido has purchased a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martinos and Herman Verdun of Langeloth visited in the C. P. De Valkeneer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hannequant of Sheridan and Mrs. Telesphore Hannequant, daughter and family of North Side, Pittsburgh, visited Sunday, in the Jules Watlet, C. P. De Valkeneer and Leon Thorel homes.

The Penny Bingo held by the Marie-Helena Lodge No. 203, in Argenta Hall was well attended.

Mrs. Joseph Gilbert, Sr., Mrs. Don Canonge, and Mrs. Jules Watlet were Pittsburgh callers, Thursday.

Charles Ruzsa, John Pendracky and George Hanna are employed with the Pennsylvania Railroad Freight yards in Pittsburgh.

Elliot Canonge, a student at Philadelphia School of Bible in Philadelphia, is home for the summer.

The Daily Vacation Bible School began last week with Miss Marion Line in charge. It will continue throughout the month of June.

The Mike Kroesko, Jr., family of Burgettstown moved into the Sam Delaire property.

Members of the Y.P.C.E. society of the Raccoon Presbyterian church held an "Alumni Service" on Sunday June 15, at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. F. C. Fowler of the Knoxville Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh, delivered a moving picture lecture on the Holy Land. It was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John Phillis visited in the C. McMillen home in Frankfort.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martinas and family of Langeloth visited in the Oliver Cujas, Sr., home.

Mrs. Margaret Crepps visited her daughter, Mrs. James Henwood in Steubenville.

Mrs. Martin Slak visited her daughter, Mrs. Tony Patterson in Raccoon.

JOFFRE

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. DeValkeneer and son, Freddie, daughter Rena and Alexander Henico of Hastings visited in the home of Jules Watlet, Jr. at Monongahela, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Caserio Conti and family of North Bessemer visited over the week end in the Andrew Scopel and Angelo Ceccato homes.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelso a daughter. Mrs. Kelso was Mary Wargo before her marriage.

The Mike Evans, Jr. family of Warwood, W. Va. and Frank Evans of Ellsworth spent the week end in the Mike Evans, Sr. home.

Miss Arvella Durain visited in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gareis in Sturgeon, Friday.

Those who were home from college were Norman Hanna and George Zibritosky of Dubuque University, Bernice Danek and Margaret Elias of California State college, Marie Love and William Proudft of Westminster.

Those who spent the week end in their parents home were Jennie and Nellie Maslyk, Gazella Kuhn, Bertha Velegdon, Mary and Anna Vincz, Anna and Sue Krocsko, Rose, Anna and Clara Scariot all of Pittsburgh.

Those who attended the funeral of Mrs. William C. Blair in McDonald, Monday were, Mrs. Jules Watlet, Mrs. C. P. DeValkeneer, Mrs. Samuel Hanna, Mrs. Josephine Colesberry, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pack, Mrs. Julia Lorasky and son Raymond, Miss Marion Line, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buneman.



Right to Left: John Fulton, Walter Fulton, Bert Figley and his wife Bertha; Emma Fulton, John's wife; and John Figley as a little boy.

the large home which is the Kowalski residence on Tenan Street.

JOHN FULTON

J. C. Fulton, born in 1847, owned and operated a feed store business, recently Figley's, now Allison's. The business originally was located near the railroad station but was moved to Center Avenue in 1905. Mr. Fulton lived at one time in the house now occupied by Robert and Sarah Knight. He then built and moved into



SOCIETY.

John Cole Linn and Miss Janet Miller Exchange Vows In Crouse Memorial Lutheran Church at Tiro, Ohio

Crouse Memorial Lutheran church at Tiro, Ohio was the scene of the marriage of John Cole Linn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Linn of the Bavington Road and Janet Mae Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Miller of Tiro. Rev. H. M. Hauter performed the double ring ceremony at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, January 16, before an altar decorated with lighted candelabra and vases of white carnations. An organ recital of nuptial music preceded the ceremony with Miss Patricia Pugh of Shelby, O., as soloist and Miss Ruth Ann Bradley of Tiro, organist. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, appeared in a beautiful white velvet gown, designed with V-neckline and full ballerina skirt. She wore a shoulder length veil, rhinestone jewelry and carried a white bridal bouquet, centered with a white orchid and satin streamers and a white Bible, a gift of the groom.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Georgia Gwartz of Tiro wore a rust colored velvet dress and the bridesmaids, Mrs. Betty Stiving of Shelby and Miss Shirley Miller of Tiro chose aqua velvet dresses, patterned in similar design to the bridal gown.

The matron of honor carried a shower bouquet of rust colored roses and yellow carnations and the bridesmaids carried bouquets of yellow carnations.

Mrs. Miller, the mother of the bride appeared in a navy street length costume with navy and white accessories and white carnations. Mrs. Linn wore a wine taffeta gown with navy accessories and white carnations.

Attendants to the groom were Val W. Aubel of Shelby, best man and Franklyn Farrar of Chillicothe, O., and Watson Farrar of Salem, O., as ushers. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the social rooms of the church and luncheon was served, buffet style.

For her going away costume, the bride wore an aqua suit with black and white accessories and a white orchid corsage. She is a graduate of Tiro high school and was employed as a secretary to the Shelby Salesbook company. Mr. Linn is a graduate of Union high school and Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, O. He is associated with Shelby Salesbook Co.

Out of town guests attended the wedding from Burgettstown, Pittsburgh, Shelby, New Washington, Mansfield, Cleveland, Crestline and Bucyrus, O., and Ilion, N. Y.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Linn, Miss Dorothy Farrar and Mrs. Edward Hamilton

**John Cole Linn and Miss Janet Miller Exchange Vows
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1955 Edition**

**JOSEPH DELLARIA GETS
AWARD AT GROVE CITY**

Joseph F. Dellaria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Dellaria, Burgettstown, R. D. 3, was one of 210 students at Grove City College honored in the Honors Day program held annually at Grove City college.

Membership in the Scroll and Key, the Honor Society of the College, is limited to one of every 15 students in the Senior Class. The award is granted on the basis of the student's entire scholastic record.

Merit Awards are granted to the highest 15 per cent of each class on the basis of scholastic records.

Dr. A. P. Weaver, minister of the Grace Methodist Church of Grove City, gave an inspired address to the honor students, and Dr. Weir C. Ketler, President of the College, presented the awards to each student.

Jottings

HEADLINES FROM THE
BURGETTSTOWN ENTERPRISE
DURING THE YEAR 1942

JANUARY—John M. Scott is named chairman of the Tire Board; Organize Auxiliary for Red Cross; Smith Twp. forms Home Defense Group; Friday club collects books for soldiers; Bulger women form "Purl Harder" Knitting club.

FEBRUARY—Draft Board has "R" Day; B.V.F.D. Members Complete Red Cross Instructor's Course; First Blackout, Feb. 17; Women organize Legion Auxiliary; Ration Tire Recaps; Lincoln Club Drafts Gen. Martin as Candidate for Gov. of Penna.; Sons of Italy buy \$1925 War Bonds.

MARCH—Legion collects scrap metal; State engineers view proposed landing field at Harmon Creek.

APRIL—Register for sugar; Zinc employes raise Minute Man Flag; Pvt. Geo. Loraski, 1st war casualty; Name Victory Garden Chairmen; Climax Builds \$200,000—550 ft. smoke stack.

MAY—Steve Krznovcke Cited at Pearl Harbor; 3rd "R" Day Held; Sheriff Williams Heads USO Campaign for \$63,000 in Co.; Warren Ager reported missing.

JUNE—Eli Valdich Reported Miss-

ing; Lt. Ed. Hughey broadcasts from London; John Boris Wounded in Java Sea; Women Score Perfect in Blackout Test Driving; Air Raid Officers get Badges; Tag Day for Russian Relief.

JULY—Call Volunteers to Man Air Observation Posts; Slovan V.F.D. Dedicates Service Flag; Donald and Leonard LeCouvre Missing in Action in Philippines; Blackout Driver Fined \$25; Service Flag Raised at Atlasburg.

AUGUST—Junior Women collect funds for Burgettstown Honor Roll; Raccoon Dedicates Service Flag; Zinc Plant Builds \$450,000 Waelz Reclaiming Plant; Bulger Raises Service Flag.

SEPTEMBER—Catholic School opens; Scrap and Junk Rally nets 229,000 pounds; Louis Louvin Killed in Action; Ens. Mike Saska Crashes to Death; Sergt. John Melvin Drowns at Ft. Bragg; Burgettstown Dedicates Honor Roll; Marino Resigns and Prado Elected Pres. of Smeltersmen.

OCTOBER—Climax wins Army-Navy E Award; Keith Theatre Sells \$50,000 war bonds in 1 week; Zinc Plant Modernizes Acid Dept.; Ration Rubber Boots; Frank Spatharos receives letter from Gen. MacArthur; Merchants sell bonds; Benny Navage is reported Missing; Gabriel Sharkey wounded in Solomons; Bert Russell Succeeds J. C. Wolfe on Draft Board.

NOVEMBER—Gen. Martin Elected

Governor; Ration Gasoline; Schools collect 502 tons scrap metal; Burgettstown Organizes Service Club.—mlv.

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Dear Editor:

Here is a little poem that was composed during the last blackout . . . it looks good to us and we thought that perhaps you would enjoy it too.

"Be still and know that I am God"
The silence said to me,
This busy world had run so fast,
It had no time for Thee.
The silence brought Thy glory out,
The stars, the moon, the trees;
The night lark as she flew on high
In wafted summer breeze.
The fireflies their light they threw
Like fairy flashlights, gay;
Showing us God all nature rules,
And no man's law obeys.
"Be still and know that I am God",
We bow in reverence, Lord;
The young, the careless, old and sick
Thy mercy doth employ.
We thank Thee for this "blackout"
hour
Where silence reigns supreme,
And where Thy power reaches out
Touching hearts, unseen.
We thank Thee for this "blackout"
hour
Where we commune with Thee,
The hour that man had made for
power
But brought us back to Thee.
—by F.W.

**Jottings-Headlines from the Burgettstown Enterprise During 1942
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 24, 1942 Edition**

Jury Acquits Motorist.

Joseph Vega, 19 years old, of Lange-loth, driver of the automobile which fatally injured Noreene Trimmer, aged 7 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Trimmer of Elm street on September 3rd, was freed of responsibility for the accident by a coroner's jury last Saturday morning. Coroner W. B. Baker held the inquest in the Lee & Wilson undertaking rooms here and the jury was composed of local men. A large amount of testimony was taken and the jury decided the accident was unavoidable.

Joseph Vega
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 24, 1931 Edition

**Katherine Durinzi
Chosen Campus Queen
At California College**

5-29-47



Miss Katherine "Kay" Durinzi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Domenic Durinzi of 423 South Main street, was chosen Campus Queen and crowned by Jack Bradley Saturday night, May 10, at the Senior Ball of California State Teachers College, California, Pa. Out of ten girls the student body selected three and Kay was chosen out of the three girls. She received a lovely silver Elgin American compact as a gift. Her crown was composed of five gardenias. Her attendants were Virginia Bennati of Monessen, Pa., and Rena Gaskey of California. They received gold bracelets as gifts. The contest was sponsored by the Photography Club, Tower Times school newspaper, Sigma Gamma Beta Club, and the Senior class.

Kay, a pert brunette with a pleasant outlook on life, is a sophomore in the Secondary Curriculum, majoring in English and Speech Correction. She stresses dancing as being her favorite form of recreation. She is a spirited cheerleader and Associate Editor of the 1948 Vulcan Handbook and belongs to the Woman's Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, and Woman's Athletic Association.

Katherine "Kay" Durinzi
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 29, 1947 Edition

KING IS SENTENCED

Earl King, of Burgettstown, must serve a two-to-four-year penitentiary term for burglary despite pleas for leniency by the proprietors of three places he admitted entering.

King plead guilty, but Judge Howard W. Hughes said he was powerless to grant a parole because King was sentenced 10 years ago on a theft charge. Only first offenders can be paroled, the judge explained.

King admitted that last summer he took vending machines valued at \$83 from the Union Lunch, \$108 in cash from the Butler Market, and \$10 worth of meat from the Burgettstown Grill.

In pleaded for leniency, the proprietors of the three places said they understood King stole from them because his family needed food.

Land of Liberty?



NEW YORK. — Nine-year-old Michael Storrie of England, gazing at the Statue of Liberty, when he was taken to Ellis Island for an immigration hearing. When he arrived in the U. S. recently, it was found he did not have his visa to enter. His father may have forgotten the precious document when the boy sailed from Lisbon.

Land of Liberty?

Burgettstown Enterprise-February 13, 1941 Edition

LANGELOTH MAN HELD FOR THEFT

Serge Sewasky, 53, for nearly a quarter of a century an employe in the Furance Department of the American Zinc and Chemical Company plead guilty to stealing 692 pounds of zinc, at a hearing before Justice of the Peace W. J. Whalen, Jr. on Wednesday evening. Sewasky was released on \$500 bail and held for the August term of Court, when his case will be tried.

Sewasky was arrested by Constable Mike Robb, when information reached Zinc Officials that Sewasky was attempting to sell a load of zinc to a local dealer in Scrap Iron and Metal. Sewasky, it is alleged, called the Caplan Yards to come to his home for a truck load of scrap metal and included in the load was 692 pounds of zinc ore. It was brought out at the hearing that Sewasky is alleged to have carried the zinc ore home piece by piece, in his dinner bucket.

The accused lives on Henderson street, Langeloth.

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LEGLSS G. I. SLAIN; PARALYZED ONE HELD

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 7 (AP)—A 29-year-old Army veteran paralyzed from the waist down today waived preliminary hearing on a charge that he had murdered a legless friend.

The defendant is Charles Edward Kennedy, of Burgettstown, Pa. He is charged with firing six shots from an automatic pistol into Vance A. Clary, 28, of Randleman, N. C., during an altercation Saturday night in McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital here.

Kennedy was wheeled into the courtroom before United States Commissioner Melvin Flegenheimer. He remained silent while Frank A. S. Wright, defense attorney, waived the hearing. He was taken to the Federal Reformatory Hospital at Petersburg, Va. in default of \$10,000 bond.

Dr. L. H. Wright, manager of McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital, said both men had been drinking when the quarrel occurred. When six other paraplegics in the same ward saw a gun being drawn, they rolled themselves into a sun porch flanking the fifteen-patient room. No nurse was in the ward at the time.

**Charles Edward Kennedy-Hearing
New York Times-August 8, 1950 Edition**

Library offering free access to world's largest online newspaper archive

By **JANICE R. KIASKI**
Herald-Star community editor

STEUBENVILLE — If you've ever tried to find information from newspapers using microfilm in a library, you know it's a tedious, time-consuming process.

There's no specific way to search for information, so you're at the mercy of the hunt, scrolling through page after page in a needle-in-a-haystack pursuit that's not very easy on the eyes.

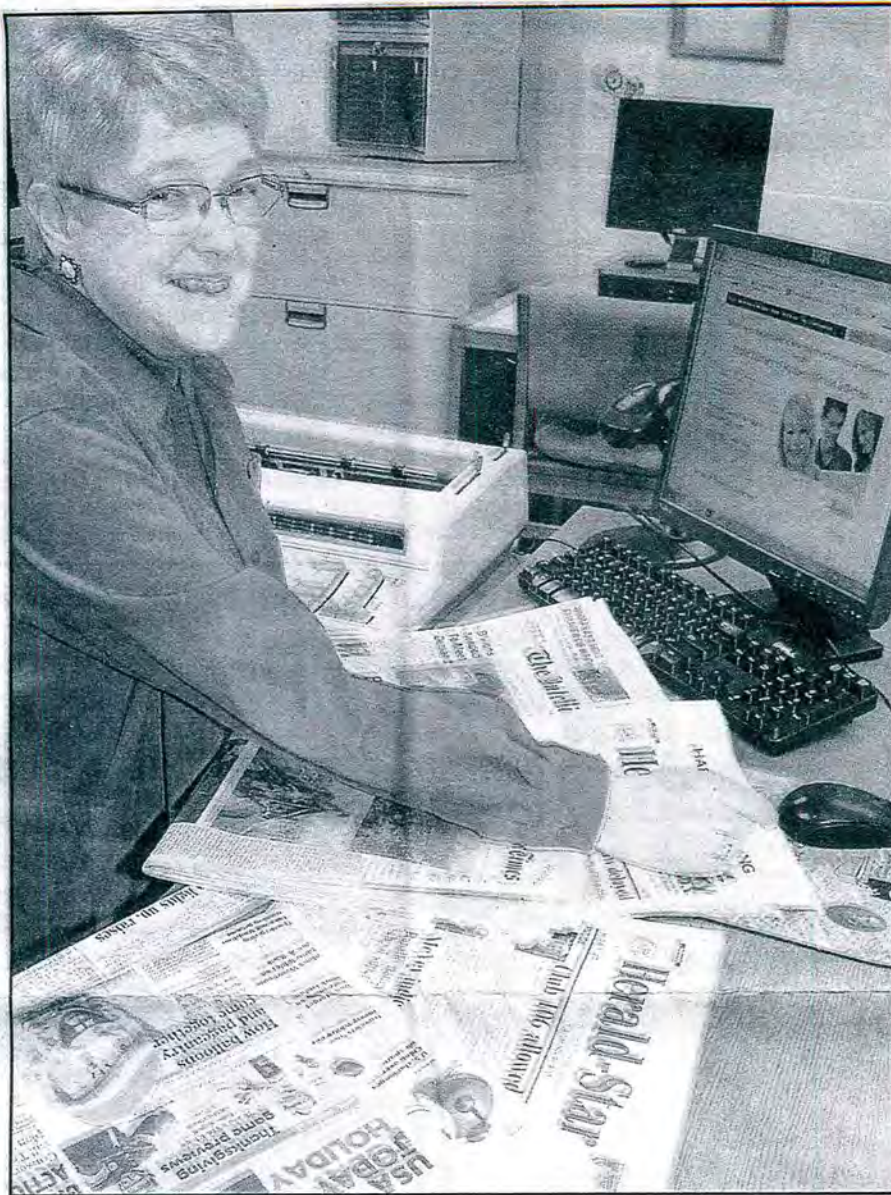
Now comes a user-friendly alternative that while not guaranteeing that'll you find what you're looking for, it simplifies the process and broadens the scope, too.

Enter Newspaper Archive, a free online service now being provided through the Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County that Sandy Day, the local historian and genealogist at the Schiappa branch, anticipates the more patrons discover that it's available, the more they'll use it and love it.

And that's not just individuals interested in family genealogy and researching their roots, either.

For people who like the idea of accessing lots of newspapers to go back in time to read about historical events, for example, or find information on most any topic from sports to community news, the new addition to the library system puts lots of information from lots of places and time frames at patrons' fingertips.

"Newspaper Archive is the world's largest online newspaper archive," Day said of the service, which is available



Janice Kiaski

NEWS INFORMATION — On her computer at the Schiappa branch of the Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County, Sandy Day, local historian and genealogist, accesses Newspaper Archive, a new free service of the library system that allows library patron cardholders to access newspapers from all 50 states and 10 countries as far back as the early 1700s and as current as the early 2000s.

film is searchable by, for example, topics, time periods, names and locations. They are available from as recent as the early 2000s back to the early 1700s.

Newspapers from all 50 states and 10 countries have been scanned and are viewable on the

Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, South Africa, United Kingdom and the U.S. Virgin Islands (not a separate country but part of U.S.-owned property.) The newspapers for these countries are in

"The Public Library of

it would be a great asset to our online services for our patrons," Day said.

"We always aim to provide as many free services as we can to the general public. This site will be really helpful for genealogists but is not

searching their family

or friends," Day said.

"The value of this new service is that any of our patrons can find any news story on their families very easily," Day said, citing one example.

"All they have to do is bring their Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County Library card to any of the branches in Jefferson County. This site is not available by remote access, only in house. The only fee to our patrons is if prints are made, and the fee for printing is only 15 cents a page," she explained.

Day said not all newspapers for every state are included, but there are many covered.

"For instance, Ohio's list includes the Steubenville Daily Herald 1874-1896; and Steubenville Herald and Herald-Star 1890-1977 so Steubenville newspapers cover 1874-1977, she said. "It also contain the Weirton Daily Time 1955-1977 only. Some of the newspapers are available much earlier and some are also available for dates in the 21st century," Day said pointing out that more newspapers are added on a regular basis.

Day said the Schiappa branch does house microfilm of the Herald-Star and its predecessor and covers 1806-2009 on microfilm.

"From 2009 forward we have the Herald-Star available on DVD only. This is great because the DVDs are searchable where this is not possible on microfilm," Day said. "There are eight computers in the reference room and one in the local history room at the Schiappa branch where you can access this site."

ppa branch where you can access this site"

Library

you, feel free to stop in, and staff will be happy to assist you," she said.

Library patrons are beginning to learn about the new service available and appreciate what it can do, according to Day.

One woman, for example, was interested in sports articles that may have been published in the Herald-Star about her father when he played football during the 1950s for Adena

High School.

"She did not know exact dates but knew she would need to look at the newspaper archives we have," Day said.

"Another staff person told her about this new service. Within a short time, she had at least a half dozen news stories on her father. If she had looked for these stories only on the microfilm, it would have easily taken a full day if not a couple days to get what she

found in a couple hours' time," Day said.

Day has tested the service as well. She decided to search for what news items she could find in Indiana, confining the search to a specific town and surname of a relative.

"A test I made recently in an Indiana newspaper brought the following results in the mid-1900 newspapers," Day said of what she found, which included an obitu-

ary and news items of the woman being in attendance at a Daughters of American Revolution meeting.

"This proves she had at least one DAR ancestor in her lineage or she could not have been a member," she said of the significance of her find.

"Another match for the surname I searched in that state showed attendance at a family wedding along with

other members of that family mentioned. I also found a news article about this person's three sons attending various colleges and universities. I was very surprised by the broad scope of the news stories I found," Day said.

"The Newspaper Archive service has only been available at our library for a short time. The staff at the Schiappa branch love it, and so do I. I advise the general

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public to come in and give it a test drive. You may be pleasantly surprised at what you can find," Day said.

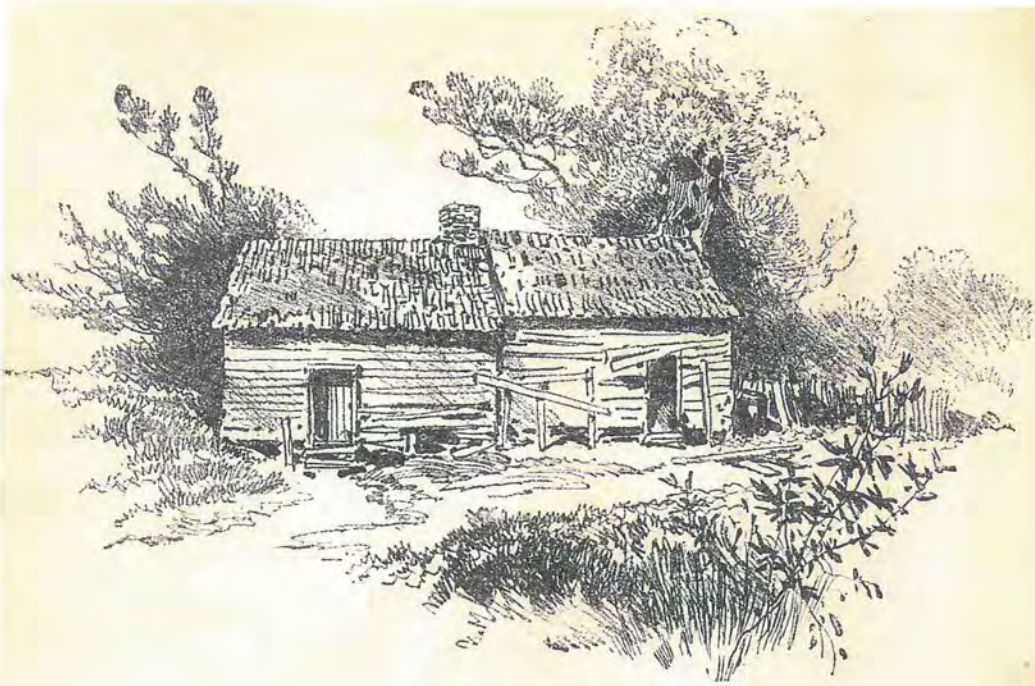
"Remember, you do not need to be a genealogy researcher to use this service. The staff at the Schiappa branch or any of the other branches will show you how easy it is to use," she said.

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Lightning Kills Three Boys.

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa. Aug. 13 (AP).—Lightning today killed three farm boys who had sought shelter under an oak tree during a storm. The dead are Nick Mehollic, 12 years old, his brother Sam, 10, and Mike Roman, 9, whose mother discovered the bodies. Alarmed at the failure of her son to return home after the storm, Mrs. Steve Roman set out to find the lad who had gone with the Mehollic boys to watch cattle in a near-by field. Mrs. Roman carried the body of her son home and summoned aid.

**Three Boys Struck by Lightning
Nick Mehollic, Sam Roman, and Mike Roman
New York Times-August 14, 1933 Edition**



THE BIRTHPLACE OF LINCOLN.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S MOTHER.

"All I am I owe to my mother."

So said the most typical American of Americans, Abraham Lincoln.

Only recently has Mr. Lincoln's genealogy been definitely ascertained. On his father's side he came from the Puritan stock. His mother belonged to a family of Quakers. From Uriah Hanks was descended Nancy, the mother of the illustrious, God-given martyr President.

She was a winsome Virginian maiden, tall, dark, dignified, with few equals in her day for grace of manner and intellectual attainments. Her reverent, devout nature was given her by generations of pious ancestors, men who believed in God, feared him and nobody else.

She went with her brave husband out on the frontiers of Western life, leaving behind the sunny South. Few books were to be had, except her constant volume, the Bible, and her noble conduct accords with its precepts. She longed for a larger life, but patiently endured her lot. Yet do not wonder that the almond-shaped eyes looked sadly into the past, and a shadow often threw itself across her benign face as she reflected upon a cheerless present and a dismal future.

Her home was a log cabin of one room only. No door had been hung. The skin of a deer stretched across the opening—a poor protection for the winter's blast. The stars could be seen as she lay on her rude bed of straw. In this shelter Abraham Lincoln was born, on February 12, 1809; and when he was ten years old, he was left motherless.

In after years, he speaks of her, this great woman, so brief a space given to him, and given amid such fearful odds, such poverty, such hardship. The verdict he gave is: "All I am I owe to my mother."

Oh, men of America, what a testimony from our greatest modern American! Aye, the greatest of all our heroes! And how many more could re-echo his words, if called upon for testimony! And you, the mothers of our great ones and of all the "real" hearted and brave, such a message as this to you is a thrill of joy.

She it was who, in ten short years of his infant life, so molded his character, purified his ambitions, made his aims, and him all he was to us and the race, that, in his after days and amid all his checkered life, she still remained his guiding angel, the star of his proud, glorious destiny, until the assassin's bullet set him free to rejoin the mother to whom he owed so much.—Ledger.

**LIQUOR LICENSE
REFUNDS MAILED
TO MUNICIPALITIES**

Payment of \$5,493,900 due more than 2100 municipalities of the Commonwealth in liquor license refunds scheduled in August 1940 and February of this year, and withheld by the Governor because of a shortage of funds, approved by Auditor General F. Clair Ross.

August payments, now one year overdue, amount of \$2,447,072; while February payments are \$3,046,828.

All payments represent a 100 percent refund to municipalities of liquor licenses paid by establishments within their bounds as required by law. Moneys so received go into general funds of the municipalities.

Amounts sent to boroughs and townships follow:

Burgettstown, \$1,750; McDonald, \$1,500; Midway, \$450; Cecil, \$2,600; Hanover, \$300; Mt. Pleasant, \$825; Robinson, \$400; mith, \$3,200.

**Liquor License Refunds Mailed to Municipalities
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 14, 1941 Edition**

Local group makes TV debut as extras in Jackson movie

A local singing group will be making its television debut during the Nov. 15 and 18 airing of "An American Dream: The Jackson Family Story."

Mass Confusion is comprised of "Rhandi" Bannister, Kelly Walden-Bannister and former member Bethany Peters.

Bethany Peters appears periodically as an extra in the first part of the two-day mini-series.

Kelly Walden-Bannister appears in dual roles.

She will play a student in a 1940s sequence and a choir girl in a talent show during a 1960s sequence.

She got the role after she impressed the assistant director and replaced a choir girl who had been selected.

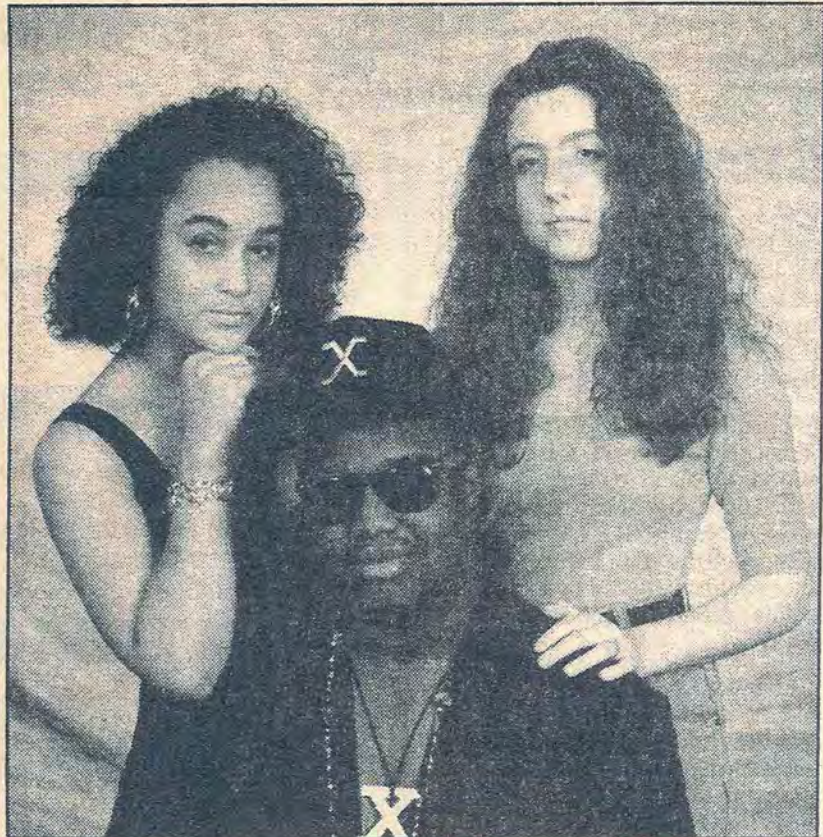
Rhandi, who also started as an extra, was promoted to a day player, giving him a small speaking role.

The role may be edited for time purposes.

He appears in several scenes with the movie's starring cast which include Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs of "Welcome Back Carter," Angela Bassett of "Boys in the Hood" and Bumper Robinson of "A Different World."

Rhandi also appears in a scene with the rhythm and blues group, Boyz II Men.

The mini-series is set to air on ABC.



MASS CONFUSION MEMBERS will appear in an upcoming made-for-television movie. Seated is "Rhandi" Bannister. Standing, from left is Bethany Peters and Kelly Walden-Bannister.

Mass Confusion makes its musical debut in December with the debut single, "Special Love."

The song has recently been played on WAMO, WRKY, and WKIK-FM in Los Angeles.

**Rhandi Bannister, Kelly Walden, and Bethany Peters
Local Group Makes TV Debut as Extras in Jackson Movie**

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LOCAL INDUSTRY HELP PLANNED BY MAYORS

Municipal Officials in Tri-State Are
Consider Means to Help Out
in Revival of Business

On Wednesday evening of last week Burgess Robert C. Cassidy, Dr. W. S. Clark, Richard S. Clark and Smith, Township Tax Collector R. M. Boyd, all of Burgettstown, were the guests of Mayor T. Y. Beckett of Wheeling at a dinner held at the Fort Henry Club at Wheeling. Mayors of about 40 cities and municipalities were in attendance.

The gathering was in the nature of a conference from which it was hoped plans might evolve for the increase and stabilization of coal production in the neighboring area. The meeting was the first of a series which are expected to be held from time to time in the near future in other cities. It is the object of the sponsors of the conferences to place the coal industry upon a more solid foundation. Prominent bankers composed a committee in charge of the movement.

The following resolution was passed: "No consumer of coal, large or small, with a social conscience desires to pay a price that means starvation to miners and bankruptcy to operators. The price of the product should be such that the miner gets a fair wage and the operator of the mines a fair profit at all times." The resolution carried also an admonition concerning the observance of law and order.

Briefly the mayors of the tri-state area submit: Governmental control not advocated; state guidance for legal reasons is necessitated. To have a tribunal, impartial and free of politics, appointed by the governors of the states, this tribunal to form the operators into a unit; to ascertain potential production and consumption by state, by district, by operation, by year, by month and by day. Cooperation by labor and capital, so that employees get a living wage and employers a fair profit.

**Local Industry Help Planned by Mayors
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 27, 1931**

Local News of All Sorts

"Mr. Bob," Monday night. Mrs. W. H. Pry has been ill. Charles L. Culley is serving on the jury this week.

Miss Ethel Proudfit spent the week end with friends in Canonsburg.

W. J. Whalen has moved into the J. R. Studa house, on High street.

Mrs. T. H. Huber and son Karl spent Sunday with friends in Ingram.

Attorney M. H. Borland has received an appointment as notary public.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Pry, of Crosscreek township, were Harrisburg visitors last week.

Miss Grace Kerr is visiting her sister, Miss Blanche Kerr, in East Aurora, N. Y.

Mrs. Harry Keenan, of Carnegie, visited her aunt, Mrs. Mary Simpson, Wednesday.

Vance Scott visited the past week with his sister, Mrs. Lawton, and other friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cassidy, of Jefferson township, spent Sabbath with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cassidy.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Dunbar, who was critically ill of pneumonia, is recovering.

Mrs. J. A. Russell is visiting at the home of her son Frank in Marianna.

Miss Ora Nesbit is visiting at the home of her brother, Rev. E. C. Nesbit at Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Mrs. William Pyle and daughter Louise are visiting the former's parents at East Liverpool, Ohio.

Mrs. T. L. Woodrow is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Pyle at Derry.

Mrs. Mary Close of Steubenville, O., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alvin Fleming.

Snyder Malone of Sheridanville, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carlisle visited friends in Hickory Sunday.

The "Boy Scouts" will attend the preaching service in the First Presbyterian church to-night in a body.

The latest statements show deposits in our two banks amounting to almost one and one-half million dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pyle, of Washington, spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pyle.

Rev. James Waite, pastor of Westminster church, is at Delmont, Pa., this week assisting his brother in special meetings.

Mrs. R. V. Dunbar wishes to thank her friends who kindly remembered her by postcard and letter on her ninety-fourth birthday.

Mrs. J. J. Rankin has been confined to her home for the past five or six weeks with rheumatism, and her condition is but little better.

It is understood that at the next change of schedule the Primrose accommodation will be run through to Langeloth, laying over in Burgettstown at night.

Mrs. Nancy Johnson Searight died last night at 8 o'clock in North Side, Pittsburg, aged 79 years. She was a former resident of Smith township and a sister of Mrs. Thomas Brimmer and Wm. Johnson. Arrangements not yet made for funeral, but body will be brought here some time Saturday.

F. B. Vance and family left this week for Mercer county, where they expect to make their future home. Mr. Vance has bought a small farm of twenty-five or thirty acres one and one-half miles out from Mercer and will engage in the gardening business. He recently sold his property here to his brother, T. W. Vance, of Steubenville.

A Live Corpse

One day last week a section gang picked up the body of a man who had been struck by a train near Dinsmore, and after notifying the company of their find and receiving instructions to send it to the corner at McDonald, they loaded it on train No. 52. After the body was in the car the baggagemaster proceeded to some other work, and on looking around a little later discovered the "corpse" raised up on one of his elbows taking in his surroundings with evident interest. The baggagemaster told him to lie down—that he was dead, but the fellow insisted that he wasn't and put up such a strong argument that the agent was forced to believe him, and instead of turning him over to the coroner he notified Dr. Russell, of Midway, who gave him attention and then had him placed in a hospital, where it is said he will recover.

He was a foreigner, about seventeen years of age, and was struck by one train while attempting to board another for the purpose of stealing a ride.

New England Supper

The Ladies' Aid society of Westminster Presbyterian church will give a New England Supper in the church Friday evening, March 27th:

- Pork and Beans
- Cold Slaw Pickles
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Apple Pie Cheese
- Bread and Butter

Price of supper, 35c. Ice cream and cake extra. Begins 5 o'clock.

Work on the New Railroad

Actual work on the construction of the Atlasburg branch of the Panhandle will begin in a few days. During the past week three steam shovels arrived for use in the grading, and a number of teams are busy hauling lumber, etc. The new branch is to be an extension of the track to the plant of the American Zinc & Chemical company at Langeloth and will terminate at Cedar Grove, near Patterson's Mill. It is understood that the construction is to be completed within four months.

The building of this branch means further developments in the coal fields of Smith, Jefferson and Crosscreek townships, adding to Burgettstown's already enviable reputation as a coal-shipping center.

"Mr. Bob" Some Comedy

The senior class of Burgettstown High School will present "Mr. Bob" in Auditorium Hall, Monday night, March 16. They will have as an added attraction the well-known reader, Mrs. Higgs. Admission, 25 and 35c. Tickets are now on sale.

CHARACTERS

Philip Royson, Scott Todd.
Robert Brown, clerk of Benson & Benson, James Simpson.
Jenkins, the butler, Everett Stewart.
Rebecca Luke, a maiden lady, Ellen Bole.
Katherine Rogers, her niece, Elsie Smith.
Marion Bryant, Katherine's friend, Lucille Culley.
Patty, Miss Rebecca's maid, Cora Todd.

Thomassy, the real estate man, has inquiries for all kinds of properties—lots, houses, farms, etc.

Unfortunately he has to turn a good many prospective purchasers down because he has not some of the property listed that the buyers want. He says positively he will not give any information to buyers unless he has the property listed.

Without commission he cannot pay his rent or grocery bills. List with him; it will pay you if your prices are right.

Finley Scott, of Hickory, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Will Malone.

Dr. George A. McCracken, of Woodville, formerly of Florence, was a Burgettstown visitor on last Friday. The doctor took time to tell us what a nice paper the Call was and order it sent to him.

Mrs. J. E. Speaker and daughters, who are moving to Akron, O., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Shirey.

Mrs. J. T. Wilson, of Coraopolis, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. H. McCartney.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hays and children of Hickory spent Sunday with Mrs. Hays' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McMurray.

Local News

Scott Todd is home from W. & J. college.

Butterick patterns and Delineator for January at Bingham's.

Miss Evelyn Campbell, of Rea, is visiting Miss Laretta Scott.

Miss Grace Brick, of Brookville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. E. Shirey.

Don Scott is home from Ann Harbor (Michigan) law school for the holidays.

Mrs. M. W. Scott entertained the Friday Club on last Friday afternoon, Dec. 18.

Sweaters in all sizes for children, ladies and men, 50c and up to \$6.00, at Bingham's.

Miss Anna Mary Lee is home from Indiana State Normal on her Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Ed. Hough, of Wilksburg visited at the home of J. B. Tenan the past week.

Mrs. Simon Hillen, of Vandergrift, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Naylor.

Mrs. Carrie D. Grymes, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Culley.

Wanted—Good fresh cow, Holstein preferred, W. H. Parrish, Carnegie Pa. Bell phone 276-W.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Luttrell and family spent Sabbath with the former's mother at Wheeling.

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary will meet Monday evening, December 28. See notice in another column.

James, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Shirey, who was recently operated on for appendicitis, is now able to be around.

Mrs. Duvall has returned to her home in Follansbee, W. Va., after spending several days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hindman.

Mrs. Thomas King, of Erie, visited the past week at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. L. Rankin, and sisters, Mrs. A. C. McClure and Mrs. A. M. Carlisle.

"Mike" Pollock is home from Grove City college on his Christmas vacation. "Mike" recently had the honor of being elected captain of the Grove City college football team.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw and granddaughter, Nora Bixton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Doerr, of Jeannette, from Thursday till Sunday.

Communion services will be held in the First Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning. A preparatory service will be held on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Sara Sharp has a fine assortment of hand-painted China on display at C. R. Cook's any of which would make an elegant Christmas present. Prices very reasonable.

Dr. G. L. McKee and family will move into the new brick building next to the Washington bank about January first, where the doctor will also have his office. He has rented his residence on Center avenue to Rev. G. W. Snodgrass.

Estate of J. Miller Shane, deceased—Auditor's report filed and confirmed nisi ten days. The amount on hands for distribution was \$1989.78, to which is added \$72.66 surcharge, making a total of \$2,062.44. The costs of the audit were \$64.60.

Andy Barany, 17 months old, died Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m., at the home of his parents at Francis Mines from burns received a couple of hours before at an open grate. The funeral was held Monday evening and the interment made in Fairview cemetery.

Robbers broke into the railroad station at Midway on Tuesday night blowing the safe, but at this writing we are unable to learn what they got away with. They broke into the boiler house at the Midway mill and took tools belonging to the engineer, William Lescallette, which they used on the station job.

The First United Presbyterian Sabbath school will have their Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening. The program will consist of readings by Miss Emily Redman and special music. Westminster Sabbath school will also have a literary and musical program and treat on Thursday evening. The First Presbyterian gave their treat on Sabbath and will have no entertainment.

Don't miss the big prayer meeting to be held in the new tabernacle on Sabbath evening.

Mrs. W. R. Malone and children are visiting in Hickory.

Local News

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W. M. McMurray, Sr., is on the sick list.

Miss Hammond, of Pittsburg, is the guest of Miss Nancy Moore.

Mrs. Maud McCabe is visiting at the home of Mrs. Lottie McCabe.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. James S. Dhyer, September 24, 1915, a son.

Miss Cora Roach, of New Cumberland, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pyle, of Washington, visited here the past week.

Mrs. Richard Sharp has returned from a three-weeks visit in Allegheny.

Mrs. Mary W. Rankin, of Washington, is visiting friends in Burgettstown.

Dr. Gracey of Jonesboro, Ark., is visiting his brother-in-law, Harry Brockman.

Mrs. John McBurney, of Washington, is visiting her brother, J. W. Hammond.

Miss Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Lyon, is ill of diphtheria.

Mrs. Cora Fink and daughter Dorothy spent the week-end with friends at New Castle.

Mrs. A. B. McKane and two children, of Bradford, are guests of Mrs. Lottie McCabe.

Miss Hattie McCoy, of East Liverpool, Ohio, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Pyle.

Johnson Miller, of Toronto, Ohio, is visiting his son, C. C. Miller, and attending the fair.

Miss Madelyn Searight, of Marianna, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. G. R. Norris.

W. W. Elder and mother, Mrs. Rachel Elder, visited friends at Beaver Falls on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cain, of New Cumberland, arrived Saturday to remain till after the fair.

Mrs. Sam Ivill and children, of Bruceton, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Boyd.

Mrs. Snyder, of Colliers, visited her sister, Mrs. James Carnahan, the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McBride, of Detroit, Michigan, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Mary McBride.

M. Crouch, of Cherry Valley, was operated on for appendicitis last Wednesday by Doctors Taylor and Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Denlinger, of Pittsburg, visited the latter's brother, Dr. A. O. Hindman, the past week.

Seven or eight automobile loads of Masons went to New Cumberland Thursday night to visit the lodge there.

For Sale—Norwood and Kevitt's Wonder Strawberry plants mixed, 50c per 100 or \$4.00 per 1000. G. D. Stievenart. tf

Mrs. W. F. Manson, who was visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. C. White, was called to Washington, by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McCully, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reed the past week. Mrs. McCully is a sister of Mrs. Reed.

Edwin McFarland is building quarters for his newstand and insurance business between the Enterprise office and A. Katzenmyer's tenant house.

George Cain, who has been employed in the Allegheny County Home for the past fourteen months, visited friends in this neighborhood the past week.

The wife of Joe Longo, of the well-known firm, Longo & Mantia, fruit dealers, presented him with a bouncing baby boy on September 24th. Joe says it is a peach.

The Woman's Christian Temperance organization will meet at the home of Mrs. A. C. McClure on Tuesday, October 5th. Meeting to begin at 2:15 o'clock.

For Rent—House of six rooms, hall, bath and cemented cellar, on Center avenue. Gas and electric light throughout. Hot-air furnace. Inquire of W. E. McCurdy.

Nannie Johnson, colored, Lange-loth, admitted to the court that she had sold liquor illegally. She was fined \$600 and costs and given four months and ten days to jail.

Burgettstown is being well policed during the fair. Those on duty are Constable E. C. Gordon, David Stottlemeyer and W. F. Core, of Burgettstown; Officer Bert Laird, of Washington, and the three members of the state constabulary, who are regularly located here.

Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. George Jackson, of Florence, and Mrs. L. H. Swearingen and daughters, Helen and Marion, of Rochester, N. Y., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Scott on Saturday.

John McAlister, of New Kensington, visited on Saturday with his sister, Mrs. Bryan, who has been seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Anderson; but who is now convalescing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lee, of Fort Wayne, Ind., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bert Figley. Miss Thelma Figley, who has been ill of typhoid fever at Fort Wayne, is getting along nicely and will probably be able to come home within a couple of weeks.

The Peacock meetings at Imperial closed on Sunday. While there were more than a thousand trail-hitters, the meetings were not satisfactory to Evangelist Peacock. The offerings on Sunday amounted to only \$800.

Rev. R. H. McCartney has been confined to bed since Saturday with a bealed foot. Rev. W. J. Davis occupied his pulpit in the First U. P. church on Sabbath, and if Mr. McCartney is unable to preach next Sabbath the pulpit will again be supplied.

Miss Mollie Andrews and Frank Bowlin, both of Burgettstown, were married at Wellsburg, W. Va., on Wednesday, September 22, 1915, the Rev. W. J. Holmes, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of that place officiating. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Andrews, and is a most estimable young lady. Mr. Bowlin, a worthy young man, is employed at Lange-loth.

See Our Display
at the Fair This Week
in Agricultural Hall

ZOGG PLUMBING CO.
HERBERT ZOGG, Mgr.

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Buy Bingham's Shoes.

New Idea Patterns, 10c; all styles at New York Bargain Store. tf

Rubber tires on buggies or carriages. W. J. Ayres, at old John Morris stand, Hickory, Pa. 2t

For Sale—House of eight rooms, bath complete; 5 minutes walk from station; lot 70x133. Inquire at the Call office. 42tf

For Sale—Two choice building lots in Point View plan. Also two road horses, buggy and harness. C. A. Bowser, Burgettstown.

Tennis Oxfords—Youths' sizes, 11 to 2, at 50c; boys' sizes, 2½ to 5½, 55c; men's sizes, 6 to 10, at 60c. Ladies' white tennis oxfords, sizes 3½ to 5½, \$1.00, at Bingham's.

Farm for Sale — 57.02 acres, four miles from Warren, Ohio; near churches and centralized school and but short distance from B. & O. and P. & L. E. railroad stations; all on macadam road. Farm is tile drained; has house of six rooms, two halls, sewing room and pantry, cistern pump in pantry, and good cellar; two barns and other outbuildings, with silo; drilled well; good orchard and grapes. Inquire of A. C. Berry, South Burgettstown, Pa.

Local News

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LOCAL ROAD IN PLANS FOR EARLY IMPROVING

Route 18 Florence to the Beaver
County Line to be Paved
Beginning at Once

Seven additional sections of township roads, under the 20,000 mile program totaling 18.02 miles, will be built in Washington county this fall, according to advices from Harrisburg. This construction project will be in addition to the more than 40 miles built since August or under construction at the present time. The completion of this additional mileage will mean a total of close to 60 miles of township road built this year.

In Greene county four projects totaling 12.05 additional miles will be built. This added to the 25 miles now being built or already completed will mean a total of township roads for that county taken over this year of nearly 40 miles.

The roads to be improved under the additional plan in this county are:

Route 62075—Bakers Station to Ten Mile, 2.35 miles.

Route 62001—Florence to Beaver county line, 4.15 miles.

Route 62049—Beginning at Wright School in Peters township, 1.17 miles.

Route 62043—Westland to Hickory Cecil road, 1.58 miles.

Route 62033—Cecil to McDonald, 4.03 miles.

Route 62087—Gastonville to Allegheny county line.

Route 62095 In East Pike Run township, 3.04 miles.

The routes to be improved in Greene county are:

Route 30025—Jefferson to Rices Landing, two sections totaling 2.29 miles.

Route 30014—In Whitley township, 5.75 miles.

Route 30019—Dunns Station to Ruff Creek, 4.03 miles.

The general plan followed in fixing this additional mileage was to select roads near centers of population where the unemployed situation is most grave or to use part of the mileage to link up different routes.

Work on these roads is to begin at once and the construction is to be made without political consideration of any kind but solely for the purpose of giving as much aid as possible in unemployment relief, announcement from the Governor's office said.



**Long Line of Eager Swimmers waiting for the Pool to Open
Burgettstown Community Park-Unknown Year**

LONG WEDDED COUPLE IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Paris Couple Who Were Married 66
Years ago Still Active in
Daily Life Affairs

Perhaps the most unusual case in the country of long-time marriage exists in the neighboring village of Paris, in Hanover township, where Mr. and Mrs. Elias Freshwater still reside and take active parts in community industry and social affairs after 66 years of wedded bliss.

The ceremony which made them man and wife was performed just 66 years ago, May 27, 1869, and they have lived continuously since in Paris, where they are one of the best known and most highly respected couples.

A blacksmith, Mr. Freshwater still follows that trade and the ring of his anvil as he continues to shape steel into some implement or device can be heard daily except Sunday. His vigor for a man of his years, having attained the age of 90, is remarkable. Mrs. Freshwater is 83 and does her own housework.

Their home stands along the now widely known William Penn Highway, one of the main arteries of east-west traffic. Hundreds of cars whirl along over the concrete pavement which has supplanted the dirt road of their childhood.

Mr. Freshwater has no vice to account for his long years. He does not smoke, chew or drink and never has. He has missed only two Burgettstown Fairs since its organization which occurred while he was a young man.

Mr. and Mrs. Freshwater, the latter Martha Belle Kennedy, of Burgettstown, previous to her marriage, have been active throughout their lives as members of the Three Springs Presbyterian church of Paris. Mr. Freshwater has served as trustee and has been treasurer for the church for 50 years. Mrs. Freshwater has taught in the Sunday School.

Nine children were born to them, four surviving. Two sons and three daughters are dead but all lived to marry. They have 45 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Freshwater
Celebrate 66 Years of Wedded Bliss
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LOOKING BACK

ONE YEAR AGO---Mayor Cunningham asks railroad to slow trains; \$50,000 contract approved to design Smith Authority pure water plant; Highways Department says cloverleaf not needed at Intersection of Routes 18 and 22; Allegheny Trails Council to dedicate new center on July 4.

FIVE YEARS AGO--Blood Bank enrolls 725 in program; School Board real estate tax set at 49 mills; Florence and Hanlin Station Post Offices to be rural stations; Slim Bryant and Wildcats to appear at Burgettstown Community Park.

TEN YEARS AGO--James F. Dellaria wins promotion at Dow Chemical Company; Edward Proctor named technician by Electro Data Company; Vandals destroy Hillman Field Club house; Three local lads to undergo tryouts at Forbes Field.

TWENTY YEARS AGO---Barto VFW Post to raise runds to provide operation for blind two-year-old girl; Grading complete on three-mile road at Raccoon Park; Smith Road Board to from Authority for water company; Climax elects Arthur H. Bunker President.

Looking Back
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 2, 1969 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

LOOKING BACK

1 YEAR AGO

Superior Court says Langeloth Townsite is clear of sewer cost; Public meeting set on proposed Mill Service facility at Bulger; Ruling awaited in Robinson coal company request.

5 YEARS AGO

Response to Galentine Fund termed "overwhelming;" Rash of field fires reported in area; Community flea market scheduled this weekend; Three injured in three-vehicle crash on Route 22.

10 YEARS AGO

Shirley A. Caldwell announces for 46th Legislative District as GOP candidate; Community choir to present cantata Sunday, April 4; Burgettstown man is killed in Route 18 collision; Need for library services to be studied in Avella area.

20 YEARS AGO

Edith Armstrong, Amy Rozmus winners of Climax scholarships; Two resign in Jefferson Township; Bomb threat at Avella High School; Medical clinic for area explored at meeting of community officials.

30 YEARS AGO

Lee Dowler recipient of Eagle Scout award; Alice Delprato to head Bulger VFW Auxiliary for fifth time; Burgettstown VFW re-elects Joseph Bittner Commander.

40 YEARS AGO

UHS teachers swear to loyalty oath; Industrial group to plan survey in area; Burgettstown Girl Scouts to hold anniversary party.

LOOKING BACK

ONE YEAR AGO - Smith Township Supervisors to request speed limit reductions on two state roads; First National Bank given approval for building variance; Greek Heritage Day to be held October 9 at Langeloth Hall; Christian Nursery School to open here.

FIVE YEARS AGO - Public meeting called Tuesday to discuss emergency medical system; Police look for Avella arsonists; Fire companies to be honored by Student Council; Surface mining topic at open Jefferson meeting.

TEN YEARS AGO - Bypass groundbreaking held in Burgettstown; Swim-A-Thon set at Park for Cancer Society; Two Avella area youths killed in Route 844 crash; Three promotions announced at Climax Molybdenum plant.

TWENTY YEARS AGO - Service tap rates established by Smith Township Authority for new water lines; Annual picnic at Community Park set for Sunday; Youth fatally injured in Midway mishap; Bulger wins league softball championship.

THIRTY YEARS AGO - Atlasburg property owners in dispute with Smith Township Water Authority; Atlasburg boy fatally burned by fumes ignited by cap pistol spark in oil tank; Woman killed on rain-slick highway; State sales tax to become effective September 1.

Looking Back
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1983 Edition

LOOKING BACK

1 YEAR AGO

Failures to meet criteria noted in local comments to DER; Update on sewer strategy aired at COG meeting; School district to supply park with water; Medical center kicks off \$400,000 capital fund campaign.

5 YEARS AGO

Burgettstown Area Blood Bank officers resign their positions; Jefferson Township board denies ordinance for four-wheel race; Rev. David A. Dobi installed as pastor at Westminster Church; Burning ordinance to be enforced in Burgettstown.

10 YEARS AGO

Frank Foglio nominated for Presidential Medal of Freedom; Bypass lighting to be improved; Local delegates at PTA training session; Abe Toth to be honored Saturday.

20 YEARS AGO

Area Youth for Christ teen-agers take first place; Community Vacation Bible School begins next Monday; June rainfall here 1½ times normal; Jefferson Township firemen's carnival scheduled.

30 YEARS AGO

Top Moose award for Burgettstown native; School board hires delinquent tax collector; Boy Scouts of area active at Camp Anawanna; State police in speeding curb of area.

40 YEARS AGO

New Hanover Township School nears completion; Army Engineers arrive to start federal flood control project here; Sewage problems continue to perplex Borough Fathers; Burgettstown school board rejects housing project.

LOOKING BACK

1 YEAR AGO

Consultant asks DER to stop Mill Service permit, says metals waste can be recycled; New James F. Hillman Memorial Park is dedicated; Fire destroys Green's Towing building, damage estimate set at \$175,000; Paris welder becomes sold on park seats.

5 YEARS AGO

Residents aid in Paris cleanup after tornado hits community; State closes hazardous waste landfill in Bulger; Sewerage authority sues to recover study costs; Township supervisors again told no state aid available for Francis Mine creek flooding problem.

10 YEARS AGO

Burgettstown Area School District taxes increase by 1.2½ mills; Avella district tax rate raised 8 mills; New Christmas lights delivered in town; Smith Supervisors to protest charge for bridge repairs.

20 YEARS AGO

Seventy-unit housing development may in future for Bulger vicinity; Open public meeting tentatively planned by Community Care Clinic; Lawyer assigned to local drug case; Violators cited in speed trap.

30 YEARS AGO

Joseph A. Lyle retires from post office job; School district real estate levy held at 49 mills; PUC rejects aid to help in Avella water shortage; Reassessment and taxes topics at Burgettstown council meeting.

40 YEARS AGO

Fireworks to be displayed at Burgettstown Community Park; Large classes from district enrolled at Union High School eighth-grade; U.S. patent awarded to Langeloth man; Cameo Club Founder's Day celebrated.

Looking Back

ONE YEAR AGO — Three-mill tax hike approved by Burgettstown Area School Board; Family Dollar store to open in town tomorrow morning; Water company to seek bids for Cross Creek system; GED classes offered here.

FIVE YEARS AGO — Court sought as mediator in area school strip mine issue; DER engineers to investigate flooding in Francis Mine area; Midway Borough Building struck by burglars; Vandalism reported at Hanover School.

TEN YEARS AGO — Pool to open this Friday with free swimming; Ten-mill hike in final school budget; Mine subsidence insurance urged in area; City mail delivery times to change.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — P-F Water Association to accept applications; Ronald DiOrio recent graduate; Open house set for new funeral home; Life sentence for area Marine.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — Four area girls to attend meeting in Liberia, Africa; Free clinic at local parish hall for area children; Members and friends at U.P. Sesquicentennial; Smith Township school board votes to penalize delinquent tax payers.

Looking Back.....
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 27, 1990 Edition

LOOKING BACK

1 YEAR AGO

Avella seeks pupil transportation contract; Council says no to COG's sewerage plan; Area cogeneration plant still a few years away; Fort Vance has "show and tell" program.

5 YEARS AGO

Hanover Township selected as site for new amphitheater; State department approves Midway's plans for sewerage; Hearing set in Mt. Pleasant Township to discuss water authority; Local students win awards at Teen Action Day.

10 YEARS AGO

Evangelist Stan Scott scheduled for weekend at Westminster U.P. Church; Joseph Kandray to retire as postal supervisor here; William Stewart announces candidacy for Pennsylvania state legislature; Blue-Gold banquet held in Joffre.

20 YEARS AGO

Church music pioneer to lead worship here; Hanna named to fill judgeship; Complaint on borough dismissed by Human Relations Commission; Avella residents sign petition for new coach.

30 YEARS AGO

Poison control speaker before Friday Club; Three new members join Hanover Township Fire Department; Cross Creek triplets celebrate 45th birthdays; Three Cub Scout dens to be organized here.

40 YEARS AGO

Burgettstown Court of Catholic Daughters installs first cabinet of officers; Legion auxiliary planning for Poppy Day poster contest; Steve Kuritz new president of Paris Sportsmen's Club; Sixteen citizens enrolled in Civil Defense warden classes.

Looking Back
The Enterprise-March 2, 1994 Edition

LOOKING BACK

1 YEAR AGO

COG members to study new sewage plan; School board takes first step toward elementary center construction; Smith supervisors back Midway area sewage plan; Program for educational success seeks volunteers.

5 YEARS AGO

Federal mining office underwriting cost of extinguishing area mine fire; Attorneys file briefs in Langeloth Township-sewerage authority suit; Man, 19, killed in Route 22 crash; Liquor license at Cross Creek Park contested.

10 YEARS AGO

Thomas A. Hisiro named associate secondary principal, athletic director, at high school; Police chief says he was misquoted in newspaper item; Avella school board votes to give Heights elementary school, annex, to communities; No hearing held for fired policeman.

20 YEARS AGO

Mistakes cost Blue Devils in 22-12 loss to Springdale; Mike Nixon to appear here as guest speaker for football banquet; No Christmas lights this year because of energy crisis; Motorist faces charges in local girl's death.

30 YEARS AGO

Halloween prize winners announced in local contests; Cold snap hits Raccoon Valley in record numbers; Union High basketball team to begin season; New business to open in Burgettstown.

40 YEARS AGO

Tragedy strikes again with fatality at Death Bridge crash site; Smith Township Supervisors hear request for water service; School board receives petition for improved facilities; Area business firms plan Thanksgiving promotion.

Looking Back
The Enterprise-November 17, 1993 Edition

Looking Back

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Burgettstown Enterprise-August 1, 1990 Edition

LOOKING BACK

ONE YEAR AGO---School board, teachers, continue talks; Parochial school ready for opening; Annual picnic of Our Lady of Lourdes set; Dress code adopted for high school.

FIVE YEARS AGO---Smith Authority waiting for approval of pilot project; Sister Winifred new principal at Our Lady of Lourdes; Truck spill creates clean-up problem in Burgetts town; Joint installation held at Avella American Legion Hall.

TEN YEARS AGO---Construction bids too high, school board defers action on elementary schools; Burgettstown Fire Company wins County Battle of the Barrel championship; Sal Pusateri elected Grand Knight of Burgettstown Knights of Columbus; Boosters Club plans stag party for area sports fans.

TWENTY YEARS AGO---Hanover pupils will use new school house; Slovan VFW plans first annual banquet; Silver Star Medal awarded to local soldier; UHS football team in second week of camp in West Virginia.

Looking Back

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 30, 1972 Edition

Looking Back

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Looking Back

ONE YEAR AGO — State Transportation Commission updates 12-Year Road Plan; School district coal removal expense \$57,000 over income; Mark Dugas resigns as Smith Township emergency head; Swimming area at state park remains closed.

FIVE YEARS AGO — Roof work on elementary buildings approved by school board; DER issues order to stop work, removal of coal at high school; Homecoming events set at Bethel Church; Student Council officers set to attend workshops.

TEN YEARS AGO — Diana Ladomersky receives honor as Miss International Celebrity at Louisville; Washington County plans for 200th birthday celebration; Firemen's convention at Avella this week; Borough police make many arrests for local violations.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — Gala time planned for annual Eldersville parade; Summer school program conducted at Atlasburg; Sidewalk Sales here next week; Lights approved for Bulger Road.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — Rev. Richard Buterbaugh to be installed at Cross Creek Church; Studa's Tire Store announces opening; Charter Night held for Langeloth Scouts; Two hundred and six persons screened at local glaucoma clinic.

Looking Back
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 18, 1990 Edition

LOOKING BACK

ONE YEAR AGO - Park to unveil new tennis facility Sunday afternoon; Medical Center campaign boosted by volunteers; Borough Council votes \$1,000 to Medical Center; School Board interviews three job applicants for Assistant Principal.

FIVE YEARS AGO - "Paris By Night" theme of annual Junior - Senior Prom; Union High School American Legion awards presented; County Commissioner John P. Bevec succumbs; Public meeting held at Atlasburg School.

TEN YEARS AGO - Brunner, Kline, Bugay, win in Primary election, Shapp in upset; School tax remains at 45 mills; May Queens crowned at area churches; Roberta Williams honored at University of Vermont.

TWENTY YEARS AGO - State Highways plan big road improvements for Raccoon Valley area; Myrna Sonnenberg begins training as TWA hostess; Township school board hires dietitian for new school term; B. B. Figley dies in car on Raccoon Road.

LOOKING BACK

ONE YEAR AGO--Avella High Commencement for 66 senior students; Dr. Thurston speaker at UHS Baccalaureate; Kate Tkalcovic winner of shopping spree here; Tentative school budget approved for \$2,620,919.

FIVE YEARS AGO--Open house set for new fire house at Hanover Township; "Holiday" ends after agreement is reached by teachers and school board; Annual Kennywood Park picnic date scheduled; Summer basketball league is planned in area.

TEN YEARS AGO--Lynn B. Lawson graduates from West Virginia University; Planning certificates presented to 28 Avella area men; Pamela Tyler winner of annual Petrucci Award; Old movie building in Sloan to be razed.

TWENTY YEARS AGO---Cherry Valley motorists wanted road repaired; Smith Township school district signs contracts for Joffre school; Ray Hodge home near Cherry Valley destroyed by fire; Dedication of Greater Pittsburgh Airport May 31.

Looking Back

Burgettstown Enterprise-May 31, 1972 Edition

Looking Back

ONE YEAR AGO — Local drive for Galentine Fund to be halted at present time; School board adopts policy on visitors' speaking at meetings; Fuller winner by 19 votes over Crawford for Smith Township supervisor seat; Community Medical Center delivers record number of flu shots.

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TEN YEARS AGO — Hanover real estate tax to be re-instituted; Stephen Yesko in Eagle Scout program; Council to hold first meeting in new building; Youth charged in motorcycle incident.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — Langeloth PTA in important meeting; Local business man receives certificate; Girl Scouts hold outing; Scholarship for Florence young lady.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — Mellon Bank expert predicts upswing in nation's economy; West Penn Power to give free lighting for borough Christmas lights; Open house scheduled at parochial school here; Bus schedule change disapproved by Hanover directors.

Looking Back
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1988 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

LOOKING BACK

ONE YEAR AGO--Gianfrancesco re-elected in Smith Township; Stetar, Morgan, Ciabattari win Council seats; Five new faces on Burgettstown Area School Board; Gun blast kills Midway girl, 12; Council on record against cloverleaf plan at Florence.

FIVE YEARS AGO--Fergus upsets Hanna in county D. A. race; Sweet, McCune, elected county judges; Lonick, Nicksick, elected in Smith Township; Pappas, Petricca, elected to school board; Morgan, Miller, Hook named to Borough Council.

TEN YEARS AGO--Lawrence elected new governor, Scott takes Senate post; Borough Council enacts wage tax for another year; Explosion at J and L plant takes second life; American Education Week activities listed in local schools.

TWENTY YEARS AGO--Harry Truman leads Dewey for president; Charles H. Scott elected to Burgettstown Council; Fire destroys Jeffrey Station at Bavington; 3,000 persons attend grand opening at McCoy Furniture

Looking Back

Burgettstown Enterprise-November 6, 1968 Edition

Looking Back

ONE YEAR AGO — Monica Lynn Paris crowned Queen at Homecoming; David Williams Sr. receives Outstanding Citizenship Award in Mt. Pleasant Township; Juveniles arrested for road shootings; Collections for Food Pantry at three local markets.

FIVE YEARS AGO — Lesli Elich crowned Homecoming Queen; Area mine sites listed for RAMP reclamation work; West Middletown tax collector resigns; New police chief guest at council.

TEN YEARS AGO — Comis-Havelka benefit draws huge response here Sunday; Hanover Community Day big success; CPR course set at high school; Utility poles downed by cars.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — Dog show set at Cherry Valley; Eldersville PTA in first meeting; Firemen's relief account approved; Fall conference of Panhandle PTAs held.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — Canevin High to include St. Ann's children; Nick Hallahan home destroyed by fire; Council removes meters from Main Street; Fire at McFeely farm in Eldersville.

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Burgettstown Enterprise-October 12, 1988 Edition

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LOOKING BACK

ONE YEAR AGO--School strike now in second week, no progress at long Sunday session; Parents seek action to end school strike; Public meeting with school board draws large crowd to high school; Site of area Blood Bank collection changed.

FIVE YEARS AGO--Split sessions possible for Union High School students; Climax strike continues into 12th week; Robert Bednarzik to be commissioned; Alex Stetar sworn in as new Councilman.

TEN YEARS AGO--Party held for post office employees Ruth Fryer and John L. Culley; Robert W. Stottlemeyer retires after 41 years in local schools; Raid held in area gambling room; Union football team in season opener with Cecil.

TWENTY YEARS AGO--State Commander Hoke to visit area VFW posts this weekend; John Zuccaro Company given borough sewer contract; Rev. Cruickshank accepts pastorate in Washington church; Blood quota not reached here.

Looking Back

Burgettstown Enterprise-September 13, 1972 Edition

LOOKING BACK

1 YEAR AGO

Regional planning topic for area meeting; Burgettstown fire fighters kick off their annual fund campaign; New district justice takes oath of office in Washington; Taxes to remain the same in Cross Creek Township.

5 YEARS AGO

Arson here continues as former Clark Hotel is destroyed by fire; No tax increase in Smith Township; Justice rules court trial for hit-run incident; ALCOSAN rejects Midway area sewage.

10 YEARS AGO

District school board approves survey of football field; Corey Bent joins the Peace Corps; Write-in candidates win in Avella area; Blue Devil cagers win opening game over McGuffey, 49-34.

20 YEARS AGO

McElhaney joins Nixon as speakers for football banquet; Donald Kimmel captures cornhusk festival championship; Film festival scheduled at Union High School; Church group to collect bottles.

30 YEARS AGO

Nation mourns death of John F. Kennedy; Avella midgets top Lions, 25-0, to win county football title; William C. Bohn honored by state association; Charles E. Lawson completes apprenticeship course.

40 YEARS AGO

Friday Club hears talk about Central America; Newspaper film at BPW meeting; Area Scouts complete orientation program at local high school; High winds, freezing rain, strike in area over Thanksgiving holiday.

Looking Back
The Enterprise-December 1, 1993 Edition

LOOKING BACK

1 YEAR AGO

Arson suspected in local fire, building condemned; Havelka confirmed as district justice; Property tax to remain steady in Hanover Township; Repole's Department Store to be sold at auction.

5 YEARS AGO

Study provides guide for potential growth in Route 22 corridor; School board OK's \$55,000 out-of-court settlement; Proposed power plants may provide financial punch for communities; Steeple erected in memory of Hickory area resident.

10 YEARS AGO

Sewerage authority board hears report of continuing work for Phase I facilities study; Rev. John W. Burney Jr. installed as pastor of First Baptist Church; Hanover supervisors vote to purchase new speed check device; Warning issued to dog owners in Burgettstown.

20 YEARS AGO

Community Thanksgiving service tonight in Hillcrest U.P. Church; David J. Errett retires from Climax Molybdenum Company; New owners for Skipper's Flower Shop; Eldersville station owner beaten, robbed.

30 YEARS AGO

James P. Riddile named "Citizen of the Year;" Old kerosene stove on display at Enterprise office; School board adopts final drawings for grade school projects; Pete Secco appointed Smith Township police chief.

40 YEARS AGO

\$288,000 Atlasburg School addition approved by Smith Township board; Junior Women to hold Thanksgiving Eve ball; Installation service for Rev. McDonald at Westminster; Union service at Presbyterian Church.

Looking Back
The Enterprise-November 24, 1993 Edition

Lost Boys Cause Alarm.

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Burgettstown Enterprise-July 30, 1936 Edition

Lou Dellapina Is Seriously Injured At Verner Mine

Louis Dellapina, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dellapina of Bulger, was injured about 7:30 a. m., Tuesday, August 10 while at work in the Verner mine, Bulger. He has been employed at the mine for about two years, and had just started to work when his right arm became caught in the coal conveyor, and was drawn between the rollers up to the armpit. His whole arm was badly crushed and broken. The Doctors have announced that his arm will be saved. He is now a patient in the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh where his condition is reported as fair.

Louis is well known as a ball player of ability in local sport circles.

**Lou Dellapina is Seriously Injured at Verner Mine
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 19, 1948 Edition**

LOWER INCOME GROUPS MUST MAKE RETURNS

Income Tax return forms were released by the Collector of Internal Revenue this week.

Particular attention is directed to important changes in the Revenue Act of 1940 with respect to the liability of individuals for the filing of income tax returns. Individuals under the following circumstances are required to file returns covering the calendar year of 1940.

Single individuals, or married individuals not living with husband or wife, having a GROSS INCOME of \$800.00 or more.

Married individuals, living together having a combined GROSS INCOME of \$2,000.00 or more.

The net income is no longer to be used in determining the liability for the filing of a Federal income tax return. Every citizen or resident of the United States will be required to file a return for the taxable year 1940 if the GROSS INCOME, regardless of the amount of his net income, comes within the amount specified above for his particular status. A return must be filed even though, by reason of allowable deductions from gross income and of allowable credits against net income, it develops that no tax is due. Form 1040A should be used for GROSS INCOME of not more than \$5,000 derived from salaries, wages, interest dividends and annuities. Form 1040 should be used for GROSS INCOME from salaries wages, interest dividends, and annuities of more than \$5000; or if any part of the income is derived from other than salaries, wages, interest, dividends, or annuities. Form 1040 should be used regardless of the amount of income.

The release date for corporation forms 1120 and 1121 will be announced later. Form 1121 is a new form for reporting excess-profits tax under the Second Revenue Act of 1940.

Because of the great increase in the number of persons who will be required to file Federal returns for the first time and who may need assistance in the preparation of their returns, it is urged that they be filed as soon as possible after January 3, 1941. Returns must be filed on or before March 5, 1941.

If there is doubt as to liability for filing of a return, a request should be made to the Collection of Internal Revenue, or of any Deputy Collection stationed in your vicinity, for the 1940 individual income tax return and the printed instructions accompanying the form.

Lower Income Groups Must Make Returns
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 16, 1941 Edition

MADERS RECEIVE CONGRATULATIONS ON 35TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

More than one hundred friends and neighbors gathered in the Croatian Hall at Slovan on Saturday evening to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mader on the occasion of their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary. The evening was pleasantly spent in a social manner with dancing as the diversion. Music for dancing was furnished by George Kover, bass viol, Edward James, mandolin, Bogden Melardie, violin and Steve Kober, guitar. Delicious refreshments were served at the supper hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Mader are the parents of seven children and have 16 grandchildren. They have lived in Slovan for the past 25 years and have been active in church and community affairs. Mr. Mader has been employed at the American Zinc and Chemical Company's plant for 25 years as a locomotive engineer.

Sons and daughters and grandchildren who congratulated the Maders on this happy occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mader and four children of Burgettstown, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coffman and five children of Atlasburg, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Diamond and six children of Langeloth, Mr. and Mrs. David Mader and one child of Langeloth, Louis, Ben and Walter, all of Slovan.

Guests who attended the party included: Miss Sarah Coufman of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Bertha Deters, Miss Doris Deters, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Monegold, Mrs. Rose Springer, Mrs. Florence Isaac of Steubenville; Mrs. Alex Comorra and sons, Robert and John, of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Baronich and daughters, Mary and June, William Houghton, (84 years

old), Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Trenoni, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mader, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Diamond, Miss Emma, Hazel, Ruth, Joan, Curtis and Benjamin Diamond, all of Langeloth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mader, Jr., of Burgettstown; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Stura, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Robb, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chelinskie, Mr. and Mrs. Cheslock, Mrs. Catherine Wysocki, and daughters, Dorothy and Josephine and Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Adams and son, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dugas, Mrs. William Filipponi, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Nicksick, Mr. and Mrs. John Kubovic, Miss Leona Kubovic, Miss Deloris Kubovic, Mrs. Mary Testa, Mrs. Helen Testa, Mrs. Frances Testa, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sams, Miss Perl Sams, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. James Michelucci, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Grossi, Mr. and Mrs. John Kinkella and son, John, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Kover, Steve Kover, Mr. and Mrs. Edward James, Mr. and Mrs. Bogden Melardie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perko, Mrs. Annie Jadric, Mr. and Mrs. John Stebe, Mrs. Victoria Zelinko, Mrs. Annie Dubich, Miss Kate Dubich, Mrs. John Cindrich, Sr., Mrs. Sam Sprando, Sr., Mrs. Sam Sprando, Jr, Mrs. Pete Sciamanna, Miss Mamie Mungello, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mader, Walter Mader, Mr. and Mrs. August Sereni, Mrs. Bruno Thomas, Lewis Ranovich, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mader, Sr., all of Slovan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coufman, Miss Dorothy Coufman, Miss Emma Coufman, Walter Harry Coufman, Miss Sherry Coufman and Miss Betty Coufman, all of Atlasburg.

MANY NEW BUILDINGS SHOW TOWN GROWTH

Activities in Building Trades Not
Comparable With Former Years
But Show Progress

Indications of the steady and substantial growth of Burgettstown are evident in the number of new buildings of various types recently completed or in process of construction at this time. While business operations this year have not assumed the magnitude of other years, the work of the present season will probably represent a larger capital investment than of a number of late years.

The new Panconi building on North Main street perhaps is the most costly project that has been undertaken in the borough in several years. This structure is large and laid out upon elaborate lines to serve the purpose for which it has been erected. The adjoining building, owned by Sam Broida, is another which merits particular note. These two buildings together fill a place on the westerly side of the street formerly occupied by frame buildings and add greatly to the appearance of the locality.

The new Bloom building on Main street extension, in the heart of the business area, has taken on definite form and is rapidly nearing completion. This structure, erected on a vacant lot, also fills in well with adjoining buildings and presents a neat appearance. It will provide a splendid home for some business and helps the general situation in the neighborhood. Recently F. M. Russell completed a neat service station at the intersection of Center avenue and Main street, in the upper end of town. The building and ground improvements have made a remarkable change in the appearance of that section of the borough.

Within the past few days ground has been broken for a large warehouse at the rear of the building occupied by the Burgettstown Hardware Co. This warehouse will be about 24 by 50 feet, constructed of steel and concrete, and will be connected at the rear to the new Haines building which is now used as an annex to the main store of the hardware company. Openings will be provided for truck loading and unloading along the alley running from Main to Railroad street.

The new projects listed do not cover the entire activities in building during the present season, but show a trend toward the making of a bigger and better Burgettstown. The owners of these properties have faith in the town and are showing it in a practical way.

The town is being built up and in every case of new work the structures show a regard for better building. With the return of normal prosperity it is expected that further new work will be considered by property owners in the down-town section.

Many New Buildings Show Town Growth
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 30, 1931 Edition

Marasco - Palumbo

Angela Palumbo and Christopher Marasco, both of Washington, were united in marriage December 27, 2013, at Washington Christian and Missionary Alliance, with Pastor Brian Greenleaf officiating the 2:30 p.m. ceremony.

The bride's parents are Francine Palumbo of Washington and the late Michael Palumbo. Her grandparents are Rose Palumbo of Burgettstown, the late Dominic Palumbo and the late Walter and Anne Lipnicky.

Parents of the bridegroom are Dr. and Mrs. Duane Marasco of Washington. His grandparents are Georgia Nicholson of Washington, the late Dorwin Nicholson and the late Eugene and Mary Marasco.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother.

Matrons of honor were Marla Liptak and Michele McKenzie, sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Brittany Byer, cousin of the bride, Caroline Simmons and Olivia Forish.

Best men were Brendan, Benjamin and Matthew Marasco, brothers of the groom. Ushers were Brent McAuliffe of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Mat-



thew Leonard of San Antonio, Texas, and John Michalko of Houston.

Vocalists were Ruth-Ann Jones, Sheri Scears and Dr. Tuan Ung.

The bride is a 2009 graduate of Trinity High School and a 2013 graduate of Grove City College. She is an eighth-grade math teacher at Canonsburg Middle School.

Mr. Marasco is a 2007 graduate of Washington High School and a 2011 graduate of Grove City College. He works in sales and trading at PNC Capital Markets.

A reception was held at the George Washington Hotel.

The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas.

Memorial Day Parade Line-Up

May 26, 1990

10:30 a.m. on Shady Avenue

1. Burgettstown Police, Fire Department, Ambulance
2. Burgettstown Area High School Band
3. 25th District American Legion, Burgettstown and Washington, American Legion Vehicles
4. Burgettstown VFW, Atlasburg VFW, Washington VFW
5. Slovan VFW and Vehicle with Past Commanders
6. McDonald American Legion
7. Peters Township American Legion
8. Canonsburg-Mariani American Legion
9. Monongahela American Legion
10. Knights of Columbus Color Guard
11. Gold Star Mothers of Washington County
12. Colonial Color Guards USAR
13. Mon Valley USMC Retired
14. Vietnam Vets of Washington County.
15. National Forget Me Not, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia
16. USA 99th ARCOM HQ. - Oakdale
17. National Guard 28th Infantry
18. Happy Squares Float
19. Honorary Parade Chairlady - Edith Jones
20. Slovan Volunteer Fire Department, Billy Boy's Fire Truck
21. Jefferson Township Fire Department
22. Pennsylvania State Police Cadets and Motorcycle Patrol
23. Burgettstown Mayor and Burgettstown Council
24. Memorial Community Day Float
25. Uncle Sam, Huggie the Bear, Rainbow the Clown, Clipper the Clown
26. Luanne's School of Dance
27. Tin Lizzie Patrol
28. Sen. J. Barry Stout
29. Mt. Pleasant Township Fire Department
30. Hanover Township Fire Department
31. Rep. Victor J. Lescovitz
32. Our Lady of Lourdes Float
33. Midway Fire Department
34. McDonald Fire Department
35. Burgettstown Community Task Force Against Drugs and Alcohol Float
36. Boys Baseball, Cadet Wrestlers, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies
37. Avella Volunteer Fire Department
38. Cecil Volunteer Fire Department
39. Horse Carriages and Riders
40. Recruiters - All Branches
41. All Other Fire Departments

Memorial Day Parade Line-Up
The Burgettstown Enterprise-May 26, 1990 Edition

**MIDGETS TO RACE SUNDAY
AT GREATER PITTSBURGH**

The Midget Auto Race scheduled for September 4 at the Greater Pittsburgh Speedway was rained out and has been re-scheduled for this Sunday night.

One of the largest fields of Midget race cars ever to appear at the Speedway was in the pits when the rains came. Over 35 cars had signed in and more were to come.

All the owners and drivers who were on hand informed General Manager Whitey Hollowood that they would return for the September 18 race meet.

The hardtop division will also run two heats and a feature event as an added attraction.

Time trials start at 7:00 p.m. and the first race starts at 8:30.

**Midgets to Race Sunday at Greater Pittsburgh
Record Outlook-September 15, 1960 Edition**



Mike Nixon Bids For Demie Nomination For U. S. Congress



Michael Nixon, Bulger representative in the Pennsylvania Assembly pulled a surprise move late Tuesday final day for filing at the State capitol, when he threw his hat into the ring for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Washington-Greene County districts. He had previously filed his intention to seek a second term as assemblyman. Nixon will have for his opponent the present incumbent, Dr. Morgan of Donora.

This leaves the representative field for First District Washington county candidates to Michael Kusturiss, Canonsburg; John McCarrell, Washington; Peter Luongo, Washington and Theodore Holmes, Washington, all Democrats. Republicans filing for the two seats from the first district were Richard G. Miller, Jr., Attorney of Washington and John Mazza, Houston, a former house member.

There will be two candidates for the Republican nomination for Congress: John J. Cairns, Jr., Roscoe and Frank J. Lubozynski of Houston.

Miller Linn Plans

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Miller of Tiro, Ohio for the marriage of their daughter, Janet Mae and John Cole Linn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Linn of Bavington Road. The ceremony will be performed in the Crouse Memorial Lutheran church at Tiro on Sunday, January 16 at 3 p.m. A reception in the social room of the church will follow the ceremony.

Mr. Linn is well known in Burgettstown having lived most of his life in this community. He graduated from Union high school and is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan College. He spent two years in Germany with the armed forces in World War II. He is now associated with the Shelbee Printing Company of Shelby, Ohio. The young couple plan to reside in Shelby, O.

Miller-Linn Plans

Burgettstown Enterprise-January 6, 1955 Edition

**MISS ETHEL McNARY
HONORED AT DINNER**

Miss Ethel McNary, who resigned from her position as teacher in Smith township schools this spring, was honored at a dinner given by the Burgettstown-Smith township teachers' association at the Farm Monday evening.

Fifty-five members of the faculty in the district attended and Miss McNary was presented with a corsage of roses and a fountain pen.

W. P. Miller, president of the county educational association, was toast master, and appropriate remarks were made by H. L. Tennyson, superintendent of schools.

Mrs. Nellie Kharas used "Friendship and Its Value" as a theme for her remarks and compared teaching conditions today with those of the past. Miss Elizabeth Scott, president of the local educational association, presented the gift of the teachers.

Miss McNary has served the township and borough schools intermittantly for 28 years. She first taught at the "yellow school house" near Slovan, and was also a teacher at Russells' Cherry Valley, Hickory, Burgettstown grade, Wylandville and Slovan.

Miss June Campbell Awarded Fellowship

4-20-1961

Miss June Campbell has been awarded a Fellowship at Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, N. J. where she will spend six weeks in summer school, taking graduate courses in Algebra and Geometry. This is the second such Fellowship awarded her in two years, last year the award being presented by Central State College, New Britain, Conn. Miss Campbell was also accepted at the University of Maryland and New Jersey University at Rutgers. She chose Montclair State college because it is the first of five summer sequential programs leading to a Master of Arts degree in Mathematics.

The program, beginning June 26 and ending August 4, will offer a Seminar in Modern Mathematics, concerning curriculum recommendations of the School Mathematics Study Group, University of Maryland program, and Commission on Mathematics. There will also be workshops, laboratory sessions and lectures by nationally known mathematicians.

This is a full time fellowship sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Recreation activities are planned for New York City and Newark, N. J.

Miss Campbell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell, Hanlin Station, R. D. 1 and is a member of the faculty of Fort Cherry high school. She is a graduate of Union high school, and of Clarion State Teachers College.

June Campbell Awarded Fellowship
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 20, 1961 Edition



-- Post-Gazette Photo

Ceiling Unlimited

Robert Taylor, and his son, Bobby, 8, of Castle Shannon, make ready to launch their radio-controlled model airplane during yesterday's opening-day flights of the

Greater Pittsburgh Arcs at Hillman Field near Burgettstown, Washington County. Club members will display plane-building and piloting skills each Sunday at the field, with the public invited to watch. Planes are flown at various times in the afternoon.

Ceiling Unlimited
Post Gazette-April 4, 1966 Edition

Moon May Shine On 'Redwing' But No 'Shine In Hanover Township



Pictured above is a section of a 150-gallon still destroyed by County and State officials last Friday afternoon. Located on the property of Elmer Buttinger, of Weirton, R. D. 1, Hanover Township, the equipment used in the illegal manufacture of "moonshine" was confiscated and the distilled liquor poured into the ground. Center is one of the coil tanks of mash over a propane gas burner. At the left can be seen gallon jugs in which the liquor was packaged. Left to right are Michael Robb, Slovan police official; John M. Anne, Pennsylvania Liquor Control agent; Pfc. Peter Lesifko, State Police, Washington Barracks; Earl Trembel, State Liquor Control agent, and Joseph Sobansky, Chief County Detective. Buttinger is under arrest in Pittsburgh for possession and transportation of untaxed liquor.

**Moon May Shine On 'Redwing' But No "Shine in Hanover Twp.
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1955 Edition**

MORE AID IS NEEDED IN WELFARE SERVICE

Workers Report Distribution of
Clothing and Food
Among Needy

In submitting its reports of recent activities, the Welfare committee, composed of representatives of the churches of the borough, shows the expenditure of a considerable sum of money and the distribution of clothing and shoes, as well as food among the needy of the community. As the reports indicate, there remains many cases of need which cannot be aided on account of the committee having used up all its resources.

The amount of money received and disbursed by the committee was \$391.69. Of this amount, \$214.16 was a fund set aside about 15 years ago during the progress of the Peacock revival meetings. The money was raised to provide aid for the needy of that time. This sum was augmented by donations from Sunday School classes, Ladies' Aid Societies of the various churches and individual contributions.

The funds have been expended as follows: For groceries, such as bread, potatoes, beans, corn meal, meat, lard, flour and coffee, \$189.39; for clothing, \$182.39, leaving a balance of \$20.25, which, also has been expended since the making of the report on March 14th.

The following is a summary of clothing supplies furnished by the committee: 40 pairs shoes for school children, 131 pairs stockings, 14 sweaters, 36 pairs trousers for boys, 52 suits underwear, 30 pairs bloomers, gloves, etc., 34 yards flannelette. A large quantity of used clothing was donated and distributed.

At Christmas time the Volunteers of America sent in 75 baskets of groceries which were distributed among the needy by the local committee. The workers made personal canvasses of the community and performed signal service in administering the meagre funds and apportioning the articles which were donated.

The committee says, in its reports: "There is not a day passes that there are not requests for help. In some cases the father of a family has deserted his dependents; other cases where the head of the home is dead, and in many instances the bread-winner of the home has long been out of employment. Many children going home at noon find not even a piece of bread to eat for lunch. The county is helping a great many, but there are hungry children in our own community."

The reports continue: "If any club, society or individual feel the urge to help feed these hungry children or provide them with clothing or shoes so that they may be kept in school, donations of cash should be made to Lee R. McKinney, of the Washington National Bank, the treasurer of the welfare organization."

Mrs. W. E. Dickson, secretary, compiled the foregoing statistics and presented them to the Enterprise for the information of the people of the town. It is suggested that if anyone has clothing or other articles of use that can be given to those in dire need, they communicate with Mrs. Dickson or Mr. McKinney.

A MOTHERS DAY MESSAGE

AT LAST MOTHERS DAY has a real significance for me since my son, the President, has issued a Proclamation which lifts this day somewhat above the largely sentimental expressions of other years. It suggests a "new deal" for "forgotten mothers" and neglected children. Today there is much tragedy in the world. Millions are unemployed and myriads of destitute mothers with dependent children are praying, not for flowers but for flour; not for candy but for bread; not for greeting cards and telegrams but for food, clothes, medicines and the practical things of life.

If we wish truly to honor our mothers, how can we do it better than by passing on to other mothers who are in need, something of the loving, unselfish care which our mothers bestowed upon us.

I am therefore pleased to commend the paraphrase of the Golden Rule which is being suggested to us for Mothers Day of 1933,—

Whatsoever you would that others should do for your mother if she were left destitute, do you even so for other mothers and dependent children, millions of whom today, through unemployment and other causes beyond their control, are suffering—and some of them dying—for lack of the simple necessities of life.

I feel certain that many people today will be inspired to honor our mothers by helping other mothers who now are in need; and that many of the splendid charity and welfare agencies of our land may, as a result of this better observance of Mothers Day, have some of their serious financial problems solved, and their service strengthened by generous gifts from grateful sons and daughters, who desire thus to pay tribute to Mothers.

"I close with a quotation from Oliver Wendell Holmes: "Youth fades, love droops, the leaves of friendship fall
A Mother's secret hope outlives them all." "

Franklin D. Roosevelt

MOVE FOR FAST TIME FIZZLES OUT IN DAY

Effort to Make Daylight Savings
Uniform in Community
Meets Failure

In spite of determined effort on the part of many, and the entire willingness of many more to "go along" in the movement, it seems to be a matter of definite impossibility to establish daylight saving time in the local community. A large group of business men adopted the plan on Monday of last week and for one day business was conducted under the rule of advanced time. But by evening a great many had decided against the move, and as the days went by the wavering became a rout, and once again fast time has failed to become recognized.

Two weeks ago the Enterprise supported the idea by operating on fast time for two days. Neither the management nor the employees of the printing plant found any special advantage in the idea and it was given up. The following week the Enterprise signed up with other business interests and gave the scheme another trial, without marked success. At the close of the first day it clearly was seen that fast time in Burgettstown is not as yet a desirable institution.

The whole truth lies in the fact that a uniform closing hour has not been adopted, and apparently such a condition is not easy to bring about. The various business places serve a class of trade that cannot well conform to the advanced time schedule, and it becomes difficult for business places to close at an early hour. Perhaps were the merchants to get together and work out a satisfactory schedule it might be possible to operate on fast time.

This newspaper has never felt fast time to be necessary for the peace and happiness of mankind. It operates well to give an opportunity to attend ball games and other outdoor activities, and in the larger cities undoubtedly is an excellent thing. In the smaller places, however, it is a question as to the value of setting time ahead.

**Move for fast Time Fizzles Out in day
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 21, 1931 Edition**



Mr. and Mrs. H. L. VanEman

Colfax, Placer Co., Cal., October 9—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. VanEman, of Michigan Bluff, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They were married in Michigan Bluff 50 years ago. VanEman has been postmaster at Michigan Bluff for many years, and both he and his wife have many friends and well wishers. The recent anniversary was attended by B. C. VanEman and Mrs. R. Welty, of San Francisco, and Mrs. R. Watson, of Blue Canyon.—Sacramento Bee.

The above clipping was taken from the Sacramento Bee of October 9, 1915, a copy of which was sent to Jas. G. Dunbar, of Pittsburg, a nephew of Mr. VanEman, who at once made request of the Bee for a reproduction of the photograph that it might be inserted in the Burgettstown papers, to which the publishers of the Bee very promptly and courteously responded. Hugh Lee VanEman was born and raised on the old VanEman homestead, now known as the Bank farm, one-half mile east of Burgettstown, and left there for California in 1859. The family at that time consisted of seven sisters and three brothers, three sisters and two brothers of which are still living, viz.: Mrs. Rebecca Dunbar, of Smith township; Mrs. Isabelle P. Dunbar, of Crosscreek township; Mrs. Hanna M. Stevenson, of Smith township; Hugh Lee VanEman, of Michigan Bluff, Cal.; Garrett Scott VanEman, of Jennings, Oklahoma, each being in her 96th, 87th, 85th and his 83d and 78th year respectively. Those mentioned as attending the wedding anniversary are their son, Bert C. VanEman, and two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Weltz and Mrs. Lucia Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. VanEman

Hugh Lee born June 2, 1835-His wife Frances M. born 1840

Personal scrap book-October 9, 1915

Mt. Pleasant Yawns At Washington Sleep

By NOREEN HECKMANN

Washington County residents seem unimpressed that the father of the country once slept on their doorstep.

The fact that the first president fought a running legal battle for a tract in what's now Mount Pleasant Township has largely slipped from mind.

But in 1784 George was so enraged he might lose his 2,813 acres to 13 squatters that he reportedly loosed his tongue — and was fined five shillings, about \$1.25 — for swearing.

The only trace left of his fight are two roadside markers at an edge of his former estate.

"A lot of people don't know much about the Washington lands," said local historian Alvin D. White. "It's pretty much ignored."

Washington claimed the land under a patent granted by the colony of Virginia in 1774. In 1784 the Mason-Dixon line between Maryland and Pennsylvania was extended west of the Monongahela, settling a dispute with Virginia over which state Washington's grant was in.

Washington already owned his Mount Vernon estate, but he wanted to be in on the expected westward expansion.

He was too busy to trek to Western Pennsylvania himself. So he wrote to a friend, Capt. William Crawford, to start looking for 2,000 or more acres of good land.

There are hints that he may have hoped someday to move here.

"It will be easy for you to conceive that ordinary or even middling lands would never answer my purpose or expectations," Washington stated.

"No, a tract to please me must be rich, and, if possible, level."

Time has proved Crawford's selection to be everything Washington hoped for. The lush farmland is the richest and most productive in the county.

It's just over the Allegheny County line near Hickory, and the character of the tract has changed little in 200 years.

"I think George would find he could still produce some excellent crops if he were living here at the present time," White said.

White knows the Washington lands well. He's lived 83 years near the first president's old claim.

About 15 farms and houses dot the landscape where Washington hoped to settle in his old age, White said. The years have passed all but unnoticed, the silence of time broken only by the gurgle of a brook or hum of a tractor.

Gentle hills roll between glistening lakes and ponds. Ancient trees entwine the mystery of the years in gnarled branches.

The land is fruitful, bearing everything from corn to apples and walnuts.



In an age of exploitation, the absence of development adds a refreshing tranquility. There are no industries, or clusters of homes wedged on quarter-acre lots.

The only businesses are an orchard, a horse farm and a dairy farm.

Romantics say strip miners are afraid to ravage the pristine valley.

Neighboring Robinson Township has been turned into a moonscape by the miner's claws.

But practical Washington natives shrug off claims that the Washington lands are special. "There's no way a strip miner could get his teeth in this land. Why, the coal in these parts is about 325 feet below ground," White said.

A mine shaft in the south-east corner is the only evidence of man's greed. But even that has long been abandoned. The houses of the former miners are either boarded or the people who live in them work in Washington or Pittsburgh.

"It certainly has all the attributes George Washington wanted," White said. "This is some of the finest land, among the most beautiful places in the county."

Washington was equally in love with the picturesque acreage. "It is esteemed a valuable tract," he wrote in his diary on his first visit.

But he wasn't sure how to handle the squatters. He met them in the home of David Reed, centrally located on his property.

Washington insisted he had no desire to sell. But he reconsidered after hearing the men's "hardships, religious principles and unwillingness to separate or remove."

So he reluctantly offered to sell at 25 shillings an acre. The money was to be paid in three annual payments with interest.

The settlers argued they had neither the resources or inclination to meet these terms.

Washington, not used to being rebuffed, thundered at the settlers' refusal to get off his land.

With fire in his eyes and determination in his heart, he pulled from his pocket a long red silk handkerchief.

"Gentlemen," he exclaimed, "I will have this land just as surely as I now have this handkerchief."

With that, Washington slammed the door on the squatters and set out for court.

The settlers didn't have a chance fighting the hero of the Revolution. The court ruled in Washington's favor and said he could do what he wanted to the trespassers.

He had them evicted.

Ironically, for all his trouble, Washington never got to live on the land.

"His dreams of coming out here and making a second estate were extinguished when he was elected president," said White.

Washington got tied up in Philadelphia, tangled in politics and stuck in Mount Vernon. He never made it back to Washington County.

In 1796, he sold the tract as a whole to a Matthew Ritchie for the equivalent of \$12,000, or \$4 an acre. The sale netted Washington a hefty profit, especially since there's no indication he paid anything for the land.

Shortly after the purchase, Ritchie offered 13 farms for sale. But despite his claim that the "soil was of excellent quality, rich, level, well timbered and well watered," there's no indication he sold any of it.

In fact, at the time of his death, he still owed Washington's estate \$6,409.20.

The land was disposed of at a sheriff's sale in 1802 to Alexander Addison for \$60.

Addison parceled out the land and sold it to a number of farmers. Descendants of many of these property owners stayed for 100 years or more.

But now most of the old-timers are gone. Farms, on the average, have been in the hands of their present owners less than 50 years.

Those who moved to the Washington lands say they were lured by the beauty, fertility and location.

Few show anything more than a passing interest in Washington's former ownership.

"There are just too many distractions, that's all," White said. "People have enough to think about with their own lives, let alone the past."

'Murder & Mayhem' recounts local historic crimes

A. Parker Burroughs, retired executive editor of the *Observer-Reporter*, will hold book signings for his newly published book, "Washington County Murder & Mayhem: Historic Crimes of Southwestern Pennsylvania," at 3 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble at South Hills Village and July 12 at the Whiskey Rebellion in Washington.

The book contains six stories, two of which appeared first in serialized form in the *Observer-Reporter*: "A Death in the Lyric" was published in 2012, and "The West Enders: A Story of Murder in Desperate Times" in 2013.

Burroughs won a Golden Quill and a first-place Keystone Press Award for "A Death in the Lyric," which tells the tragic tale of Frances Martin's troubled life and the profound effects her death would have on so many for years to come.

As Burroughs points out in the preface of "Murder & Mayhem," Washington County's most famous crime occurred on New Year's Eve 1969, when Joseph "Jock" Yablonski, his wife, Margaret, and his 25-year-old daughter, Charlotte, were shot



Burroughs

to death in their Washington County home by three assassins.

The shocking Yablonski murders were the subject of several books, but Burroughs' "Washington County Murder & Mayhem" is about crimes that

have "passed from memory."

The six stories were resurrected from old newspaper clippings and the volumes of bound newspapers in the archives of the *Observer-Reporter*.

"These news reports recorded the events as they happened, in all their confusion and contradiction," Burroughs writes. "I have used the news articles as a guide to sift through trial transcripts, government documents, letters and other remembrances and, through forensic journalism, to assemble the facts in narrative fashion."

Burroughs discovered most of the tales through serendipity, "stumbling across them while researching more mundane subjects."

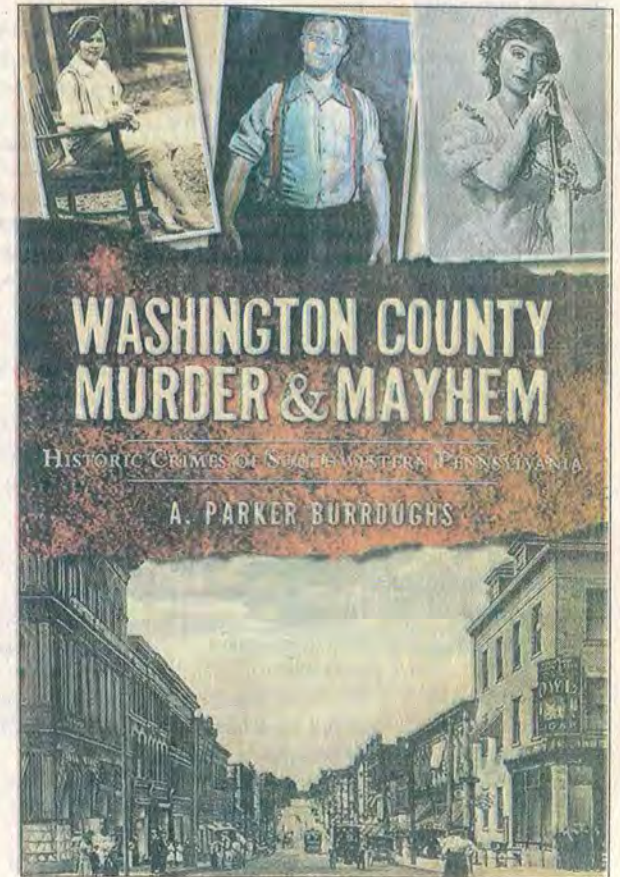
Stories also include "An Unholy Passion: The Tragic Tale of Martin Reed," which occurred in the early 1890s; "Shreds of Quivering Flesh: The Explosion That Rocked Washington," the story of a nitroglycerin explosion in Washington on July 17, 1891; "The Wreck of the Cannonball Express" from Oct. 19, 1888; and "The Murder of Thelma Young," the story of a 17-year-old who was brutally murdered on Dec. 29, 1927.

In some instances, Burroughs imagined details to enhance the flow of the narrative, but "no dialogue has been invented."

Burroughs has been a newspaper writer and editor for more than four decades. He has worked as a consultant to newspapers in Russia and Ukraine, and most recently taught writing at Bethany College.

He is the editor of "200 Years: Our History Through the Pages of the *Observer-Reporter*" and author of "Enter, With Torches: Recollections of a Grumpy Old Editor."

"Murder & Mayhem" retails for \$19.99 and can be purchased at Barnes & Noble and online at www.barnesandnoble.com, Amazon.com and historypress.net.



Murder & Mayhem
Observer-Reporter-June 22, 2014 Edition

FAITH, FRIENDS & FAMILY

Answering the call

Avella native helped create IUP monument

Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Rho Tau Chi (PTX) military honor fraternity unveiled a student-designed monument to honor veterans of Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom on Veterans Day.

The monument, "Answering the Call," sits outside of IUP's Humanities and Social Sciences Building and adjacent to the university's American, Pennsylvanian and IUP flags.

"Answering the Call" was commissioned by IUP's Rho Tau Chi. The honor fraternity has 37 active members. Most members are IUP ROTC cadets, but membership also includes current military and military-affiliated students and IUP students who want to support these initiatives. IUP has 1,009 military and military-affiliated students enrolled for fall 2018, an increase of 77 percent since fall 2015.

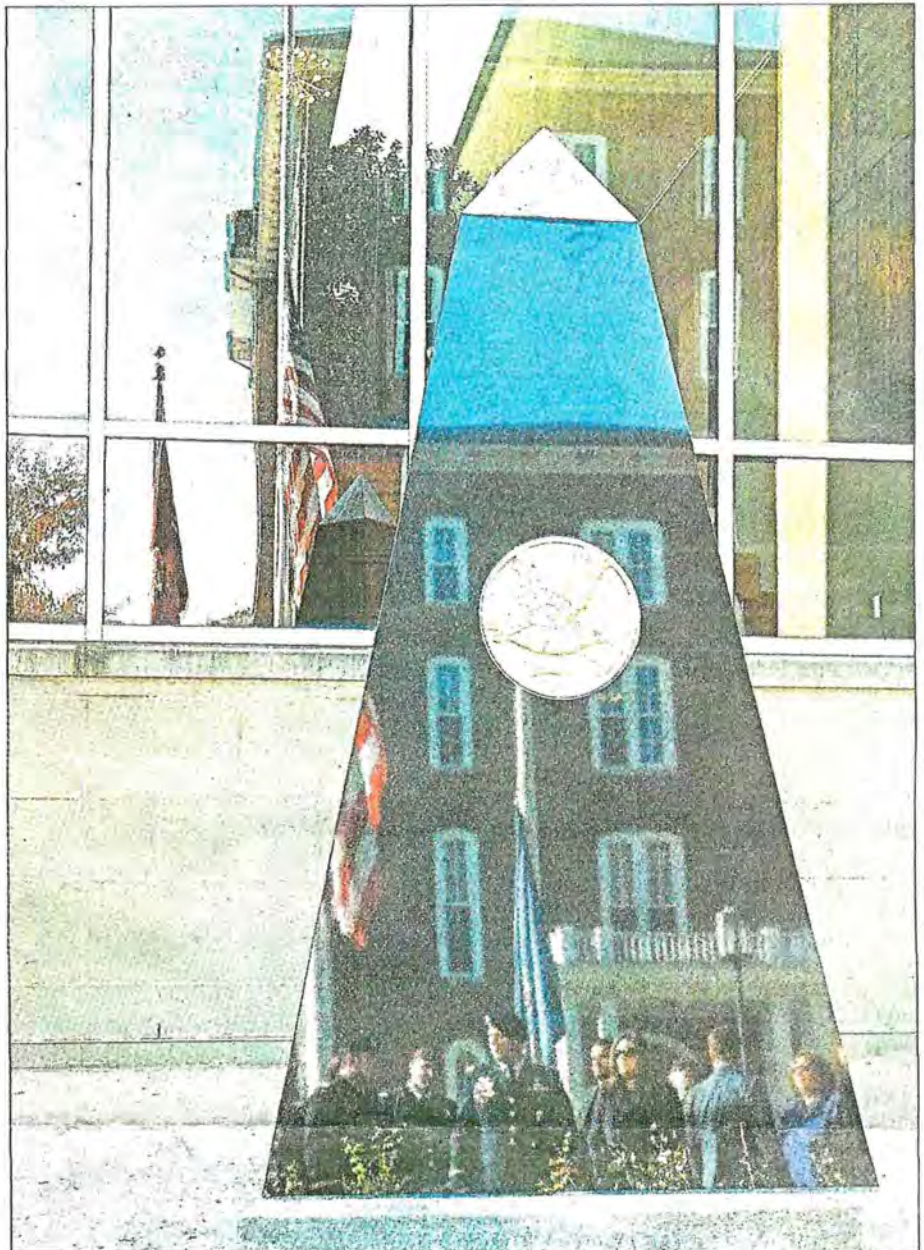
Rho Tau Chi raised funds for construction and for a competition to design the monument. A selection committee of veterans, students, artists and administrators selected a design by student Anthony Bookhammer.

Bookhammer's proposal for the monument was a tetrahedron shape with a medallion in the center, a bronze cap, and the phrases, "On shoulders of courage" and "We stand free." In his artist statement, Bookhammer notes that the tetrahedron is the solid form of a pyramid, and that "pyramids are associated with power, the triangular shape draws the eyes and directs the gaze toward the heavens and that many American architects used pyramidal symbolism, including on the U.S. Seal on United States currency."

Heather Kaiser, a graduate student in the IUP Department of Art and a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, took on completion of the monument as an internship project under the direction of IUP Department of Art faculty member Sean Derry. Kaiser is an 11-year veteran of the military.

Students Cicely Murray, a senior art major from Avella, and Katie Ott used photos from Kaiser's deployment and travels to create the bronze medallion for the center of the monument.

The granite for "Answering the Call" is the same type of granite used in the national Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. Members of the IUP Facilities group fabricated the concrete foundation for the monument and will create the landscaping around the site, including handicapped access.



The monument "Answering the Call" was commissioned by IUP's Rho Tau Chi. Students Cicely Murray, a senior art major from Avella, and Katie Ott created the bronze medallion for the center of the monument.

Cicely Murray Helped create Indiana University of Pennsylvania Monument
Observer-Reporter-November 16, 2018 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Museum holds meaning behind 'junk'

By SARA SNATCHKO
Staff writer

People driving past the JV-TV Collectibles building in Slovan, Pa. may utter the words "junk" or "garbage" upon seeing the old tools, antique appliances and other items lining the front of the building.

Likewise, while walking down Main St. in Burgettstown, Pa., some have been a little turned off by the items sitting on the sidewalk before Tony Valenti's museum.

But to understand the purpose and meaning behind all this "junk," one must first understand the man who possesses it.

Tony Valenti, a Burgettstown native of over 60 years said, "A lot of people think it's just junk. But I call it artifacts."

He has been interested in antiques for many years, dating back to the days when he worked as a chemical engineer for Climax Molybdenum in Langeloth, Pa.



SAVE

WHAT A KNIGHT – Tony Valenti stands with a nine foot knight that he received from Mexico. "The customs cost more than what the knight is worth," Valenti said, about the knight that is in his museum on Main Street in Burgettstown.

Valenti uses these "artifacts" as teaching tools for presentations he gives. His museum in Burgettstown has a room in which he gives lectures for up to 20.

He first began giving lectures to area students over 45 years ago, while working at max. He would talk about various science-related topics such as mechanics, heat, light and energy.

"I like relating to kids and adults. They are the citizens tomorrow," Valenti said.

He also has given talks to adults in area historical societies about local and military history. He frequently speaks the Reserve Officers Association.

Valenti is a member of the West Vance Historical Society, Jefferson Township Historical Society, the Smithsonian Institution and various other historical preservation groups.

"I probably belong to 10 different historical groups. You've got to keep abreast of the situation."

He has a collection of military artifacts—uniforms, knapsacks, helmets, weapons, medals and a hand made canon, name just a few.

"An object can be used as a teaching tool. You can take something tangible, that they can feel or touch and build an idea around it," Valenti said.

Valenti's museum on Main Street might not be open daily, but those interested can leave a note or message and Valenti is glad to talk with them about what is contained within the museum and the meaning or story behind every last object. "Every object has a story," Valenti said.

Valenti would like to see the

Burgettstown and Smith Township areas preserve the history of the area and capitalize on the tourism that could result. "With the events that have happened here, there's so much history in this area."

He owns the old railroad station on Main St., as well as the former Smith Hotel.

"The Smith Hotel used to be a hub of activity. The railroaders used to meet there and discuss the business of the day. There was a beautiful porch along the side of the building," Valenti said.

"A lot of miners and railroaders came through here. There was also a whole lot of milk shipped through this area."

Valenti, along with Mark Tallarico, Director of the Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency have been discussing converting the old railroad station into a historical railroad museum, which could be visited by those walking along the Panhandle Trail.

"We're still in the very early stages, but I absolutely love the idea—I can tell you that much," Tallarico said.

Valenti has a classroom in the works in Slovan, complete with desks, a chalkboard and a collection of globes.

"We still have a lot of work left to do yet," he said.

He has a room full of old toys. When asked why one would want a collection of old toys, Valenti replied, "Plastics. I was a chemical engineer."

Among the plastics is a large collection of over 75 horses. Plastic rocking horses, farm horses, miniature horses—horses of all shapes and sizes fill a room with shelves lining the walls.

"My dad was an aficionado of horses. He took care of horses when he was in Italy and that's why I have them," Valenti said.

The interior walls of the building in Slovan are lined with campaign posters, buttons, and advertisements. One might consider it junk, but Valenti sees it as something symbolic of our culture.

While some of the items in Valenti's museums are for sale, others don't have a price that can be converted to dollars and cents.

"It's more a matter of education and demonstration. You can't buy culture or social sciences."

Take, for instance, a yellow shirt hanging on a door. Some might see no use for a yellow shirt hanging on a door. But consider the words "Where's the Beef?" that are printed on the front of it and a whole new meaning is brought to the object, as well as a chuckle that comes to mind when remembering the old Wendy's commercial of the 1980's.

Other objects that may have intangibles contained within them are an old life size movie poster of "The African Queen" with Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn, an early 1900's high wheeler bike, old war propaganda, Duquesne Beer items, and Elvis bust complete with air brushed glitter.

Valenti also has artifacts from foreign countries, particularly Italy.

He has a collection of ice boxes, including a Victorian ice box with a Pennsylvania wild turkey painted on the front of it.

This is not your ordinary

ice box. It also features a lazy Susan that turns to bring the food to you.

But despite the fact that he has accumulated an uncanny collection of cultural and historical symbols, the most valuable object among over 30 rooms full of things cost him only \$17.

Valenti had a friend who offered to sell him an old stove. "I said no way! I have enough stoves," Valenti said.

But his friend lured him into checking out the stove while Valenti was looking at a trunk from Italy. While showing him the stove, Valenti's friend said he had purchased it from a man in Francis Mine.

Recalling that his family had a stove just like it when he was a child, and that his parents had sold it to a man in Francis Mine, Valenti opened the door of the stove and looked to find a crack in the corner of a ledge that pulls out.

Sure enough, there he found the crack that his father had repaired so many years ago.

"I remember my mom making spaghetti and bread on this stove. He charged me \$17 for it. A dollar for each year that it sat in his basement."

"This is my jewel," Valenti said. "This means more to me than anything else in this building."

The intangible meanings of objects can be different for everyone. So before you write off those items on the sidewalk on Main Street as "junk," stop and say hello to Tony Valenti. You never know—he might just have something that could bring back memories for you.

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Mystery marker

Overlooked plaque stationed at courthouse for a century

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Mention a publication called "Spirit Leveling in Pennsylvania" during the month of October and someone is likely to think of mowing down ghosts who've risen up to do some haunting for Halloween in the Keystone State.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The title of this 1912 publication has to do with the tangible: plumb lines and surfaces that are truly horizontal. The device used to determine straightness or stability is sometimes called a bubble level or just a level, but the term "spirit level" refers to the liquid inside the tube, which is usually alcohol.

Between 1899 and 1911, there was

a concerted effort by the Department of the Interior's United States Geological Survey to denote specific points, including the Washington County Courthouse, as bench marks.

"In the surveying profession, the term bench mark (usually two words) is used specifically for points of known elevation, or vertical control," according to the geocaching.com website.

"When the bench mark is established at known latitude and longitude, it is described as a horizontal control. The generic terms favored by professionals to describe horizontal control are station or mark rather than 'benchmark.'"

Shown a photo of a Geological Survey disc outside the Washington County Courthouse, Clay Kilgore, executive director of the Washing-



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A U.S. Geological Survey plaque is cemented into the wall in front of Washington County Courthouse.

ton County Historical Society, said, "I've never seen it. Nobody has ever said anything about it."

Neither is the marker included in a

booklet about courthouse history.

Descriptions of the bench mark by Washington County Courthouse and others in the area written more than 100 years ago by R.B. Marshall, chief geographer for the U.S. Geological Survey, indicate there was an effort to adjust previous descriptions and elevations of bench marks to agree with the 1907 "precise leveling of the Coast and Geodetic Survey," now known as the National Geodetic Survey.

Webster defines the term geodetic survey as "a survey of a large land area in which corrections are made for the curvature of the Earth's surface."

Marshall went on to write in his 99-page report, "The numbers stamped on the bench marks described in the

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following pages represent the elevations to the nearest foot as determined by the levelman."

The central Washington disc is stamped "1156 PITTSBURGH" 1,155.914, referring to its feet above sea level.

John Fouke, a cartographer with the United States Geological Survey in Rolla, Mo., said the purpose of the bench marks was to produce accurate topographical maps.

"We couldn't have them without these," Fouke said of the markers. "That was back when topographic maps were made entirely by data gathered in the field. They had survey instruments and a tripod and pointed it toward the rodman.

"They had to get enough elevation values to create the contour lines for a map. After World War II, they shifted to aerial photography. These bench marks are still used by private surveyors and some government agencies today.

"Once (global-positioning

satellites) came along, you could go out and gather precise elevation and latitude and longitude. GPS has revolutionized mapping."

Other area sites noted in "Spirit Leveling in Pennsylvania" as having U.S. Geological Survey information included Amity, post office and store of F.F. Iams & Son, in stone doorstep, on north side of door, east side of road, aluminum tablet stamped "1204 PITTSBURGH" 1,200.748 feet above sea level; Carmichaels, on stone step of entrance to schoolhouse, aluminum tablet stamped "1004 Pittsburg" 1,003.947; Centerville, (East Bethlehem post office) 35 feet east of H.L. Smith's store, 30 feet east of center of street, Mrs. Deaves's residence, in northwest corner of retaining wall, bronze tablet stamped "1178 Pittsburg" 1,177.651; Canonsburg, iron road bridge over Chartiers Creek, Jefferson Avenue, in east end of north abutment, aluminum tablet stamped "931 PITTS" 930.659; and McDonald, northeast wing wall of McDonald Street iron bridge, aluminum tablet stamped "980 PITTS" 979.631.

The U.S. Post Office, in an attempt to streamline spell-

ings, removed the "h" from Pittsburgh from 1890 to 1911, hence the appearance of "Pittsburg" in the text of "Spirit Leveling in Pennsylvania." (According to the U.S. Geological Survey, Pittsburgh's high point is 1,370 feet above sea level, and its low point is 710 feet.)

Other Washington and Greene locations with markers, which may not necessarily be bench marks, but might be a metal stake or other object, according to the 1912 publication, included Newton, Davistown, Mt. Morris, Beallsville, Scenery Hill, Vanceville, Zediker, Eighty Four, Gilkeson, Thomas; Venetia post office, Anderson Station; Hackett, Rogersville, Nineveh, Eno, Burdette, McCracken, Aleppo, Morford, Deep Valley, New Freeport, Pine Bank, Lagonda, Van Buren, Prosperity, Old Concord, Good Intent, East Finley, Fargo, Budaville, Coon Island, Taylorstown, Buffalo, West Middletown, Finney, Tunnel No. 4, Independence, Patterson Mills, Woodrow, Hickory, Westland, Burgettstown, Florence, Bavington, Burgettstown, Hanlin, Bulger, Midway and Primrose.

Mystery Marker

Observer-Reporter-October 6, 2015 Edition



Jason and Jennifer Pavlik with parents, Mike and Lois Pavlik.

Named Most Improved Student

Jason Pavlik, son of Mike and Lois Pavlik of Burgettstown, R.D. 1, recently received the "Most Improved Student of the Year" award at his school.

Jason has attended I.U. classes at the Washington Park School in Washington for four years.

He has a brother, Michael, who attends Burgettstown Area Junior High School, and a sister, Jennifer, who will be a kindergarten student at Hanover School.

Jason is the grandson of Pauline Pavlik of Weirton, W.Va., and Mrs. Margaret McCutcheon of Burgettstown, R.D. 1.

**Jason Pavlik-Named Most Improved Student
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 11, 1990 Edition**

Named To IUP Dean's List

Forty-nine Washington County students have been named to the Dean's List at Indiana University of Pennsylvania for the second semester of the 1989-90 academic year. They include:

Bulger — Leann Darnley of R.D. 1, education of exceptional children major in the College of Education.

Burgettstown — Tina M. Boni of 47 Stella Street, psychology major in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

James P. Cassels of P.O. Box 4, criminology major in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Melissa M. Hicks of R.D. 4, Box 81B, elementary education major in the College of Education.

Tamara L. Jones of R.D. 1, Box 112P, music education major in the College of Fine Arts.

Midway — John D. Bish of 301 Willard Street, biology major in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

**Named to IUP Dean's List
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 18, 1990 Edition**



Mungai, an avid gardener, picks leaf lettuce from his patch, which contains a variety of vegetables. The spacious Mungai farm encompasses about 400 acres.

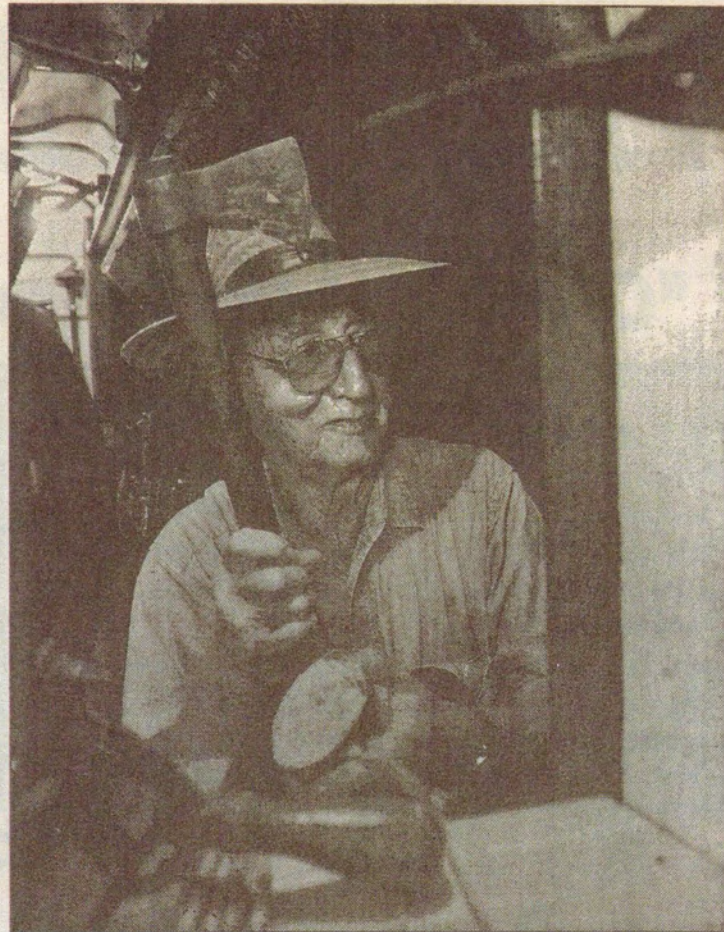
Nello Mungai Avid Gardener
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette-June 27, 2004 Edition



Robert J. Pavuchak/Post-Gazette photos

Off to the barn walks farmer Nello Mungai, an aging advocate of living the farm life. "Never have so few fed so many for so little," he said. The spacious Mungai farm straddles the townships of Mount Pleasant, Cross Creek and Smith.

Nello Mungai off to the Barn
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette-June 27, 2004 Edition



Nello Mungai shows a tomahawk, one of the many items he has in a special trailer filled with old tools that he takes around and exhibits. "The real tomahawks were made of stone," he said, "this is a modern one."

Nello Mungai Shows Tomahawk
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette-June 27, 2004 Edition

NEW ARRIVALS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rossy in the Washington Hospital, on Friday, July 14, an 8 lb. son. He has been named Ralph William, Jr.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Kasak of Burgettstown, a daughter, Mary Alice, on Thursday, July 20.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Esno of Slovan, a daughter, Carol Ann, on Sunday, July 16.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jablonski, of R. D., Burgettstown, a daughter, Mary Ann Syvella, on Sunday, July 9.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dallace Rowland, at the St. Rosella Maternity Hospital, on Thursday, July 13, an 8 lb. 4 oz. son, Dallace Everett, Jr.

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

To Link Follansbee with Eldersville

Wellburg, W. Va., March 23.—In the county system of roads financed by the \$800,000 bond issue which Brooke county approved some months ago, a road will be built from Follansbee to Eldersville, Washington county, Pa. The road will be along an entirely new right of way.

Trouble has been met in securing the ground for the road free of damages. A number of the farmers who will be most benefited by the highway refuse to sign releases, and as a result condemnation proceedings have been begun in the county court here. Notice has been given to the following landowners and tenants to appear in court April 5 to show why their land should not be condemned: A. L. Carter, John Brown, Robert Patterson, Patterson heirs, W. H. Boyd, W. F. Poole, Andrew Murthland and Albert Holly.

The county expects to secure possession of the required right of way, 40 feet wide, within 60 days. The road will probably be of brick.

Road to Link Follansbee with Eldersville
Burgettstown Call-March 29, 1917 Edition

Denny Lucas, of Cross Creek, shared some old newspapers with the Enterprise staff last week. The papers are in extremely good condition for their age, and consist of one Burgettstown Enterprise, dated March 24, 1886, and three Enterprise Calls, dated August 27, 1890, September 24, 1890 and September 13, 1893.

Included in Mr. Lucas' old newspaper collections are four small papers related to the days of the Burgettstown Fair. One is named just that, Burgettstown Fair, dated October 5-7, 1886, "The Fair Daily," dated September 30, 1890, and two Union Fair Journals dated October 1 and 2, 1862, and October 2, 3 and 4, 1883.

Beginning with the oldest of the Union Fair Journals, the 1862 edition, an announcement was made on its front page that "The Union Agricultural Association will hold their Seventh Annual Fair at Burgettstown on Wednesday and Thursday, October 1 and 2, 1862." By simple mathematics, one can determine that the famed Burgettstown Fair had its beginnings in the year 1856.

The President in 1862 was James Donaldson; Secretary, William Melvin; and Treasurer, Finley Scott, Jr. Many yet familiar names are listed on the roster of vice presidents and board of directors.

The "Premium List" was nearly endless, with scores of classes in many categories that could be entered, from embroidered pillow slips to sets of carriage harness, from three acres of wheat to a thresher and separator, from a trio of geese to one half gallon maple molasses. Prizes ranged from eight dollars for the best stallion, down to twenty-five cents for the best vegetable pie.

The Journal contained rules, regulations and by-laws of the association.

The 1883 Journal lists D.S. Taylor, Jr., as President, C.C. Vance as Treasurer and William Melvin as Secretary. This paper also carried the lengthy list of premiums, etc.

The "Burgettstown Fair" of 1886 listed those names who were award winners at the thirty-first annual fair. The top prize for stallions was listed at ten dollars. Many names familiar in today's Burgettstown area can be recognized on this seemingly endless list.

"The Fair Daily" was a four-page tabloid that was apparently printed and distributed each day during the fair. It was issued from the Enterprise-Call office by J. Howard Cramer, editor and proprietor, with a daily circulation of 1,000 copies. This one issued in 1890 was the sixth annual edition, and contained advertising from local merchants as well as from Pittsburgh and Steubenville.

The premium list of the first fair (1856), the directory of Burgettstown of that year, the election, the schools and sketches and anecdotes of early days of the fair were all promised to be included on one of the "Fair Daily" papers.

In the paragraph on "Early Schools," wages for teachers were listed at \$20 a month.

Advertisements included one from D.M. Pry, "Just Opening" for clothing. Livery stables advertised their harness, saddles, bridles and blankets. McMurray and Scott advertised groceries, glassware and Queensware, as well as hats, boots and dress goods. The back page of the paper was blank.

The Enterprise of 1886 was a four-page weekly, but full size newspaper. It contained typical advertising of the day, as well as stories, news notes, anecdotes, and general "filler."

Among the "Local and County" notes are such items as: "Go to Cochran's for your flannels. Coffee, three pounds for twenty-five cents at S.L. Cochran's."

"You can leave the Studebaker Wagon out in the weather for two years and we warrant the tire not to get loose. B.F. McClure & Bros., Agents."

"Mr. Ken. Cooke, of Smith Township, while plowing on March 2nd., turned up several pieces of historic pottery, consisting of clay and shells. They were found on a piece of ground, judging from the extent and depth of the ash soil, which had long been used as a camping ground or home of some of the ancient occupants of this country. Mr. Cooke also found the bowl of a clay pipe and part of a deer's horn."

A column headed "Half-way Flashes" contained a number of personal items. "Rev. Willets is having a church built on the Bell lot in Midway."

Other personal columns were from Florence and McDonald.

The August 27, 1890, Enterprise Call contains a number of interesting articles in its four pages. Some of them are headed, "Good Books for Boys," (Ivanhoe, The Talisman, to name a few), "City Men as Farmers," "Last Days of the Moonshiner," and, "How Wild Animals Charge."

Morrow & Son, a clothing store "near the station" in Burgettstown, advertised "Ladies and children's shoes, 50 cents to \$1.50, men's fine shoes, \$1.00 and men's rubber boots, \$1.99."

A lengthy column of local news includes items such as: "The stone work on the new bank building has commenced."

"For 3 years, boarding has cost ladies at Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio, \$1.38 per week; furnished room 30¢; books (rented) 7¢; total \$1.75. Attendance quadrupled. Catalog free."

"Wednesday, the loaders at Laurel Hill, who had been working at 38 cents a ton, struck for 40 cents. Thursday morning their demand was acceded to, and they went to work. - Outlook."

The September 24, 1890 Enterprise Call also contains a variety of articles from many places. "Make Your Diamonds Sparkle," "The Burden of Big Houses," and "The Treasures of the Yosemite," are but a few.

In Local and County News - "A pheasant was discovered sitting on the top of G.D. Pyle's house in the borough on Friday morning. John Falconer shot it with a melon rind, but it was not fatal and the bird flew away."

"There were four carloads of stock snipped from this station on Monday."

In a column headed Clinton: "There is one speak-easy less in Canton."

"Dr. F.M. Cain, who has been practicing medicine here for more than a year, has, on account of his increasing practice, purchased another horse. He is the first young doctor who has made a success here the first year."

The Union Academy, English and Classical School in Burgettstown carried an advertisement stating "First term, 11 weeks, \$10; second term, 14 weeks, \$13; third term, 11 weeks, \$10. Languages extra, Latin or Greek, \$1.00; both \$1.50 per term."

Personal notes in the September 13, 1893, Enterprise Call include "There are 176 pupils enrolled in the Union school."

"C.T. Cosgrove has been appointed postmaster at Eldersville, this county."

"Thieves entered the springhouse of Winfield Work, near Candor, one night last week and freely helped themselves to butter, eggs and milk."

"Among the postal appointments on Monday morning was that of J. Kerr McFarland as postmaster at Burgettstown. Kerr will make a good postmaster."

"The thieves who robbed A.J. Russell's store at Bulger a few weeks ago were arrested in Pittsburgh last week."

An item from Independence stated "C.P. Waugh raised 56 bushels of Jones' Fife winter wheat on 1 1/4 acres. He has also dug 600 bushels of potatoes. C.P. is a hustler."

An Eldersville story gave details on this upcoming event: "The teachers of Jefferson Township will hold their first township institute at Miller's school on Saturday, September 30, 1893. All patrons and friends of education are cordially invited to be present and take part in the exercises. Opening Exercises, Anna Stephenson; How To Teach Arithmetic to Beginners, Chap Gardner; School Property - To What Extent Is The Teacher Responsible? The Directors; Penmanship - How To Teach It, Fannie Scott; The Educational Benefits of the World's Fair, Anna Criss; Methods of Teaching Geography, Nannie Gillespie; Township institutes - Their Benefits, J.V. Sutherland."

Papers Dating Back to 1886 Contain Much Interest to Readers Burgettstown Enterprise

STATE HISTORY WORK FOR ALL NEWSPAPERS

Historical Commission is Preparing
Record of Papers of State
Since Year 1820

A detailed record of all newspapers published in Pennsylvania since 1820 is being compiled by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, Department of Public Instruction. It is expected to be one of the most valuable historical records ever prepared in Pennsylvania, according to Dr. James N. Rule, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Chairman of the Commission. The task has been assigned to Miss Frances Dorrance, Wilkes-Barre, member of the Commission.

For co-operation in compiling this bibliography of Pennsylvania newspapers, the Commission has called upon all newspapers now published in the State, all college and public libraries, local historical societies, chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of 1812, and various individuals. The record also is to contain an inventory of all newspaper files which can be located. It will supplement a bibliography of American newspapers published prior to 1820, the only existing record that tells the history of newspapers of the State.

"The local newspaper," Miss Dorrance said, "has always been the principal medium for information on daily events and contemporary thought throughout the community, and has voiced the sentiments, policies and aspirations, of the people. It gives invaluable leads on growth and history of municipalities and now forms one of the most important historical sources available for students.

"Consequently, a bibliography of the newspapers published in Pennsylvania, together with information on extant files and issues is a necessity."

**State History Work
For all Newspapers
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 18, 1933 Edition**

No Food Shortage Here.

Due to flood conditions deliveries of foodstuffs to Burgettstown the latter part of last week were somewhat interrupted, and most stores were short of bread, flour and sugar on Saturday night, but no great inconvenience was experienced by local residents. Large amounts of the commodities named had been sent out of town to flood sufferers in neighboring West Virginia towns. Stores here are again able to meet all needs.

No Food Shortage Here
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1936 Edition

O. P. A. Calls Meeting Of Retailers To Explain MPR 580

Officials from the Pittsburgh office of Price Administration will come to Burgettstown on Friday, April 6 to conduct a meeting in the Borough Building for all retailers of apparel and house furnishings. The purpose of the meeting is to explain Maximum Price Regulation 580 which requires that every apparel, dry goods and house furnishings retailer in this area prepare three copies of a pricing chart. On or about April 20, each retailer must file two copies of this chart with the O. P. A. District Office.

In a statement to the Enterprise, issued particularly to retailers, M. J. O'Toole, Price Panel Chairman says, 'Your very livelihood depends upon compliance with THIS NEW OPA REGULATION which will be explained at the April 6 meeting. Come prepared to ask questions-- get the facts you need to know. It is imperative that you bring your copy of the regulation with you because there are no extra copies available and you will need your copy to follow the explanation of the regulation.'

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Old Electors.

James McDermot, the veteran soldier of 1812, who is now in his ninetieth year, walked to the polls in the First Ward in this borough, on election day, and voted for Blaine and Logan. He remarked to the bystanders that he had cast many ballots before, but none with greater pleasure.—*Reporter.*

Paul Trimmer, Sr., of this borough, in his 85th year voted his 61st Democratic ballot, last Tuesday. He is very active for one of his age and frequently banter the boys to run him a foot race.

Old Electors

Old ledgers to see new life in area

By Kathryn Campbell Slasor
For The Enterprise

An armful of dusty old ledgers has been retrieved from oblivion and will bring much enjoyment, information and history to those whose interests lie along the line of digging up the past.

Charles Lawson had the fortune to recently strike up a conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Don McCombs of Florence. It was a pure case of, "We don't need these; would you like to

have them?" and Charles became the exuberant owner of eight or ten (he was too excited to count them!) old ledgers depicting incidents and events of the Florence area since 1805.

Among the books:

- A family Bible with names and dates
- Account books from a store that once stood where E-Z Pickins stands
- Other record and account books

that will bring much light to past happenings of that area.

The books are fragile from age and should be handled as infrequently as possible. Charles suggests that the Fort Vance Historical Society include these priceless old ledgers in one of the society's projects for the year 1995, that of indexing such books, placing the originals in a safe depository and making copies accessible for those to whom they are important.

Old ledgers to see new life in area
The Enterprise-February 22, 1995 Edition

OLD-TIME NOTES
TAKEN FROM THE ENTERPRISE OF
TWENTY YEARS AGO.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1885

Wm. Andrews is moving his family to Dennison, Ohio.

Harvey Andrews has secured a situation as telegraph operator on the B. & O. R. R., at Elm Grove, W. Va.

R. T. C. Stephenson has opened a boot and shoe store in John Falconer's store room.

Mrs. L. W. Baker has had her hotel repainted and a new sign put up, which gives it a handsome appearance. It has been christened the "Commercial House."

Mt Pleasant teachers—Hickory, J. H. Johnson, principal; Miss Johnson, assistant; McCarrell's Miss Mary Rankin; Donaldson's, Miss Maggie Hemphill; Miller's, Miss Bedillion; Moore's, Miss Jennie Campbell; McBurney's, Miss George; George's, Miss Wallace. School opens on second Monday of September. Term, six months, wages, \$35 per month.

Our old village (Crosscreek) will soon lose some of its familiar faces. All of our young men and women have an eye for education as well as an ear. Leora Lyle and Lizzie Marquis go to Blairsville Seminary; M. M. Todd and sister, O. R. Todd, to take charge of the schools in Midway; V. B. Baker goes to New Cumberland, W. Va., as principal of their schools; John A. Marquis as a professor in Blairsville Seminary; J. B. Lyle goes to the Western Theological Seminary in Allegheny City; George Powelson goes to Midway as a teacher; "Sell" Baker to Hanlin Station as a teacher; Winnie Rea as a teacher near Washington, Pa., and the rest of our talented young men and women have schools near home. And last but not least, our friend D. F. Enoch goes to Smith township as teacher.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1885

Grant Hanlin, of Hanover township, harvested 800 bushels of oats from twelve acres.

We omitted from the list of Mt. Pleasant teachers last week the name of Miss Amber Marquis, who teaches the Rankin school.

Miss Jennie Harper, of this place, has been elected teacher of Falling Timber school, in Independence township. Term six months. Salary \$35.

T. P. Vance started with seven head of shorthorn cattle, V. C. Kerr with eleven head southdown sheep, and Wylie Vance with his stallion, for the Wheeling fair on Monday.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1885

C. W. Fulton has put a new roof on his livery stable.

D. F. Enoch and family, of Crosscreek, have moved into the Wilson house in South Burgettstown.

MISS LIZZIE MARSHON LEFT FOR BLAIRSVILLE seminary last week—the two former in the capacity of music teachers.

Wm. F. Scott has been appointed postmaster at South Burgettstown, in place of J. W. Pry, resigned. Fin will no doubt make a good P. M.

The teachers of Smith township will hold their first institute at the new school house, (Farrar's, No. 7,) on Saturday, Sep. 26, 1885 at 9½ a. m. Topics: Address of welcome, by the teacher, C. B. McCabe; select reading, Miss Ackleson and Geo. Powelson; method of teaching physiology and hygiene, D. F. Enoch; diacritical remarks, Wm. Melvin; map drawing, Miss Brimmer; primary teaching, Miss Simcox; Messrs. Stevenson and Dennis have leave to choose their own subjects.

Isaac M. Reed has been appointed postmaster at Cross Creek Village.

Deputy Commissioners—The following have been appointed for this end of the county, by the county commissioners in compliance with the law passed by the last Legislature, to attend to the burial of indigent soldiers:

Burgettstown—Richard Hill, James Carnahan.

Buffalo township—J. W. Langfit, Taylorstown; G. T. Work, Buffalo.

Cross Creek—J. S. Duncan, J. R. P. Magill, Cross Creek.

Hanover—Wm. H. Morrison, Wm. Jackson, Esq., Paris.

Hopewell—Wm. T. Magill, Buffalo; J. D. France, West Middletown.

Independence—W. C. Liggitt, Esq., Independence.

Jefferson—Ulysses Wheeler, Henry Cooper, Eldersville.

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J. R. McNary is showing an old valentine he received 66 years ago. Some fellow was poking fun at Mr. McNary, and sent him a comic picture, with a line reading: "You say 'tis hard labor to make books or breed them, but the task is much harder for people to read them."

J. R. McNary-Old Valentine
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 23, 1935 Edition

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1885

Wm. Andrews is moving his family to Dennison, Ohio.

Harvey Andrews has secured a situation as telegraph operator on the B. & O. R. R., at Elm Grove, W. Va.

R. T. C. Stephenson has opened a boot and shoe store in John Falconer's store room.

Mrs. L. W. Baker has had her hotel repainted and a new sign put up, which gives it a handsome appearance. It has been christened the "Commercial House."

Mt Pleasant teachers—Hickory, J. H. Johnson, principal; Miss Johnson, assistant; McCarrell's Miss Mary Rankin; Donaldson's, Miss Maggie Hemp-hill; Miller's, Miss Bedillion; Moore's, Miss Jennie Campbell; McBurney's, Miss George; George's, Miss Wallace. School opens on second Monday of September. Term, six months, wages, \$35 per month.

Our old village (Crosscreek) will soon lose some of its familiar faces. All of our young men and women have an eye for education as well as an ear. Leora Lyle and Lizzie Marquis go to Blairsville Seminary; M. M. Todd and sister, O. R. Todd, to take charge of the schools in Midway; V. B. Baker goes to New Cumberland, W. Va., as principal of their schools; John A. Marquis as a professor in Blairsville Seminary; J. B. Lyle goes to the Western Theological Seminary in Allegheny City; George Powelson goes to Midway as a teacher; "Sell" Baker to Hanlin Station as a teacher; Winnie Rea as a teacher near Washington, Pa., and the rest of our talented young men and women have schools near home. And last but not least, our friend D. F. Enoch goes to Smith township as teacher.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1885

Grant Hanlin, of Hanover township, harvested 800 bushels of oats from twelve acres.

We omitted from the list of Mt. Pleasant teachers last week the name of Miss Amber Marquis, who teaches the Rankin school.

Miss Jennie Harper, of this place, has been elected teacher of Falling Timber school, in Independence township. Term six months. Salary \$35.

T. P. Vance started with seven head of shorthorn cattle, V. C. Kerr with eleven head southdown sheep, and Wylie Vance with his stallion, for the Wheeling fair on Monday.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1885

C. W. Fulton has put a new roof on his livery stable.

D. F. Enoch and family, of Cross-creek, have moved into the Wilson house in South Burgettstown.

Miss Lizzie Manson left for Blairsville seminary last week—the two former in the capacity of music teachers.

Wm. F. Scott has been appointed postmaster at South Burgettstown, in place of J. W. Pry, resigned. Fin will no doubt make a good P. M.

The teachers of Smith township will hold their first institute at the new school house, (Farrar's, No. 7,) on Saturday, Sep. 26, 1885 at 9½ a. m. Topics: Address of welcome, by the teacher, C. B. McCabe; select reading, Miss Ackleson and Geo. Powelson; method of teaching physiology and hygiene, D. F. Enoch; diacritical remarks, Wm. Melvin; map drawing, Miss Brimmer; primary teaching, Miss Simcox; Messrs. Stevenson and Dennis have leave to choose their own subjects.

Isaac M. Reed has been appointed postmaster at Cross Creek Village.

Deputy Commissioners—The following have been appointed for this end of the county, by the county commissioners in compliance with the law passed by the last Legislature, to attend to the burial of indigent soldiers:

Burgettstown—Richard Hill, James Carnahan.

Buffalo township—J. W. Langfit, Taylorstown; G. T. Work, Buffalo.

Cross Creek—J. S. Duncan, J. R. P. Magill, Cross Creek.

Hanover—Wm. H. Morrison, Wm. Jackson, Esq., Paris.

Hopewell—Wm. T. Magill, Buffalo; J. D. France, West Middletown.

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ON TO HARRISBURG

At the Monday evening meeting of the Joint School Boards, the members voted to pay necessary expenses for Herman Verdin and his accompanist, Julian Myers to go to Harrisburg on Friday to compete in the State Music finals. They will be accompanied by Music Director O. Glenn Aiken. Herman won second in the violin competition in the state finals last year at Norristown. Students of Union are confident he will make first place this year. During the past year Herman has been studying with Pittsburgh teachers and is showing much improvement in his technique and in stage presence.

**Herman Verdin and Julian Meyers Compete in State Music Finals
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 25, 1940 Edition**

One Shot, Six Captured in Raids By Police Force on Three Stills; Wounded Man Taken After Escape

Eastonville Is Scene of "Mountain Thriller."

GANG BROUGHT TO PITTSBURGH

One man was shot and seriously wounded and six others were arrested by the police of Burgettstown, in a series of sensational raids at Eastonville, Pa., on three illicit stills Sunday night, it was learned last night, when the six prisoners were turned over to the Federal authorities here.

The wounded man, Joe Akson, 23 years old, escaped at the time the raid was made on a shanty where, the police say, he and Youa Iszyatish were conducting a still, and, though wounded severely in the hip, was not found until early yesterday morning, weak from the loss of blood, in the office of Dr. J. Hill at Cherry Valley, four miles from Eastonville. He had awakened the physician and requested aid. After notifying the police authorities, Dr. Hill sent the man to a Pittsburgh hospital, where he is under guard.

The five other men who are either charged with operating illicit stills or accused of "bootlegging," are John Cindric, Ivan Krostlec, Louis Prech, Joe Milanvich and Mike Milter. All were remanded, along with Iszyatish, to the county jail last night and will be arraigned before Federal Commissioner Roger Knox at 11 o'clock this morning. The six men held here and Akson, the wounded prisoner, are Croatians.

WOUNDED MAN ESCAPES.

The raids were planned by Chief of Police Joseph Neib of Burgettstown. With Patrolmen F. R. Crawford and William Schneider, Chief Neib swooped down upon a still alleged to have been operated by John Cindric and Mike Milter, on the Duncan farm, and also the one said to have been operated by Louis Prech and Joe Milanvich on an adjoining farm. At both places the officers found hundreds of gallons of raisin mash and much moonshine whisky ready for sale, and in one instance, bottled and corked. The prisoners were placed in jail and the still and other material seized as evidence.

Moving toward the Easton farm, the raiders approached a shanty in which Akson and Iszyatish were believed to have their still. Entering the shanty unexpectedly, the officers surprised both men. Iszyatish was overpowered, but, according to the officers, Akson showed fight, and succeeded in escaping. He was followed by Chief Neib, and when the fleeing moonshiner refused to halt, the chief opened fire from his revolver. Akson was seen to leap into the air after one shot, but continued running, and disappeared a few seconds later in a dense thicket. The officers searched the rest of Sunday night but failed to find him, and he was next heard of at the office of Dr. Hill, four miles distant, early yesterday morning.

BIGGEST STILL YET.

Three informations, according to the Federal officers, will be preferred against the seven men, charging the operation of illicit stills and "bootlegging."

The still conducted by Akson and Iszyatish is said to be the largest and most up-to-date yet unearthed in the campaign against illicit distillers in the Pittsburgh district.

The officers described it as a 50-gallon affair, and asserted that more than 400 gallons of mash, ready for distillation, together with scores of gallons of the finished moonshine whisky, were found in the shanty.

Special agents of the department of justice today are expected to investigate a large amount of foreign-language pamphlets and literature found on the prisoners. In an effort to determine whether it is Red propaganda.

"OPEN HOUSE" ON GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Sophia and Matt Kanzius of Eldersville Road will receive relatives and friends at an "open house" reception in observance of their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon and evening, June 26, from 2 until 8 p.m.

The couple was united June 25, 1905, in St. Barbara's Catholic church, at Presto, formerly known as Rosevale.

Both were born in Austria. Mr. Kanzius came to this country in 1897 and she arrived here in 1902, settling in the Avella vicinity where they met.

Following their marriage, the couple lived in Avella 13 years and moved to this locale in 1928. They are kept busy tending their beautiful home and 36 acres of land which is partially worked as a garden and flower bed. Mr. Kanzius is 72 and his wife is 65 years young. He is a retired coal miner, having followed this occupation for fifty years. He was last employed by the American Zinc and Coal Company mine for 20 years, prior to his retirement in 1938.

The couple are parents of nine children, two, Elizabeth and Magdalene, died at an early age of eight months. Other children include: Mrs. Eva Aquilina, R. D. 3, Washington; Sylvester, R. D. 1, Washington; Joseph, Jr., Lorain,

Ohio; Mrs. Agnes Donati, Eldersville Road; Miss Gertrude Kanzius, Wilkinsburg; Alvin, Eldersville Road; and Mrs. Frances Graff, at home. They also have 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Sophia and Matt Kanzius-Golden Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 23, 1955 Edition

"Thanks For The Buggy Ride"

"Apache" waits quietly by the meadow gate while his owner, Pete Orenchuk, and his passengers, Delois Williams and Monica Bucher, decide just where to go for a buggy ride. They could be dressed up and ready to go to the old-fashioned church service at Bethel. But if so, they are a mite premature, as that particular service is not until Sunday evening, August 17.

Whatever their destination, they are enjoying their experience in the realm of nostalgia, as Pete treated his neighbors to a ride in his 75-year-old buggy.

Pete, who lives on Eldersville Road, Burgettstown, R.D. 4, has owned at least eight driving horses since he was 18 years old. His interest in horses and the old-fashioned mode of living, with its slow pace, has been with him since his childhood in Cedar Grove.

It was from his boyhood home there that he rode with his family by horse and buggy to grocery-shop in Washington, Avella and other near-by points. Among the greatest of attractions back in those days was the annual Burgettstown Fair, which was also reached in the early hours of each Fair morning by horse and buggy.

Pete has carried reminiscences of those carefree days with him to the present time, and still occasionally drives Apache to Eldersville for his gro-



ceries, leaving his car in the garage. This way, the gas shortages and high prices do not affect him, he says with a grin.

His eight acres he calls his ranch, coupled with his life with Apache, the buggy, a buckboard and a sleigh, represent the slow and peaceful life that is dear to Pete's heart.

"There is nothing more peaceful and relaxing than a buggy ride through the country lanes," he declares, "And the countryside around Bethel Church is the most beautiful of all." Pete is Orthodox by faith, but holds Bethel, the isolated and historical country church, now closed to all but occasional services, as a hallowed spot.

Pete has lived in the nearby

area all of his life, moving from Cedar Grove to Smith Township near the Vance farm, to Jefferson Township. A number of his brothers are farmers, and live in the Jefferson Township vicinity.

He likes hunting, and anything that involves the outdoors and nature. Retired from Wheeling Steel, he has lived in his trailer at his present location for the past twenty years.

And concerning Apache and his carriage, Pete avows, "I wouldn't trade my buggy for a Cadillac!"

Peter Orenchuk with his passengers
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 1975 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



“Thanks for the buggy ride”

**Peter Orenchuck with his passengers, Delois Williams and Monica Bucher.
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Original poem is published

Carrie Ann Lonick has had original poetry published in "Songs on the Wind," a treasury of today's poetry compiled by the National Library of Poetry. The poem is entitled, "Thank You."

Carrie is the daughter of Randy and Debi Donick of Burgettstown. She is a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes and Burgettstown Area High School.

Carrie is attending California University of Pennsylvania.

The text of her poem:

I never got to say "Thank you"
For the sacrifices you made
And all the knowledgeable advice

Your heart always gave.

I never got to say "Thank you"
For your guidance I did not always take.

Or letting me learn from experience

By making my own mistakes.

Thank you for supporting all the challenges

I ever decided to pursue

And offering me such advice

When I did not know what else to do.

Thank you for listening to my problems

Which you never seemed to



CARRIE LONICK

judge

Forgiving all our useless arguments

Without ever holding a grudge.

I guess I could just sit here

Writing on and on and on

But what I want you to know I love you

Thank you for being my Mom.

**Carrie Lonick Has Original Poem Published
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**An
Outhouse
Odyssey**

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AN OUTHOUSE ODYSSEY

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There is a mystique, a certain aura, if you will, about outhouses. Consider ... where else is it possible to attain the privacy, the complete isolation that can be derived in the outhouse. There, you can sit in total concentration and think out your plans without intrusion by anyone. It is the only place where you can perform two functions simultaneously, and do them both equally well. For some, it is the only time when they really know exactly what it is they're doing. If you're not in the mood for thinking, you can always lean to one side and peer out through a crack and spy on people outside. It is also a place where many, including the author, learned to take their first tentative puffs on a hand rolled cornsilk cigarette, and naively thought they were outwitting their parents.

The origin of the outhouse is lost in antiquity. Creationists hold that the outhouse was created on the eighth

day because the Lord suffered a temporary lapse. They believe that He spent a hectic six days creating the Earth and everything in it, after which he rested on Sunday. On the following day He looked down to view his handiwork and observed that Adam was frantically scurrying about the Garden. Curious, he inquired of Adam as to the reason.

Adam replied, while continuing to dart about mincingly, "Lord, where didst thou place the sandbox?"

At that, the Lord slapped his forehead with the palm of his hand and muttered, "Of course!"

Creationists base their belief on the fact that a member of their sect, one Nathan Hornsby, returning from a visit to the supposed site of the Garden, had an exciting story to tell. He related that, during his tour of the area, he had noticed one particular spot where the grass seemed very thick and green. His curiosity aroused, he procured a shovel and began to dig. To his amazement, he unearthed evidence which, he claims, proves incontrovertibly, that the outhouse was, indeed, created on the eighth day. To substantiate his claim, he produced a small scrap of board which, he said, is made from the wood of the ill-famed apple tree of Eve. Further, he directed their attention to an arc-shaped section of the board which, he maintained, is part of the circumference of the hole that was cut into the seat. This scrap of wood has become known by modernists as Hornsby's Arc. Hornsby's Arc has been enshrined in a sealed crypt in Batavia, New York, and once a

year, disciples of Hornsby make a pilgrimage to Batavia to gaze, in awe, at the Arc.

Others have pooh-pooed the theory of Hornsby's Arc on the basis that it could as well have been a piece of a porthole from Noah's ark which just happened to float to that particular place from Mount Ararat. It might even have been from an outhouse fashioned by Noah himself, for didn't the Lord, after the flood had abated, command Noah to "GO FORTH AND BUILD YE MANY OUTHOUSES UPON THE LAND THAT YE MAY PROSPER AND THY ISSUE ALSO?"

Few historians know the real reason why Napoleon invaded Russia. Most of them attribute it to personal ambition, to dreams of world conquest, but in actuality it was for humanitarian reasons. It is a well-kept secret that Napoleon was a closet philanthropist. One evening while Napoleon and Josephine were enjoying an aperitif in the salon, his cousin, Gaston Bonaparte, dropped in, fresh from a trip to the Russian hinterlands. While regaling Napoleon with tales of his adventures, he happened to remark that the natives answered nature's call by seeking a secluded place in the woods, or perhaps behind the cow shed. At this news Napoleon sat bolt upright, his eyes mirroring disbelief.

"*Sacre bleu*," he exclaimed, "those poor peasants will freeze their appurtenances in that brutal weather. I must take steps to alleviate their hardships. I will call out the army as soon as we finish our drinks and we will set out with a

great load of wood with which to build outhouses over the whole of Russia. I will go down in history as the greatest privy purveyor of them all."

But Napoleon neglected to consider the Russian mentality. To begin with, they misconstrued the purpose of his invasion. They thought he was after their Vodka and resisted his every advance. The going was very difficult but he at last managed to begin building outhouses over the landscape, feeling certain that, once they understood his motives, they would welcome him with open arms. To his chagrin, what with Russian weather being what it is and wood being scarce in the Steppes, he discovered that the natives were tearing down the outhouses and using them for firewood to heat their huts, and the excavations were used for trapping wolves and wild game to augment their meager food supplies. Too late, he realized his mistake and it was at that point that he coined a term which is widely used to this day when he stated that he should have designed a "brick shithouse." Furthermore, he did not reckon on the Russian winter. When the thermometer dipped to sixty degrees below zero, he decided to abandon his grandiose plans of bringing civilization to those barbarians and he struck out for home. When his aide-de-camp, Colonel Beauchamps De La Croix, queried whether he had lost interest in the campaign, Napoleon coined another expression, which was plagiarized by Clark Gable in 1939, when he said, "Frankly, my dear man, I don't give a shit!"

Outhouses were quite common in the days of the Roman

Empire. So common, in fact, that to this day, there is a scarcity of forests in Italy. It is interesting to note that a tree indigenous to that country, the Lombardy poplar, can now be found in many parts of today's world. This is not by accident. Back in those days, the wood of choice for the construction of outhouses was the Lombardy poplar because of its straight grain, smooth texture and easy workability. It was lumbered out to such an extent that it was in danger of extinction. The Nature Conservancy, being very concerned over the tree's fate, sent a team of trained experts under cover of darkness, who managed to spirit some specimens out of the country, thereby preserving them for posterity. Were it not for their valiant efforts, the Lombardy poplar would be no more.

With the supply of wood severely depleted, the Romans had to cast about for another material with which to construct their outhouses. They experimented with hardened lava from Vesuvius and it proved too amorphous to work with. Alabaster was cost prohibitive and marble was unobtainable because a young upstart named Michelangelo Buonarroti, by manipulating the Italian Stock Exchange, had somehow cornered the market. He was keeping it all, he said, because he and his friend, Raphael intended to build Saint Peter's Basilica for the Pope. That transaction came to be known among outhouse aficionados as the Rap and Mike connection.

Finally, the Romans settled on a new building material,

Roman brick, developed by Luigi Capopietro, known to his friends as three-fingered Louie. Louie acquired his nickname through his work. In the bricklaying trade, when the mason wishes to cut a brick he merely takes a brick hammer, and with a couple of sharp raps, he neatly cuts it in two. Louie disdained the use of a brick hammer because it meant that he had to drop his trowel, take up the brick hammer, cut the brick, drop the hammer and pick up his trowel once again. It was much too time consuming so he designed a double duty tool. It was a trowel light enough to work the mortar, yet heavy enough to cut a brick in two with one smart blow. Louie, unfortunately, suffered from astigmatism complicated by crossed eyes, hence, his nickname: Three-fingered Louie.

The earliest documented flush-outhouse was developed in Venice. After several trial and error starts, the Venetians discovered that by building the outhouse in the backyard, at low tide, they would flush automatically, twice a day at high tide. This represented a giant step forward in the outhouse epic.

Recently a team of geologists, excavating ruins near the village of Contraffazione in central Italy, unearthed a tightly sealed clay jug. Inside the jug reposed a number of sheepskin scrolls which set the scientific world on it's ear. These were the famous Contraffazione scrolls, believed to be lost to mankind when the area was struck by a meteor late in the second century. The scrolls revealed an obscure footnote

to history. They describe how Julius Caesar, because of his supposed Godliness, scorned the use of an outhouse. An outhouse, he declared, was too debasing for a God. Instead, he commanded his eunuchs to gather up every bit of his Godly excretions and bottle it in tiny vials. These vials, tradenamed "Heaven Scent", were then marketed to chosen customers for one gold denarius, and it proved to be a lucrative sideline, for who would dare refuse to buy a product of Caesar? However, history to the contrary, it was *this* practice, not political jealousy, which ultimately brought about his downfall by assassination. Through the years much resentment had built up in the hearts of Cassius and Brutus, both of whom were toadies of Caesar for longer than they cared to remember and they were near the breaking point. When, finally, they were solicited by Caesar's chief eunuch about purchasing a vial of Heaven Scent for the knockdown price of three sesterces, 25% off the regular price to special friends, it proved to be the last straw. Brutus turned to Cassius and said, "That's it! I've had it! I'm not taking any of Caesar's crap!" This case illustrates the pitfalls that await those pompous scoffers who would defy the laws of nature by scorning the function of an outhouse.

Through the ages the outhouse has been the center of a firestorm of controversy. In 1215 A.D., didn't King John create his landmark document, the Magna Carta? And we all know the very first article of his revolutionary edict, to wit: "A WELL REGULATED ALIMENTARY CANAL BEING NECESSARY TO THE

WELL-BEING OF ALL FREE CITIZENS, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND USE OUTHOUSES SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED." There you have it in a nutshell.

True, there are many scoffers ... hardnoses who stoutly maintain that the only way to answer nature's call is to sit on a felled hickory. To a degree they are correct because that method is truly a communion with nature. There is a certain purity about the act, provided one watches out for splinters and takes care as to the placement of one's feet. But with today's slash and burn method of timbering, forests are rapidly being depleted, and a person may be compelled to walk many a mile before finding an ideal tree. In view of that, the only expedient is the outhouse.

Today's outhouse, like so many other things, has fallen under federal jurisdiction and is now being built under strict guidelines. The Secretary of Health, Education and Outhouses has decreed that they *must* have a third seat, a small one for the children, and that it must be equipped with an airbag to prevent a hyperactive child from falling in. But the Secretary has indicated that, in view of today's economy, he may be inclined to relent just a little. Since the cost of an airbag would be prohibitive to many citizens, a safety net would be acceptable, provided it is installed in conformance with FHA regulations. Also all cracks must be tightly caulked to prevent any invasion of privacy by perverts, and also to remove temptation from curious youngsters. Pay outhouses are

the vogue today, but federal statute dictates that all businesses must provide at least one free outhouse for the indigent. The severest blow of all came, not from the Government but from the Sears Company, when they stated that, due to the high cost of publishing their catalogues, customers had to sign a sworn affidavit promising not to use them for toilet purposes. And now, only a short time ago, Sears has announced that they are going out of the mail order business because, they say, it is not cost effective. The real reason is that people have obviously been breaking the promise to which they had been sworn.

In view of the world's rapidly expanding population over the last century, it becomes readily apparent that the demand for outhouses will grow by leaps and bounds. With this in mind, many corporations have entered the market and a number of catchy slogans have evolved from this trend. Who among us has never heard the boast, "When better outhouses are built, Buick will build them" or DuPont's rallying cry, "Better outhouses through chemistry" or "Hallmark outhouses ... the mark of excellence."

How many people know the origin of the Porta-John? The forerunner of the Porta-John was actually developed in Afghanistan early in the third century. The Afghans traditionally were a nomadic people who followed certain routes laid down by their ancestral forebears. These routes led through other countries but boundary lines were meant to

be disregarded by these wanderers and they crossed them with impunity. Being, thus, in no one place for any length of time, the erecting and dismantling of the outhouses proved to be tedious and time consuming. Also, transporting them was an onerous undertaking since, due to their bulk, only one could be hauled by each camel. Thus, each tribe was obligated to maintain a sizable herd of camels.

To the rescue came Ishmael the cabinet maker, who really was a displaced Turk. Being somewhat of a renegade, he was expelled from his homeland for flinging camel chips at passers-by. Camel chip flinging is a time-honored pastime among Turks and, indeed, annual camel chip tossing contests are held to determine the champion chip slinger. However, Ishmael should have waited until the chips dried before he flung them at the Pasha.

Ishmael, because of his resistance to conformity, chose not to follow the lead of his father, Omar the tentmaker. Instead, he chose cabinet making as a career. Cabinet making is a reputable profession but it does not lend itself well to nomadic life. Base cabinets are very difficult to level up on the shifting sands and the sand also binds up the drawers. Also, the wall cabinets are virtually impossible to hang on the sides of the tents, especially if they are sloped, because the cups and dishes come crashing out every time the door is opened. Ishmael was in his fortieth year and he began to suspect that he had perhaps chosen the wrong profession.

While thus pondering his fate, he experienced a sudden need to visit the outhouse. He also realized with horror that disaster was about to befall him because the nearest outhouse was simply too far away . In desperation, he seized some sticks that were lying nearby and hastily erected a framework over which he stretched a sheet of canvas, thus providing him with the required privacy. It occurred to him, then and there, that his canvas creation could outmode the unwieldy outhouses then in use. Being light, it was highly mobile, easy to erect and, best of all, one camel could carry a dozen of them. What's more, it didn't require the use of contaminating chemicals; just a couple of handfuls of sand did the job or, equally as effective, one could cover the evidence by adroitly using the foot as a sand wedge.

Ishmael sensed that he had hit upon something big, so he took steps to incorporate and begin mass production. He chose to call his invention the Porta-Mustapha, in honor of his uncle, but his friend, Abdul the rug weaver, warned him away from that selection because Ishmael's uncle was a Turk, and Afghans have an inherent distrust of Turks. He advised Ishmael that it would be more fitting to select an Afghan name, so Ishmael, casting aside familial obligations, selected the trade name Porta-Buhlul-Lodi. It proved to be a wise choice. The catchy name caught on and the rest is history.

Thus was the origin of the modern day Porta-John and thus was the evolution of the outhouse ... from the Garden Of Eden

to today's Porta-John. Only one inescapable conclusion can be drawn from this dissertation: The outhouse is here to stay.

The End

OUTLINE OF PURPOSES OF NEW MOTOR LAWS

Secretary of Revenue in Statement
Explains General Intentions
of Liability Act

The purpose of the motor vehicle operator's financial responsibility act is to protect the public against damage by motor vehicle operators whose records show carelessness or disregard of law, Secretary of Revenue Leon D. Metzger says.

It is not the intention of the law to force compulsory insurance on all drivers, but only on those few who come under the provisions of the act because of violations, accidents or unsatisfied judgements, he explained.

"The whole object of the law is to bring about greater safety on our highways through observance of common sense driving practices," the Secretary said. "The careful driver is not compelled to carry insurance or post other proof. However, he probably will want to carry insurance for his own protection if he has property or other assets.

"Financial responsibility is the ability to pay damages caused by automobile accidents. The act requires \$5000 to be paid for the injury or death of one person; \$10,000 for two or more persons involved in one accident; \$1000 for damage to property.

"Proof of ability to pay can be established by taking out an insurance policy covering damages in the above amounts, by furnishing a surety bond, or by depositing cash in the amount of \$11,000 with the Secretary of Revenue. If proof is not furnished the operator's license privilege is withdrawn until such proof is supplied."

Doctor Changes Location.

Dr. A. F. G. Paetzel, for a number of years a practicing physician in the local community, has purchased the practice of a physician at Glenfield and removed with his family to that town. Glenfield is located on the Ohio river between Pittsburgh and Sewickley and is a fine suburban town. The genial medical man and his wife and daughter are missed by many friends in Burgettstown.

Denny Lucas, of Cross Creek, shared some old newspapers with the Enterprise staff last week. The papers are in extremely good condition for their age, and consist of one Burgettstown Enterprise, dated March 24, 1886, and three Enterprise Calls, dated August 27, 1890, September 24, 1890 and September 13, 1893.

Included in Mr. Lucas' old newspaper collections are four small papers related to the days of the Burgettstown Fair. One is named just that, Burgettstown Fair, dated October 5-7, 1886, "The Fair Daily," dated September 30, 1890, and two Union Fair Journals dated October 1 and 2, 1862, and October 2, 3 and 4, 1883.

Beginning with the oldest of the Union Fair Journals, the 1862 edition, an announcement was made on its front page that "The Union Agricultural Association will hold their Seventh Annual Fair at Burgettstown on Wednesday and Thursday, October 1 and 2, 1862." By simple mathematics, one can determine that the famed Burgettstown Fair had its beginnings in the year 1856.

The President in 1862 was James Donaldson; Secretary, William Melvin; and Treasurer, Finley Scott, Jr. Many yet familiar names are listed on the roster of vice presidents and board of directors.

The "Premium List" was nearly endless, with scores of classes in many categories that could be entered, from embroidered pillow slips to sets of carriage harness, from three acres of wheat to a thresher and separator, from a trio of geese to one half gallon maple molasses. Prizes ranged from eight dollars for the best stallion, down to twenty-five cents for the best vegetable pie.

The Journal contained rules, regulations and by-laws of the association.

The 1883 Journal lists D.S. Taylor, Jr., as President, C.C. Vance as Treasurer and William Melvin as Secretary. This paper also carried the lengthy list of premiums, etc.

The "Burgettstown Fair" of 1886 listed those names who were award winners at the thirty-first annual fair. The top prize for stallions was listed at ten dollars. Many names familiar in today's Burgettstown area can be recognized on this seemingly endless list.

"The Fair Daily" was a four-page tabloid that was apparently printed and distributed each day during the fair. It was issued from the Enterprise-Call office by J. Howard Cramer, editor and proprietor, with a daily circulation of 1,000 copies. This one issued in 1890 was the sixth annual edition, and contained advertising from local merchants as well as from Pittsburgh and Steubenville.

The premium list of the first fair (1856), the directory of Burgettstown of that year, the election, the schools and sketches and anecdotes of early days of the fair were all promised to be included on one of the "Fair Daily" papers.

In the paragraph on "Early Schools," wages for teachers were listed at \$20 a month.

Advertisements included one from D.M. Pry, "Just Opening" for clothing. Livery stables advertised their harness, saddles, bridles and blankets. McMurray and Scott advertised groceries, glassware and Queensware, as well as hats, boots and dress goods. The back page of the paper was blank.

The Enterprise of 1886 was a four-page weekly, but full size newspaper. It contained typical advertising of the day, as well as stories, news notes, anecdotes, and general "filler."

Among the "Local and County" notes are such items as: "Go to Cochran's for your flannels. Coffee, three pounds for twenty-five cents at S.L. Cochran's."

"You can leave the Studebaker Wagon out in the weather for two years and we warrant the tire not to get loose. B.F. McClure & Bros., Agents."

"Mr. Xen. Cooke, of Smith Township, while plowing on March 2nd., turned up several pieces of historic pottery, consisting of clay and shells. They were found on a piece of ground, judging from the extent and depth of the ash soil, which had long been used as a camping ground or home of some of the ancient occupants of this country. Mr. Cooke also found the bowl of a clay pipe and part of a deer's horn."

A column headed "Half-way Flashes" contained a number of personal items. "Rev. Willets is having a church built on the Bell lot in Midway."

Other personal columns were from Florence and McDonald.

The August 27, 1890, Enterprise Call contains a number of interesting articles in its four pages. Some of them are headed, "Good Books for Boys," (Ivanhoe, The Talisman, to name a few), "City Men as Farmers," "Last Days of the Moonshiner," and, "How Wild Animals Charge."

Morrow & Son, a clothing store "near the station" in Burgettstown, advertised "Ladies and children's shoes, 50 cents to \$1.50, men's fine shoes, \$1.00 and men's rubber boots, \$1.99."

A lengthy column of local news includes items such as: "The stone work on the new bank building has commenced."

"For 3 years, boarding has cost ladies at Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio, \$1.38 per week; furnished room 30¢; books (rented) 7¢; total \$1.75. Attendance quadrupled. Catalog free."

"Wednesday, the loaders at Laurel Hill, who had been working at 38 cents a ton, struck for 40 cents. Thursday morning their demand was acceded to, and they went to work. - Outlook."

The September 24, 1890 Enterprise Call also contains a variety of articles from many places. "Make Your Diamonds Sparkle," "The Burden of Big Houses," and "The Treasures of the Yosemite," are but a few.

In Local and County News - "A pheasant was discovered sitting on the top of G.D. Pyle's house in the borough on Friday morning. John Falconer shot it with a melon rind, but it was

not fatal and the bird flew away.

"There were four carloads of stock snipped from this station on Monday."

In a column headed Clinton: "There is one speak-easy less in Clinton."

"Dr. F.M. Cain, who has been practicing medicine here for more than a year, has, on account of his increasing practice, purchased another horse. He is the first young doctor who has made a success here the first year."

The Union Academy, English and Classical School in Burgettstown carried an advertisement stating "First term, 11 weeks, \$10; second term, 14 weeks, \$13; third term, 11 weeks, \$10. Languages extra, Latin or Greek, \$1.00; both \$1.50 per term."

Personal notes in the September 13, 1893, Enterprise Call include "There are 176 pupils enrolled in the Union school."

"C.T. Cosgrove has been appointed postmaster at Eldersville, this county."

"Thieves entered the springhouse of Winfield Work, near Candor, one night last week and freely helped themselves to butter, eggs and milk."

"Among the postal appointments on Monday morning was that of J. Kerr McFarland as postmaster at Burgettstown. Kerr will make a good postmaster."

"The thieves who robbed A.J. Russell's store at Bulger a few weeks ago were arrested in Pittsburgh last week."

An item from Independence stated "C.P. Waugh raised 56 bushels of Jones' Fife winter wheat on 1 1/4 acres. He has also dug 600 bushels of potatoes. C.P. is a hustler."

An Eldersville story gave details on this upcoming event: "The teachers of Jefferson Township will hold their first township institute at Miller's school on Saturday, September 30, 1893. All patrons and friends of education are cordially invited to be present and take part in the exercises. Opening Exercises, Anna Stephenson; How To Teach Arithmetic to Beginners, Chap Gardner; School Property - To What Extent Is The Teacher Responsible? The Directors; Penmanship - How To Teach It, Fannie Scott; The Educational Benefits of the World's Fair, Anna Criss; Methods of Teaching Geography, Nannie Gillespie; Township institutes - Their Benefits, J.V. Sutherland."

Papers Dating Back to 1886 Contain Much Interest to Readers Burgettstown Enterprise

PATROL BOYS FORM SAFETY CLUB



Chief of Police Henry Vega has invited patrol boys who guard the safety of grade school students at crossing, to join with him in a "Traffic Club" which meets once a month in the Borough building. The object of the club, a noon luncheon affair, is to thrash out

traffic problems which confront the boys in their work.

The above Enterprise photo shows Vega and his boys having lunch at the Borough building last week. The boys consumed 2½ dozen buns, 4 lbs. wieners, 2 dozen bananas, 2 dozen apples, 3 lbs.

cake and 14 pints chocolate milk.

In the picture are Ted Mervosh, Rocky Malone, Carl Jeffery, William Todd, Marshall Hanna, Randall Kidwell, David Hulick, and Gary Slater. Ronald Gunn, another patrolman was unable to be present because of illness.

Patrol Boys Form Safety Club

Burgettstown Enterprise-February 7, 1957 Edition

Burgettstown businees going to the hogs



John Weidert, owner of Burgettstown Hardware, shows off his pet pot-bellied pig Pauline, that guards the cash register at his store on Main Street. Weidert says Pauline loves candy canes, but forbids him to have bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwiches for lunch.

(Mary Pashke/Daily Times)

Burgettstown, Pauline living happily ever after

By RUTH PLUNKETT
Staff writer

BURGETTSTOWN — While Pauline the pig is living happily in a petting zoo, Dr. Pepper/Seven-Up Companies Inc. have come through with bigger donations to the Burgettstown Community Library and the borough's volunteer fire department than they initially committed.

Pauline began gaining notoriety about three years ago as a little piglet who had the run of the Burgettstown Hardware Store and Main Street. People visited Pauline and his owner at the time, John Weidert, who cared for the unofficial mascot of Burgettstown along with Tamme Delcourte, a former employee at the hardware store.

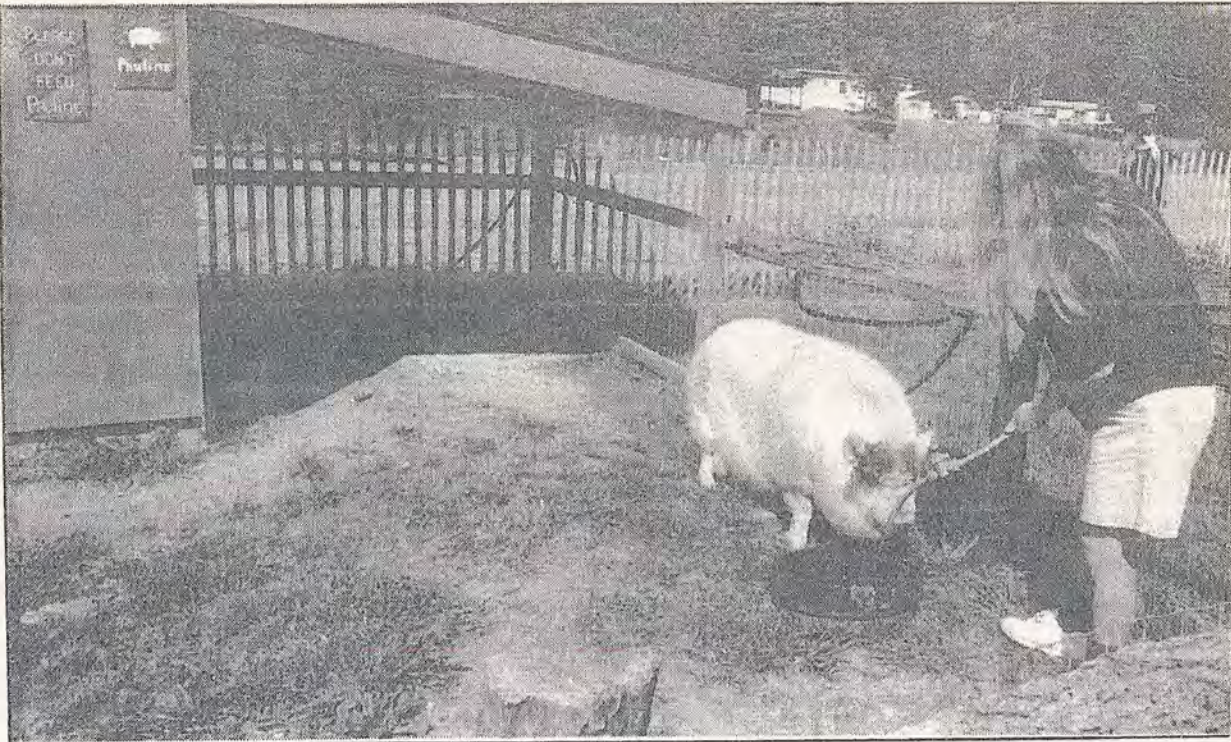
Pauline went on to raise thousands of dollars for the community and other charities. He was allegedly caught on TV drinking a Dr. Pepper, one of his favorites.

But when Pauline began to get piggish and grew to be a rather large porker, some merchants around town weren't impressed.

On May 6, 1994, Frank Dellaria filed a suit against Weidert for permitting a "large animal of the hog family to roam loose in the borough of Burgettstown."

During the controversy, Dr. Pepper offered to donate approximately \$300 to the library and fire department, who according to a letter from Jim Ball, Dr. Pepper vice president, "are deserving recipients of every effort put forth to enhance their values to the community." In addition the company would match the \$400 donated by local businesses to the organizations.

Over a year passed, with Pauline confined to the basement of the hardware store over the



Ruth Plunkett

PAULINE IS HAPPY — Pauline the pig is still hamming it up for audiences at the Knowlton Flea Market, where Patty Loborec, petting zoo director, hoses him down on hot days.

winter and moved in April to the petting zoo.

Weidert was glad Pauline got a good home where he could see children, and that he was ultimately responsible for a nice donation for the fire department and library.

According to a letter from Dr. Pepper, Dellaria contacted Ball about the tardy donation and volunteered to deliver the checks, \$500 each, issued to the recipients on Aug. 8. This he did on Aug. 22 at the library to Arletta Zelenko, librarian and a representative of the fire department.

Pauline has settled into his new

home and is happiest when children come to visit.

He isn't above causing a bit of a stir to get attention at the petting zoo either. During the hot weather, Patty Loborec, director of the petting zoo in conjunction with Knowlton's Flea Market on old Route 22 east of Florence, bought a children's pool so Pauline could take a dip in his own back yard. He broke the sides getting in and out, so that pool was replaced by a hard plastic one which was easier for Pauline to hoist his 350 pounds in and out.

A litter of potbellied pigs by the other pig residents at the zoo took everyone away from admir-

ing Pauline in his new pond.

Loborec said, "I heard this awful squealing and turned around to see Pauline on his back with his feet up in the air. We all ran to help him but as soon as we were there, he got his feet under him and got out. He looked pleased as anything as he sashayed back to his house. You could just tell he did it on purpose."

Loborec attempted to put Pauline on a diet when he first came to the zoo, but like a lot of dieters he got a bit testy without his treats. So she gave it up and Pauline is back to his own sweet self, especially when an audience is in attendance.

Ode to Pauline the Pig

I remember, Pauline, a raffle, a little girl did win. Her parents wouldn't let her keep you, so Mr. Weidert took you in. You took your place in our little "burg, raising funds for needy causes.

You visited the grade schools and received the kid's applause. You had your photo taken and you pose with a great pride; you just come a running, you didn't try to hide.

You've been the topic of conversation of people far and near, you've gotten mail requesting your hats and shirts; let's give you a big cheer.

Little kids stop by to see you and adults bring you treats. It's too darn bad that you're declared a nuisance on the streets.

If I were to be showing someone our little town, I'd be more embarrassed by vacant store fronts and buildings falling down.

You should, for all the good you've done, be given a golden crown. This little "burg" of ours needs things to make them stop and smile. I think that you've accomplished this for a long, long while.

So don't despair, dear Pauline, there are folks around who think that "Pauline the Pig" is a pig renowned.

No matter where you end up or wherever you may roam, remember this, dear Pauline, Burgettstown Hardware will always be your home.

"Anonymous"



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Fort Vance Historical Society



'Best friends'

Janson Barkley and his grandfather, Donnie Grey, recently visited Pauline the Pig at the Burgettstown Hardware Store. After a short time together, this picture was taken of the "best friends."

**Jason Barkley and his Grandfather Visited Pauline the Pig
The Burgettstown Enterprise-November 11, 1992 Edition**



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Piglamation

I, R. Daniel Johnson, Mayor of Burgettstown do hereby declare Pauline, the pig, star of radio, WJAS the fund raising pig and

Whereas: The Burgettstown Library needs a new floor and-

Whereas: Pauline the fundraising pig has come to the aid of the library and

Whereas: T-shirts, hats, and sweatshirts will be sold bearing the artistic features of Pauline and

Whereas: T-shirts, hats, and sweatshirts can be purchased at Burgettstown Hardware for \$9.50 per shirt

Therefore, I here-by proclaim October 14 the beginning of the T-Shirt Drive to benefit The Burgettstown Community Library.

Mayor R. Daniel Johnson

**PEOPLES NATURAL GAS
ESTABLISHES FUND**

Establishment of a fund to provide scholarships and other financial assistance for higher education to the children of employes who lose their lives in line of duty with the company is announced by E. M. Berger, president of The Peoples Natural Gas Company.

The fund has been established by The Consolidated Natural Gas Company, of which Peoples is a subsidiary, and is known as The Consolidated Natural Gas System Educational Foundation. Bankers Trust Company, New York, is trustee with a committee of five employes from the subsidiary companies as administrators. Funds are provided by Peoples and four other subsidiary companies.

The foundation will provide for instruction in colleges or universities, business schools, vocational or trade schools, professional schools and other private or public institutions of learning other than public or private grade or high schools or college preparatory schools. Financial assistance includes tuition, books, fees other like expenses and normal living expenses.

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**Peoples Natural Gas Establishes Fund
For Scholarships and other Assistance
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 9, 1945 Edition**

Petty Thieves On The Prowl

Another series of petty robbery in stores all located on Main street occurred here over the week end. Entered was Bernola's Lunch and Union Lunch which were ransacked in the last series of robberies, Jack's Service Station and Central Lunch.

Early last Saturday morning, Union Lunch, Bernola's and Jack's Service Station were broken into and money taken from the vending machines. At Union Lunch, the intruders stopped to take a Christmas gift which was left for a little child. They tore open one end of the gift and took the toy car. Bernola's estimates a loss of about \$165.00.

Central Lunch was entered early Monday morning, and all the vending machines were looted. The police, in trailing the thieves, traced them across the street from Central Lunch to Ernest Rotta's home where his automobile was entered and a child's lunch box taken. Police found the cash containers near the banks of the Raccoon creek at the rear of Rotta's home on Main street.

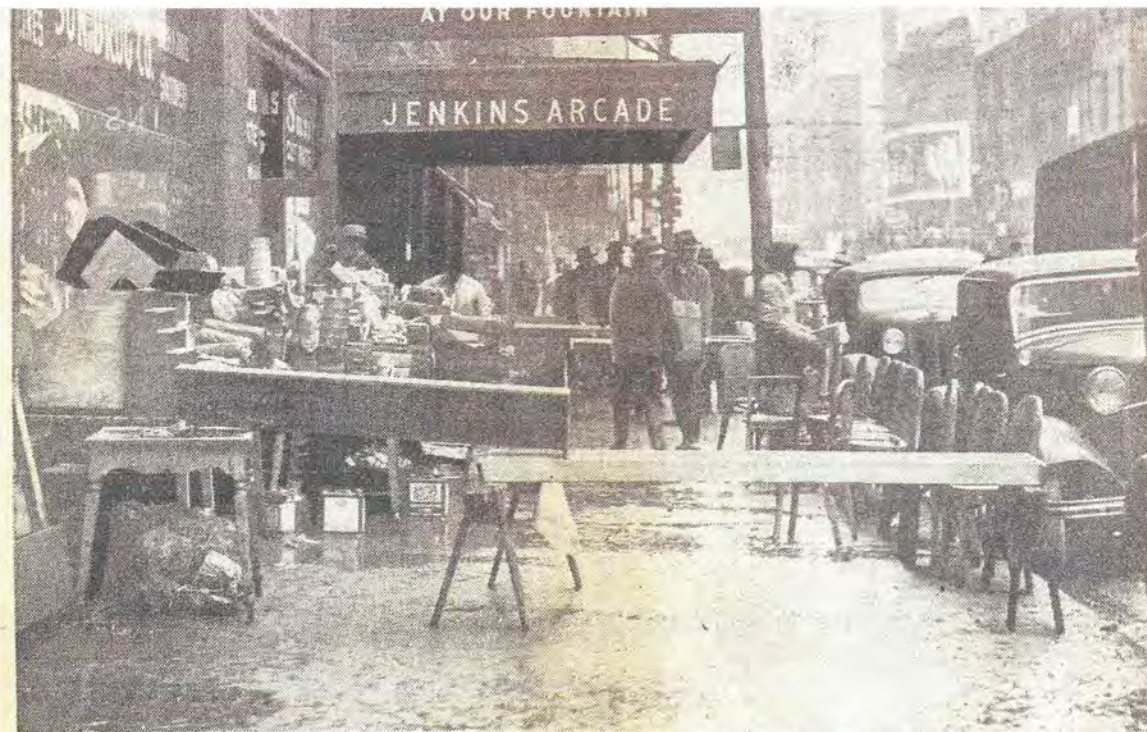
Pickpocket Makes Haul.

ExBurgess R. C. Cassidy was the victim of a pickpocket while in attendance at the Commencement exercises of Union high school last Thursday evening. A wallet containing upward of \$25 and a number of valuable papers was abstracted from Mr. Cassidy's inside coat pocket. The loss of the money is not considered so serious by the former burgess, but he would be glad to have the papers recovered.

R. C. Cassidy
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 11, 1936



Eighteen inches below the balcony the flood water stopped in the Joseph Horne Company department store, leaving a water mark, on a level with the picture of Joseph Horne, as shown above.



Another picture of debris on Downtown streets is shown above. This photo was taken in front of the Jenkins Arcade on Liberty avenue. Water-soaked boxes and mud stained store fixtures taken from the Sun Drug Company in the Arcade are shown in the picture. Workmen are still busy clearing the mud from the downtown business houses.

Pittsburgh Flood Scenes Post Gazette-March 23, 1936 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 Atherton, 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 Filipponi, Shirley Delfrate, Enice Raggi, Josephine Borio, Amelia Sciamanna, 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 DeCook, Pauline Labishak, Emma Moore, Margaret Standish, Margaret Sabo, Rena DeValkeneer, Ann Yanek, Caroline Black, Frances 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 Chatter, 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.

**Polio Fund Nets \$932.15 in District
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 3, 1955**

PREDICTS FEWER FIRES IF FINES ARE HEAVIER

Department of Forests and Waters
Says Fewer Incendiary Fires
Are Easily Possible

George H. Wirt, chief of the Bureau of Protection, in the Department of Forests and Waters, says that if more severe punishment were meted out to "firebugs" after they are convicted in court there would be fewer incendiary fires.

He blamed the present number of man-made forest fires in a large measure upon the "leniency" of the local courts shown in the few convictions that are obtained.

"If the courts would exert their influence in fire cases the firebug, except where there is a mental defect, would soon disappear," said Wirt.

"Most discouraging of all, however, is the case in which a conviction is obtained, and the culprit is released upon payment of costs which do not begin to cover the loss. Court sentences must have a 'sting' in them or they are ineffective."

Wirt pointed to a recent case in Berks county where a "firebug" was convicted of setting fire to a plantation which destroyed 1900 trees. He was released upon payment of a fine of \$490 which was less than 26 cents a tree.

"There is a statute law," said Wirt, "which imposes a fine of \$25 upon anyone stealing a tree, or disfiguring as much of it as a single branch.

"In cases of fire, the trees are not only totally destroyed, but other plant life as well, and yet the cost as in the Berks case was only 26 cents per tree instead of \$25. There isn't any justice in that."

**Predicts Fewer Fires if Fines are Heavier
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 4, 1936 Edition**

Preserving prehistory

Ohioans can thank Freda Henneberger and her heirs that a significant piece of the state's rich Indian heritage has been preserved.

The family recently transferred to the Archaeological Conservancy the ownership of a Hopewell burial mound in rare, undisturbed condition. Through the years, many Indian mounds have been plowed down or excavated.

Credit for the mound's excellent condition goes to Henneberger, who died in 1988, and previous landowners, who protected the site in Ross County near Frankfort. It is fitting that the name has been changed from Frankfort Mound to Henneberger Mound.

Built around 2,000 years ago, the cone-shaped hill reaches about 15 feet at its highest peak and is 120 feet in diameter. It was part of a complex of mounds and other earthworks. One

has to marvel at the incas to marvel at the incredible amount of work that must have been involved in building such large and highly geometric structures with netric structures with hand tools.

Count on the conser Count on the conservancy — which owns and administers owns and administers 60 archaeological sites in 11 states, al sites in 11 states, including five others in Ohio — to pthers in Ohio — to protect its new property or turn it oproperty or turn it over to a local preservation group. preservation group.

Ohio is well-know Ohio is well-known for its fine examples of Indian moexamples of Indian mounds, and Ross County is a Mecca for County is a Mecca for tourists, historians, archaeologists aians, archaeologists and others who wish to see and study wish to see and study these creations of a prehistoric North of a prehistoric North American people. The county boastsple. The county boasts several famous sites, including the Mosites, including the Mound City Group National Monument, nNational Monument, near Chillicothe, and Seip Mound, near and Seip Mound, near Bainbridge.

These fascinating These fascinating places demonstrate that commitmenstrate that commitments to preserving the past yield both ehe past yield both educational and economic benefits. economic benefits.

Preserving Prehistory
Columbus Dispatch Editorial-July 13, 1990 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

PRIMROSE SCHOOL & MUSEUM, INC.

364 E. Lincoln Ave.
McDonald, PA 15057
724-796-7011

Primrose School and Museum, Inc. was formed in March 2007 for educational and charitable purposes. Specifically, to preserve and restore the 1900 two room school house located on Fort Cherry Road in Primrose, Mt. Pleasant Twp., Washington County, Pennsylvania. A museum will be created and maintained to promote historical educational programs allowing children of all ages to experience a "day in the life" activity of a typical country school as it was many years ago.

The museum will collect and preserve the genealogy of the families in the various towns, the history of the area rural schools such as: Southview, Westland, Midway, Avella, Cross Creek, McDonald, Hickory, Robinson, etc. and information on the early log schoolhouses.

Future plans include a reconstructed Fort representing the original Fort Cherry. This will provide a great historical experience of colonial life and the Indian activity in our area.

The school and museum will serve as a site for hands-on learning for many area students and will be open to the public for tourism.

Primrose School and Museum, Inc. (501(c) 3 Non Profit Organization)

President - Loretta Reed Kendall
Vice-President - LaVerne Eli Sams
Secretary - Catherine Reed Kenneweg
Treasurer - Marjorie Beaumariage
Dorothy Reed Gunther *
Grace Struth Tornabene *
Phil & Norma Gema Hainaut
Mary Ann Jacobs Campbell
Mary Jane Allshouse Stewart

Ronald Prevost *
Paul Meriage
Jack Sulanowski
John Verlest
Ralph Eli
Dick Schmac
Donald Vincenti
Elden Carter *

Marie Meriage Snyder
Midge Bronco Baker
Eugene Gibert *
Lonny Mercier
Florence Jacobs Brown
Jane Doumont Phillis
Nancy Beaumariage Pryor
Judy Adams Wolgast
Viola Moore

* Deceased

PRIMROSE SCHOOL
1898 - 1954

Prize Animal Killed in Fall.

A prize bull belonging to A. Miller of Avella was accidentally killed in a fall over a cliff to the railroad tracks, entailing a loss of a considerable sum to the owner. The carcass was butchered by striking miners and distributed among the needy in the neighborhood.

**A. Miller Prized Bull Killed in Fall
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 16, 1931 Edition**

Public Hearing Scheduled For 12 Mile Re Location Of U. S. Route 22 3-16-1961

The Pennsylvania Department of Highways announced this week that construction is being planned on two sections of Route 22 in Washington County. Plans are being made to hold a public hearing in the near future.

The proposed construction will begin at a point on the West Virginia-Pennsylvania line approximately one-half mile south of the existing highway in Hanover Township. It will proceed easterly through Hanover, Smith and Robinson Townships.

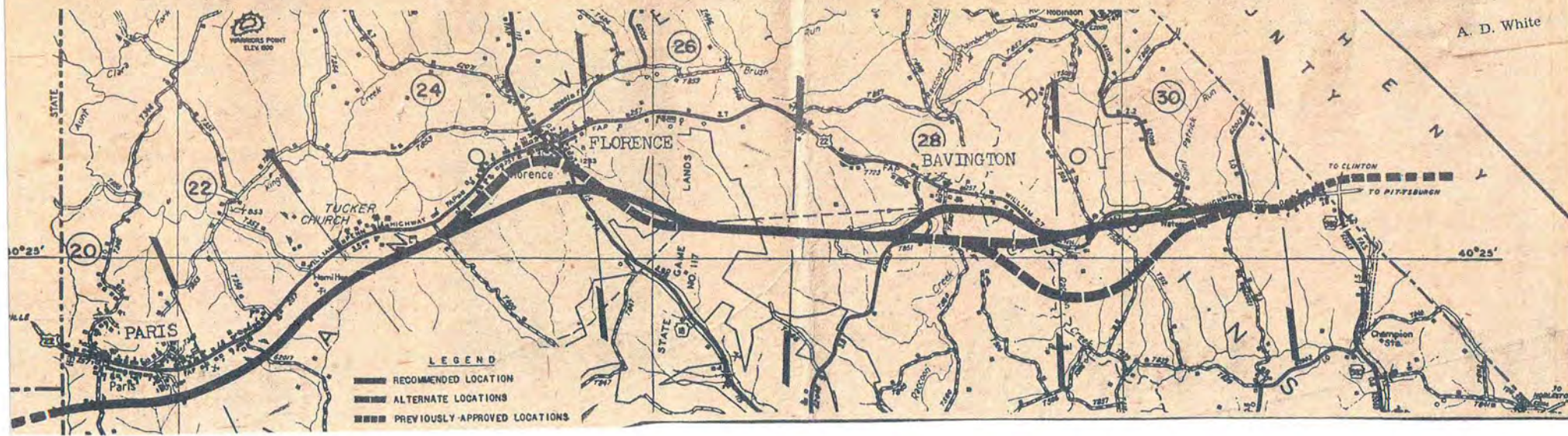
It will bypass the villages of Paris and Florence on the south about one-half to three-quarters of a mile. It will end at a point on Route 22 in Robinson Township, about 600 feet east of the intersection of Legislative Routes 62021 and 62013, about three-quarters of a mile west of the Washington-Allegheny County line. The total length will be 12 miles.

Plans for this construction are available for inspection by interested persons at the office of the Department's district engineer, Gallatin Avenue Extension, Uniontown and should be available next week at the Smith Township Supervisor's Garage at Cherry Valley.

The new Route 22 will be a four-lane limited access highway with two interchanges proposed in Washington county. One interchange will be located in the Bavington area and another will be at the intersection of Route 18. There will be an interchange near the coal washer plant at Route 980 in Allegheny County and an interchange just across the state line in West Virginia.

The new road has been designed for speeds of 60 miles per hour with 12 foot wide lanes and a 44 foot wide medial strip.

ROUTE 22 PLANS ANNOUNCED BY HIGHWAY DEPT



Route 22 Plans Announced by Highway Dept
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 16, 1961 Edition

PUBLIC SALE

My husband having died and three sons in the armed services, unable to get help, am forced to offer at public sale on the Spillman farm on the concrete road between Atlasburg and Hickory

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12
AT 1 O'CLOCK

1 team of good work horses, weighing 1500 each; 1 Farmall tractor with plows, harrow, cultipacker. All equipment just new; 1 cornplanter; 1 mowing machine, Hayrake, forks and a lot of small tools; 10 tons of good hay, 2 cows, 1 fresh with calf at side other in good flow of milk; a few chickens and some lumber; some household furniture; New electric stove and many smaller articles. Will also offer my farm of 113 acres in good state of cultivation—House just remodeled—running water in house and barn, good dairy barn. Other out-buildings all in good repair.

Terms—Cash on personal property.

Terms will be arranged on real estate.

MRS. RUDOLPH FILIPPONI,
Slovan, Pa.

C. W. WILLIAMS & SONS
Auctioneers,

West Middletown, Phone Avella 2273

PAUL WESTFALL, Clerk.

PWA BRINGING WORK TO NEEDY OF COUNTY

Many Street Improvements and New
School Units Provided With
Aid of Federal Funds

Eight Public Works Administration projects, all under construction in various parts of Washington county, are bringing to local workers over 300,000 man hours of needed employment, according to a recent announcement made by G. Douglas Andrews, State PWA Director.

Mr. Andrews further stated that direct grants amounting to nearly \$250,000 coming from the Public Works Administration are making possible useful construction valued at over \$560,000. These Federal grants now amount to 45 per cent of the total cost of the project. The difference, 55 per cent, is furnished by the sponsoring community.

Of these eight Public Works Administration projects, two call for street improvements in the borough of California, where many of the streets are being repaved and then resurfaced with a bituminous asphalt dressing. Toward this work which is valued at over \$115,000, the Public Works Administration is contributing nearly \$52,000, leaving \$63,000 to be paid by the taxpayers of California.

The other six Public Works Administration projects provide for the construction of new schools and for the building of additions to existing schools. Over 60 new classrooms and at least four gymnasiums and auditoriums are being added to Washington county's educational facilities. To encourage the construction of these needed facilities, which are estimated to cost over \$450,000, the Public Works Administration is contributing nearly \$200,000, free from any obligation to repay.

California, in addition to having its streets improved, is sponsoring the construction of a four-room addition to its Junior high school.

McDonald, also, is adding to its high school. There, a badly needed combined gymnasium and auditorium, with stage and classroom units, is being brought to an early realization.

At New Eagle, a new one-story, six-classroom school building will provide more adequate accommodations for a deserving school population.

In Carroll township, two new public schools, similar in design and each to contain 18 classrooms, a combined auditorium and gymnasium and other necessary rooms are under construction; one at Muse, and the other at Cecil. These new structures will replace inadequate and obsolete one-story frame buildings.

PWA Bringing Work to Needy of County
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 20, 1936 Edition

KILL RABIES COW ON RACCOON FARM

A case of rabies in a grade cow owned by Paul Kazmer of Raccoon, was shot last week, A. L. Smith, dog law enforcement officer reported this week. The cow was reported by Dr. E. H. White of Hickory. So far as it is known, Officer Smith stated that no one has been exposed to the disease. It is believed that the source may have come from the McDonald section, which has been under quarantine all summer.

Three sheep were killed and fourth slightly injured this week in a raid by dogs on the flock of J. A. Gilliland, near Purdy school, Hanover Township, A. L. Smith, Manifold, dog law enforcement officer, stated last night. The dogs, unlicensed mongrels, he stated, were caught and killed.

Officer Smith stated that a check of dogs in Smith Township, Burgettstown and Robinson, Hanover and Jefferson Townships, would be conducted next week.

Raccoon Creek Park Improvement Planned

The state will undertake an extensive rehabilitation program next year at Raccoon Creek State Park in Beaver County.

Improvement to the beaches and access roads will be made and a fish re-stocking program for the Park's two lakes and the up-stream watershed has been scheduled by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. Both the fish program and the beach improvements will be carried out simultaneously in the fall of 1961 since the water level must be lowered for both programs.

The General State Authority has already entered into an agreement with an engineering company for the necessary planning in connection with the beach and road work.

**Raccoon Creek Park Improvement Planned
Record Outlook-September 15, 1960 Edition**

By Kathryn Campbell Siasor
For The Enterprise

CARD OF THANKS

Through the columns of your good paper I wish to thank my many friends for the birthday post-card shower given me on December 26, 1910. — Mrs. Gynx V. Foster.

Jurors drawn for February

The grand and petit jurors for the February term of criminal court were drawn last week. The grand jurors are summoned for Monday, February 6, and the petit jurors for Monday, February 13. Grand jurors: James B. Bruce, jeweler, Burgettstown; Frank Devitt, farmer, Hanover; R.M. Fulton, farmer, Hanover; T.D. Gladden, farmer, McDonald; A.R. McClurg, merchant, Robinson; Negley Robinson, farmer, Smith.

Petit jurors: R.M. Allison, merchant, Mt. Pleasant; Wylie Bell, farmer, Jefferson; D.G. Campbell, clerk, McDonald; Samuel Denny, farmer, Hopewell; D.J. Dowden, retired, Burgettstown; George Farrar, farmer, Smith; Floyd Murchland, farmer, Jefferson; Stewart Reed, merchant, Cross Creek; W.O. Scott, farmer, Cross Creek; James Witherspoon, farmer, Robinson.

R.C. Smith, Eldersville, who was thrown from his sleigh some time ago, is not improving as fast as his many friends would like him to do.

Harry Huffman, Independence, attended the dance in Weigman's hall at Avella Friday night.

Mrs. Joe Weaver, of Wilkinsburg, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Virginia Beall, of Belvedere. (Independence)

Rev. Potter, of the Methodist Episcopal Church (Independence) held watch night meeting at the

school house at Avella on Saturday evening.

Bavington — About 25 persons braved the storm and attended prayer meeting in the school house Tuesday evening.

Florence

David Tucker had the misfortune last week to crush the end of his left thumb while helping to unload a monument from a car at Burgettstown. Dr. S.W. Saxton dressed the wounded member at once, and since then, Dr. McCracken, the home physician, has been giving it special attention. The monument mentioned is for Mrs. Mattie Criss Culbertson, whose funeral many of our people attended June 21, 1908, at Chestnut Ridge Cemetery.

The annual congregational meeting of the Presbyterians was held in the church last Monday afternoon. D.M. McConnell, George Plance and Jerome Poits were elected trustees to serve for three years. The other members of the board are George Saxton, Harris Smith, George Dennis, Luther Warwick, Owings Fullerton and Jesse Ramsey.

Frankfort Springs

Prof. James A. Bell, of the academy, returned to resume his duties after a pleasant vacation at his home in Midway.

There will be a box social Thursday evening at Hood's schoolhouse where Mrs. Mullendore is teacher, the proceeds to be used in starting a library. There will also be stereopticon views. Admission free.

New blackboards have been received for the academy which when placed will add greatly to the pleasure of the students and render more efficient the board exercises, so important a feature in school work.

Some two weeks ago, a pair of brown kid gloves, the size to fit a child ten years old, was lost in the Presbyterian church. The finder

would favor the owner by returning them to the janitor or Mrs. McCormick. Little Verne Wilcoxon also lost his cap Monday evening, December 26, between the church and home, and will thank the finder if it is returned to him.

Paris

On Saturday night Harry Reed entertained a number of his friends. The purpose of the meeting was to bid farewell to old 1910 and welcome 1911. While waiting for the coming of the new year oysters were served with all that goes in to make an oyster supper palatable. On January 1, 1911, they returned to their respective homes. Those present besides the host were Messrs. Donald and Leslie Caldwell, Charles Wilson, Thomas Rogers, Arthur Mendenhall and Clare Neely.

The lecture given in the Presbyterian church on Sunday night was only fairly attended, owing to the condition of the weather. The subject for discussion was, "Tuberculosis," by Dr. Megahan, of Eldersville, and Dr. McCracken, of Florence, who handled the subject in a way that proved they thoroughly understood it and are enthusiastic in using every precaution in having it stamped out. The essentials in preventing it, they say, are cleanliness, well-cooked substantial food, pure water, sunlight and an abundance of pure fresh air. They were not slow in condemning the use of patent medicines. They spoke on the proper methods of ventilation.

During the year 1910 nine interments were made in the Paris cemetery, one more than in the year of 1909. They are: Lloyd Morrison, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison, of Rochester; Mrs. Smith, whose home was at Mingo, Ohio; Hazel Dow, whose home was at Florence; George Johnston, of Holidays Cove, W.Va.; Gladys Walker, whose home was at Coraopolis; Miss Sara Gibson, Sara Ellen Fulton, David

McClurg and Francis Finnegan, all of Paris and neighborhood. Two citizens of the town died and interment was made elsewhere: Mrs. Jane Scott, who died at the home of her daughter at Turtle Creek and was interred in the Monongahela Cemetery, and Mrs. Eliza Campbell, whose death occurred here and interment made in the Three Springs Cemetery.

Leslie Caldwell and sister, Miss Mae, in a very pleasing way on Friday night, entertained a large number of their friends. The principal amusement was round and square dancing. Music was furnished by the Gardner orchestra, assisted by the Misses Belle Strain and Bertha Jackson, who acted as organists. Those present were Misses Agnes Jackson and Lenore Cochran, of Midway; Miss Anker and Miss Anderson, of Washington; Misses Mary Stephenson, Belle Strain, Laura Mildren Hanlin, Charles Wilson, James Fulton, Grover Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hanlin, John Stephenson, all of Hanlin Station; Miss Bertha Jackson, Clarence McCreight of Florence; Frank Stephenson and sister, Miss Meryl, of Kings Creek; Fred, John Jr. and Frank Gardner, of Tattletown; Mrs. Samuel Strain, of East Liverpool, Ohio; Mrs. Christy Freshwater, Frank Freshwater, John Gardner, Misses Katherine and Rebecca Scott, George and Thomas Finnegan, Roy Gardner, Charles Herron, Harry Reed, Oscar Brashear, Mrs. Leonard Neely, John Campbell, Zada, Frances and Leida Russell, Clare Neely and Arthur Mendenhall, all of Paris and vicinity.

For sale

Good stock farm of 305 acres near Bavington. Good soil, well watered, fine location. S. V. McBride, Bavington.

Local news

Rev. E. W. Byers is at Scottdale

this week assisting Rev. J.E. Hutchinson in services. Next Sabbath morning he will occupy the pulpit of the Florence Presbyterian Church, and there will be no preaching in Westminster Presbyterian Church in the morning.

B.M. Talbot, who has been editor of *The Enterprise*, has severed his connection with that paper and has taken a job with the Pittsburgh Printing Company. He and his wife are living at Crafton. Lou H. Fullerton, who has been president of *The Enterprise Company* for the past two years, is now in full charge.

Notice to the public

My "Watch Hospital" is now on Center Avenue, opposite new freight depot, where you can have your sick and broken-down watches, clocks, spectacles, etc. cured promptly. Modern factory methods used and first class work guaranteed. J.B. Bruce.

John McCue's store burned

The store of John McCue at Bulger was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The building in which the store was located was owned by Andrew J. Russell. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. McCue, who has conducted the store for about one year, succeeding Charles Rodgers, lives in Burgettstown, going to and fro on the train. Saturday night he came home on the Wheeling train, which leaves Bulger a few minutes before nine o'clock.

Shortly after 11 o'clock, an engineer on a passing train discovered the blaze and aroused some of the people, but the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to save anything and attention was given to saving adjoining properties. The fire was supposed to have caught from the furnace, but in what manner is not known.

The loss on the building is estimated at \$2,000 which is covered by insurance. Mr. McCue's loss is considerable heavier. His last inventory showed a stock of almost \$4,000, and it was but little less than that when destroyed. His loss is only partly covered by insurance.

Mr. McCue's many friends sympathize with him in his misfortune. Mr. Russell lost another building by fire on this same site about six years ago, when occupied as a store by Mr. Rogers.

Letter to the Lyles

To Whom It May Concern: It is generally known that the Lyles of Washington County, Pa., celebrated the 125th anniversary of their settlement in Western Pennsylvania on June 16, 1909, at the residence of J. Reed Lyle in Mount Pleasant Township. At that time there was a committee appointed to publish a history of the "Lyle Family," and it was desired to make it complete in every detail. The committee met at the call of the chairman, M.L. Cooke, on September 6, 1909, and appointed the committee named below to secure data....Committees have been appointed to endeavor to secure the early history of the family in County Antrim, Ireland....Now, descendants of the Lyles, it is up to you....you must furnish the material....This history will be published soon....Hoping for a prompt response, we remain, the committee: W.E. Rankin, Hickory, for the John Lyle branch; W.G. White, Rea, for the Robert Lyle branch; Robert J. Lyle, Burgettstown, for the Aaron Lyle branch. Write — send — hustle! Hoping this will help stir somebody up, I am respectfully, W.G. White, Rea, Pa.

(Ed. Note: W.G. White was the father of A.D. White, who compiled the 1934 and the 1963 editions of "The Lyles of Washington County.")

Remembering our past...back when
The Enterprise-March 15, 1995 Edition

Rea Couple Marks Golden Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. William H. Schafer of Rea observed their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, March 29. Open House was held in their home Sunday, March 27, from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon; and from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Schafer, the former Blanche White of Washington, R. D. 1, and William H. Schafer of Midway, were married at Hickory March 29, 1905, by Rev. J. W. Born, then Pastor of the Lutheran Church of Hickory.

**Mr. and Mrs. William H. Schafer mark Golden Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 31, 1955 Edition**

REA REUNION

The descendants of the late Charles Campbell and Catherine Cook Rea held the 34th annual reunion, Wednesday, July 4, 1945, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smiley, of Burgettstown, R. D.

The morning was spent in greetings and reminiscing. A chicken dinner was served at noon. After dinner a short business meeting was conducted by the president, C. M. Rea. Officers for the coming year are: C. M. Rea, President; Mrs. H. C. Scott, of Burgettstown, vice president; Mrs. Charles R. Keenan, of Oakdale, secretary; and Lester Lee, of Cross Creek, treasurer. After the business, all who had sons or daughters in the service gave interesting accounts of their whereabouts. Reamond Smiley, who was in a German prison camp for over 20 months, and William Craig, who was wounded in action were present. There were 66 relatives and three visitors present.

Remembering events of 'way back when...

By Kathryn Slasor Campbell
For The Enterprise

From *The Enterprise* dated March 23, 1898. Courtesy Jeanne Simpson Moore.

Florence

Wesley Tucker is quite ill with typhoid fever.

A number of persons spent the greater part of last week in Washington as witnesses on the Stevenson and Tenan case. The case was decided in favor of Mr. Stevenson.

The company that composed the cottage singings which have been in progress during the winter met at the home of Miss Cora Dow on Monday evening and at the close of the meeting decided to adjourn until next fall.

Died — at his residence, March 19, 1898, William J. Potts, in the 84th year of his age. His wife, nee Margaret Ward, and three children survive him — Mrs. Dr. W.F. Pollock and Dr. James Potts of Pittsburg, and Jerome Potts, of this place. Thomas Albert died in infancy and Jackson died in July, 1895.

Funeral services of an impressive nature were held on Friday afternoon, conducted by his friend

and pastor, Rev. A.F. Alexander, assisted by Rev. E.L. Nicholson of the M.E. church.

Harry Arnold and his wife have moved into the house owned by the latter's father.

Misses Allie and Effie Cool entertained a few of their young friends with some music last Saturday evening.

Bayington

The singings at this place closed the 18th inst.

The farmers of this vicinity are busily engaged preparing for spring crops.

Wanted — a strong two-wheeled vehicle, suitable for carrying two persons.

Advents — To Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilson, a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spindler, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Wilson, a girl.

Owing to increased demand for oak lumber, the following persons sold valuable pieces of timber: J. W. Bigger, John Moody, W.J. King, John McBride, and John M. Donaldson.

Frankfort Springs

The Ciceronean literary society of Frankfort Academy met as usual on Friday evening, March 18. The meeting was opened by prayer, after which the roll was called and the minutes of the previous meet-

ing were read and adopted.

The declamation class was represented by Estella Leeper, subject, A voice from the poor house; Ormand Stevenson, subject, A boy's belief. Leonard McConnell gave a select reading, subject, Hanging pictures.

The essay class was responded to by Melvin Hood, subject, War; Mary Trimble, subject, Speak gently; Harland Leeper, subject, Fishing in Raccoon creek; and Susie McCarroll, subject, The Best outside. Earnest Calhoun gave a select reading on the subject, A happy family.

Ellsworth Swearingen, Laura Stevenson and Ormand Gilliland gave extemporaneous talks on the following respective subjects; War between Spain and the Untied States, Literary societies and Books.

Next the society was favored with a song, Put my little shoes away, by a quartette of little girls.

Local and county news

Wall Paper 2 cents per bolt at McCurdy's drug store.

W.A. Wilson, of Smith township, will move to Burgettstown.

J.K. McFarland, the clothier, is having his store-room neatly papered.

B F. McClure and Bro. will re-

ceive in a few days a carload of the celebrated Troy Buggies and Surries.

Raccoon creek was swollen to the dimensions of a respectable river Monday night, owing to the heavy rains.

D.N. McFarland, of Bulger, and E.J. Vogle, of Woodrow, have gone to Chicago to purchase a lot of stock cattle.

W.H. & G.H. Wilson, liverymen, lost a valuable horse from lockjaw Friday evening. The animal had to be shot.

For Sale — The exchange hotel property in Burgettstown. Good location; paying trade. Wm. Cole, Burgettstown, Pa.

W.B. Linn and wife went to Hopedale, Ohio, on No. 3 train last Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Linn's father, P.B. Betz.

J.B. Bruce has bought a piece of ground from B.F. McClure & Bro., adjoining their hardware store and will commence at once to put up a store-room which he will use for his jewelry business.

A car of shelled corn just received at the Burgettstown Roller Mills; will have a car of seed oats in a day or two. Market price paid for wheat. Stevenson Bros.

Remembering events of 'way back when
The Enterprise-January 4, 1995 Edition

RELIEF WORKS CORPS REDUCED FOR COUNTY

Increased Demand for Employables
Causes Dismissal of Large
Group of Relief Workers

About a dozen persons who have been for a long time employed as investigators or clerical workers in the administration of direct relief in the Washington-Greene area have been dismissed in the last month, it was reported last week by Area Administrator Arno S. McClellan.

The dismissals, he states, are the most recent of many that have been made to reduce the administrative personnel because of the decline in the number of direct relief cases. By August 15th, McClellan states, the two-county staff will number 91 clerical workers, investigators and supervisors, the lowest total in several years.

The largest staff ever employed in the district was several years ago when 297 were at work administering both direct and work relief; since that time work relief has been taken over by the WPA organization and only direct relief is now handled by the office headquarters by McClellan.

"We are retrenching as fast as the case load drops," McClellan said in a statement.

For the third time within a month, issuance of direct relief has been stopped at Washington, as throughout the State, due to exhaustion of State funds. Relief orders that normally would have been mailed out last week, amounting to about \$4,000, have not been issued and all orders henceforth will be held up until cash for relief is made available by the State Legislature.

Last week 47 persons took an examination to qualify as relief investigators. The test was given in the Washington high school to make new eligible list, from which persons will be called when vacancies occur.

Relief Works Corps Reduced for County
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 13, 1936 Edition

Remembering ... 'way back when

By Kathryn Campbell Siasor
For The Enterprise

Miscellaneous notes
Burgettstown Herald, 1908

Devil's Den

The well drilled on the William Ralston Sr., farm came in a duster.

Freeman and Ford Ralston visited Lick Run School one afternoon last week.

George Anderson is building a stable for his mother on her property in the Cove.

David Hudson had two valuable dogs poisoned Sunday week ago. They managed to save the life of the older, which was a well trained stock dog.

Pogue Gardner says that it is a mistake about that load of grain being stolen. He said the thief was gone next morning but the grain was still there.

Crawford Lyons is recovering from a sickness which threatened to be typhoid fever. Frank fell on his arm one day last week breaking both bones a few inches from the wrist.

Clem Freshwater lost a good work horse last week.

The dog poisoner is getting in his work on Paris Ridge. They wiped our four last week.

Burgettstown

Statement of School fund for Burgettstown School District year ending June, 1908: J. Winfield Reed, Treasurer. Debtor. To balance from last year...\$66.81; To tuition received from Smith Township...\$217.15; To fines collected...\$5.00.

Creditor. By amount paid to teachers...\$3030.00; By amount paid auditors...\$6.00; By amount paid janitor...\$306.00; By amount paid for Secretary's salary and postage...\$53; By amount paid for text books...\$235.24.

Traverse jurors drawn from this section of the county for the November, 1908 term of court: C.R. Briceland, Rev. J.D. Gibson and D.G. Bamford, Midway; J.H. Pollock, Robert Patterson and John E. McCullough, Hanover; J.B. Taylor, J.C. Matchett and Samuel

Meanor, Smith; W.J. Brown, Cross Creek; M.R. Brown, Mt. Pleasant; S.A. Dickson, Robinson; C.M. Elder and J.A. Lowry, Burgettstown; Harry Drake and J.R. McCleary, Jefferson.

Robert Young, Burgettstown, was badly injured about the face by a premature explosion while tamping for a blast at the Francis mines on Saturday.

The Junior C.E. society of the First Presbyterian church will hold a social in Fulton's hall on Thursday evening, October 22. Refreshments will be served. All are invited.

D.T. and S.C. Malone painted the local passenger station and watch box this week. They also had the contract for painting DN tower, Dinsmore station, watch box and tool house.

The retaining wall in front of the borough school building has been completed and work commenced on the walk. It will be one of the nicest and best pieces of walk in the town.

A fire was started in woods on the McConnell farm at Keifer's Mills, on Travis creek, Sunday and the people of that neighborhood had a desperate battle to get it under control, which they did not succeed in doing until Monday evening. A good deal of good timber was destroyed. The fire was started by hunters who are camping in the woods.

Miss Elizabeth Gardner, aged 15 years, of near Paris, is quite ill of blood poisoning at the home of her brother, Samuel Gardner, in Steubenville. Some time ago an abscess developed on the tip of her finger. The pain grew worse, and the family physician advised taking her to a hospital, where, after an incision had been made, it was discovered that blood poisoning had set in. On account of the hospital being overcrowded, she was taken to the home of her brother.

Directors of The Burgettstown National Bank, with resources over \$1,075,000, in 1908, were: John A. Bell, K.N. McDonald, John C. Fulton, R.W. Crisswell, W.G. Shillito, Robert Scott, John P.

Linn, A.H. Kerr, Lee R. Scott, W.E. McCurdy, R.C. Cassidy, Robert P. Stevenson, James Calvert, W. Craig Lee, and J.P. Leech.

Burgettstown Herald, 1909

Rates of postage on post cards. Post cards of same size and material as postal card - 1¢; Post cards of different size or material, with writing - 2¢; Same, without writing - 1¢; Leather post cards with writing - 2¢; same without writing - 1¢; Post cards enclosed in thin envelopes, with writing - 2¢; same, unsealed and without writing - 1¢;

Post cards with small envelopes attached, unsealed, without writing - 1¢; same with writing - 2¢; same sealed - 2¢; Post cards with tinsel on are unmailable unless enclosed in envelopes and are sent direct to Dead Letter office; Post cards in envelopes must have the stamp attached to the envelope instead of the card, no matter if the envelope is of thin paper or has a hole in it. Put your stamps on the envelope if you want it to go.

Frankfort

Our young people are very much interested in the literary society at Fort Dillo, but on account of the bad roads, Frankfort was not very well represented on Friday night last.

Bethel

The dance given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sutherland on Saturday evening was very well attended. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Pettibone, Mr. and Mrs. John Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Lancelot Cunningham, Mrs. W.S. Cunningham, Misses Bertha Miller, Faye Sutherland, Fanny Grigsby, Marie and Zelma Amspoker, Mabel and Grace Cunningham, Myrtle and Hazel Sutherland, Hazel Lloyd, Iva Miller, Eleanor Scott, Claribel Wells, Laura Neil, and Margaret Cunningham.

Messrs. Alden Miller, Dean Sutherland, Thompson Hindman, Harold Jackson, Cyrus and Clifford Wells, Glen Sutherland, John and Hazelett Scott, Ernest Bilderback, Silas Headington and Harold Scott.

Remembering ... 'way back when
The Enterprise-February 22, 1995 Edition

Remember 'way back when

By Kathryn Slasor
For The Enterprise

Notes from *The Burgettstown Herald*, 1908.

Cross Creek Village

James Allen's garden is doing fine from the recent showers.

S.C. Cummins opened his ice cream parlor last Saturday.

A.M. Cassidy bought a fine driving horse at Steubenville this week.

Robert Anderson, who had his foot badly crushed, is able to be out again.

J.F. Bray and T.A. Hindman had Bell phones put in their residences last week.

Birch & Williams have torn down the rig on the Snodgrass lot and are taking it to the new field at Follansbee.

Daisy Tuttle is visiting at

Leman Stewart's in Eldersville.

Ed Marquis is making many improvements on the old Marquis farm.

Hanlin Station

S.V. Kimberland returned Friday from Philadelphia and reports a fine time.

H.G. Noah returned home Monday. He says he camped on Dutch Ridge for six days and six nights.

The Hanlin base ball club will cross bats with the married men of Hanlin on Decoration Day at 9 a.m. on the home ground, and with Paris A.A. at 2 p.m. on Paris grounds. Interesting games are expected. Come one, come all.

Burgettstown

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Sharp, of Cross Creek, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Flora A., to Launcelot C.

Cunningham, Thursday, June 11, 1908.

An old-fashioned shirt-waist dance will be held in Auditorium Hall on Tuesday evening, June 9.

From all over the country

William Patterson was taken to the county home Monday of last week.

For sale— Good runabout in first class condition. Inquire of Stewart Reed, Cross Creek, Pa.

John Shumaker, who was on trial last week for the murder of his brother, Alex Shumaker, was acquitted after the jury had deliberated but three minutes.

Lorn Retzer, the six-year-old son of Postmaster Retzer, of Hickory, fell through the hay loft floor, a distance of 18 feet. The little fellow was rendered unconscious by the fall, but in a short time was again at play.

Remember 'way back when...
The Enterprise-November 30, 1994 Edition

Remembering the past — back when...

Notes of 1892

(Written by W.H. Hammond
to his son, J.M. Hammond)

I lived in Joe Holmes' property at Bulger first, then at Grandmother Phillis, and on the McKnight farm. Then to the Moses Glass farm on the road between Burgettstown and Hickory (the farm on which I was born), then to Burgettstown, and in the spring of 1857 moved to the Arnold farm where Kate was

born in the fall of 1859.

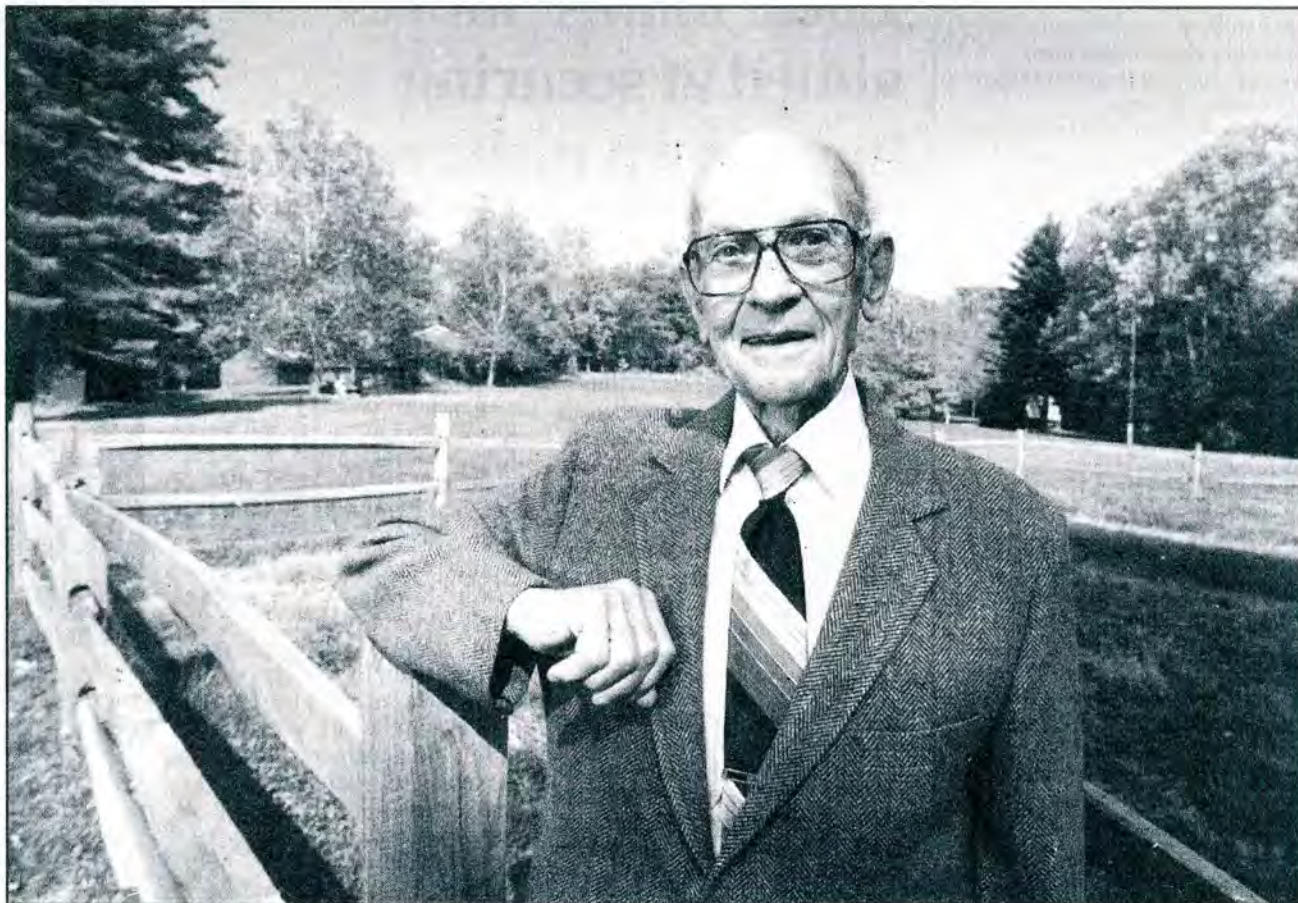
I was examined by Wm. Galbraith in 1850, and commenced teaching immediately afterward at the Midway school (six months). Then Mt. Pleasant schools, then at Burgettstown. Also Florence schools. Then we moved to Muskingum, Ohio, 1860, and lived on the Walker farm. Jake and Alice were born on the Arnold farm near Florence. After we moved to Ohio

we lived on the Walker farm for two years. We next lived at Cassel's station nearly the same time. I kept store at Cassel's about one year, then ran on the railroad as brakeman. I don't know at what time I entered the Army.

(Note from another person:

His entrance into the Army must have occurred in the spring of 1864.)

Remembering the past-back when...
The Enterprise-Unknown Edition



THE OBSERVER-REPORTER

Albert Miller left a legacy at Meadowcroft Museum of Rural Life.

Remembering the muse of Meadowcroft

BY KATHRYN SLASOR

We said, good-bye to Albert Miller by packing the church to capacity, more than 200 strong, in a touching memorial to his goodness. We were his family, his friends, his neighbors. We were his brothers and sisters in countless organizations, associations, agencies and societies.

We had applauded with pride throughout the years as he received certificates, honors and awards. We had followed him along nature paths as he identified Wood Betony, Virginia Bluebells and Wild Ginger, noting that he purposely led us in the opposite direction from the rare and coveted patches of Trailing Arbutus.

"You must never pick them," he warned. "They are very rare."

We had listened as he expounded on how the Indians crossed the Bering Straits. We always wondered why he ever climbed that perpendicular cliff to watch the groundhog scurry in and out of a hole under the rocks - a hole that was to become world famous as the oldest evidence of man's existence in North America.

We had squeezed ourselves into seats much too small as we re-lived with him his schooldays in the old

Miller School. We had hiked with him through the woodlands of the historic Kidd's Mill area and heard again the Indian legend of Hiskey's jump. We had sloshed with him through the creek as he pointed out the remnants of the old mill and the race that carried the water to turn the wheel. We had heard from him the stories that only he knew, of the Civil War days at the old Pine Grove Church, of which nothing has remained for over 100 years.

We had worshipped with him during his lifetime of service to the Lower Buffalo United Presbyterian Church. We had prayed with him through accidents and heart attacks. We had admired his unique collections of arrowheads and other artifacts as he gathered and preserved history. We found ourselves laughing at his funny little stories and jokes that he shared with us as the muse struck him.

We had rejoiced with him as he tenderly welcomed a wife and a new family of children and grandchildren into his life. We always admired his enthusiasm as he made a new discovery, whether it be a stream of water from which he could develop a spring, a wild flower that had not been there before, or a nest of wild turkey eggs in a thicket.

We had bounced with him in his

rough and rickety old Jeep in the early days before Meadowcroft was a village. We enthusiastically shared his excitement when he realized that this barren, stripped-out area could once again flourish with new life. And we had marveled at how a divine hand must have guided him over the humps and across the gullies in that Jeep, in his haste to get the project into gear.

Through his extensive reading and watching he had learned the habits of the wild animals of the forest and had passed that knowledge on to us.

His traveling gear consisted of a camera swung around his neck, and a writing pad and pen in his pocket, with which to record history along the pathway of life.

From where we stand in the church remembering him, we are aware that we have lived under the wings of a gentle, humble man, whose thoughts from childhood were to learn, share and preserve. His motto was simply, "I always like to leave a place better than I found it." Albert Miller was a legend. We cannot grieve for him. He will walk among us always.

► **KATHRYN CAMPBELL SLASOR** is a freelance writer who lives in Eldersville.

Remembering the past — back when

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The engine of a P.V. & C. accommodation train jumped the track at Birmingham bridge this morning, and the fireman and engineer are reported dead from injuries received. No. 35, the first passenger train from the city, was delayed almost an hour by the accident, going

around by Ohio connecting bridge.

In driving under the arch at Raccoon one day last week, Mrs. George Claire was badly injured by her horse taking fright and running away. Mrs. Claire had several children with her and succeeded in getting them out with little injury, but she was thrown out and sustained injuries which rendered her unconscious for several hours. She is improving at this writing.

A foreigner was arrested and is now in jail for killing a mule at the Francis Mines Monday. The story is that the driver had taken a load up and had let the mule and some cars stand on the track while he unloaded others. The foreigner got mad because the cars were in his way and cut them loose, running them down on the mule and killing it. The case was heard before Squire J.P. Linn.

Remembering the past-back when
The Enterprise-October 5, 1994 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Remembering the Past----Back When....

From old Burgettstown newspapers collected by the late A.D. White
by Kathryn Campbell Slasor
(With the hope that readers will remember and reminisce.)

November 11, 1908

C.D. McAfee, who had three ribs broken in a runaway accident last week, is now suffering with an attack of pneumonia. At this writing he is said to be holding his own with the dread disease.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church will hold their annual bazaar and chicken and waffle supper in Auditorium Hall on December 11.

A box social will be held at the Braden school house, November 20. Every lady is requested to bring a box. All are cordially invited to come and help the cause of education.

The home of Bert Vance, of Cross Creek Township, was destroyed by fire on Friday. The house, which was a frame one, was burned to the ground and most of the contents were lost.

The Women's Missionary Society of Westminster Church will hold an oyster supper in the lecture room of the church Thursday evening, November 12, commencing at five o'clock.

William Newell will offer at public sale on the Samuel Stevenson farm, one mile east of Eldersville, Wednesday, November 18, at 12:30 o'clock, a lot of cattle, horses, farm implements, etc. Mr. Newell will move to Ohio.

James Holmes, aged 65 years, died at his home in Washington on Monday afternoon, of paralysis. Mr. Holmes formerly resided near West Middletown, moving to Washington about seven years ago.

Miss Willa Smith, who was just recovering from a severe attack of grip, is now confined to the house with tonsillitis.

A football team has been organized in Midway. We may hear of great doings later.

Miss Kerr, of Candor, has been elected to teach room number four of the borough schools.

On Saturday night a man by the name of Luinette became disorderly at the station and was arrested by Constable Harry Smith and taken before Squire H. Eaton, who fined him \$10 and costs. He refused to settle and was taken to the McDonald lockup for safe-keeping. When he arrived there he repented and said he would settle and was brought to Squire Eaton's office when he again refused to settle. The Squire then placed him under \$300 bond for his appearance at court. When about to start to McDonald with the prisoner a fellow tried to interfere, when Constable Smith gave him a non-interference punch under the jaw which placed him in a prostrate position. He is quite a blow, but the blow he received from our little constable was somewhat more effective and he and others will not to meddle.

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Dudley Wilson, who was shot through the left lung by an Italian on Halloween, is getting along nicely and is expected to recover.

Remembering 'way back when ... in days of old

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From the *Enterprise* dated March 23, 1893, Courtesy Jeanne Simpson Moore

Local and county news

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The Enterprise-December 21, 1994 Edition

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RENA DE VALKENEER IS MAY BRIDE

Miss Rena DeValkeneer of Raccoon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. DeValkeneer and Alexander Hanniquant, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hanniquant of Hastings, Cambria County, Pa. were united in marriage Thursday, May 16 at 9:00 P. M. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gummo at Ingram, by the Rev. Alvin E. Teichart of the First Presbyterian Church, Crafton. The bride was attired in a dusty rose gown with matching accessories and a corsage of small rose buds. The bridesmaid was Miss Emma Didiot, cousin of the bride, was attired in an orchid gown with matching accessories. The best man was Florent Hanniquant, of Indiana, Pa. brother of the groom. Dinner was served by Mrs. J. W. Gummo after the ceremony. There were 14 guests present. Mrs. Hanniquant was employed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dickson in Crafton and Mr. Hanniquant is employed as a Mechanic in the garage of J. W. Gummo, at West End, Pittsburgh. They will be at home at 648 Bell Avenue, Carnegie. Mrs. Hanniquant is a graduate of Union High School, class of '38.

Ireton.—The church here was organized four years ago last June. Rev. James P. Linn came shortly after its organization and has been pastor for over four years. There is an excellent church building, worth \$5,000, heated by furnace and lighted with gas, and an excellent eight-room parsonage worth \$2,200. The church is clear of debt. It has a strong eldership of five good men. All departments are well organized. The young church has made a



REV. J. P. LINN.

good growth and has now a membership of ninety, a Sabbath-school of 130, an Endeavor Society of thirty-five and a Missionary Society of thirty-five. Mr. Linn is doing a good work. He is Chairman of the Home Missionary Committee of Sioux City Presbytery. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1895 and from McCormick Seminary in 1898. His first four years were at Early, Ia. Both this church and Ireton, under his pastoral care, changed from being Home Mission fields to self-support. Such results are a gratification to all concerned.

Revenue Sharing Funds In Danger

Local communities are in danger of losing their federal revenue sharing funds for the upcoming 1976-77 fiscal year unless Congress enacts carry-on legislation this year, according to the Office of Revenue Sharing.

The following is a breakdown of estimates of what the local subdivisions may lose in the 1976-77 fiscal year if continuing legislation is not enacted (with the total of revenue-sharing funds received since the inception of the program in 1972 noted in parenthesis):

Burgettstown - \$16,934 (\$74,-115); Midway, \$7,893 (\$45,466); West Middletown - \$993 (\$4,114).

Cross Creek Township - \$9,-369 (\$51,895); Hanover Township - \$14,803 (\$59,580); Hopewell Township - \$10,483 (\$42,-131); Independence Township - \$19,998 (\$105,459); Jefferson Township - \$8,578 (\$31,298); Mt. Pleasant Township - \$25,070 (\$102,276); Robinson Township - \$11,796 (\$57,546); Smith Township - \$41,991 (\$176,579).

RIGGLE REUNION HELD

The Riggle Reunion was held at Burgettstown Community Park on Sunday August 4. Games were played and everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch and supper. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John I. Riggle, Senior, Kenneth, Doris, Flora Lee, Kathy and Billy Riggle; Dorothy, Jim, Linda and Dotty Arehart, Harold, Melanie, Becky, Trudy and Bobby Riggle; Marie, Chuck, Nancy and Chick McGinnis; John, Helen and Ranny Riggle; Ruth, Tom, Carolyn and Chuck Welshans; Elva, Alex and Johnny Craig and visitors were Leland Jackson and Patty Miller.

Fifteen negroes employed with the Barnum & Bailey circus held up and robbed Wilbur Wonsettler, aged 28, and Eugene Glenn, aged 23, as the boys were passing through the old fair grounds on their way home from the circus Friday evening and are said to have committed assaults on two Ward girls, whom the young men were escorting. Sheriff Bert Lutton, Deputy Knestrick, Detective Mitchell and Constable Simpson were at the scene of the crime within half an hour after the girls were released and attempted to search the two cars in which the negroes had quarters and after searching the first car were held at bay by over a score of armed negroes who blocked entrance to the second car. The girls are aged 16 and 18 years and say that each of the negroes attacked them while their companions held guns to their foreheads.—Record.

Robbery at Barnum & Bailey Circus
The Burgettstown Call-September 30, 1915 Edition

Rosalind Mader First "Coal Bowl" Queen



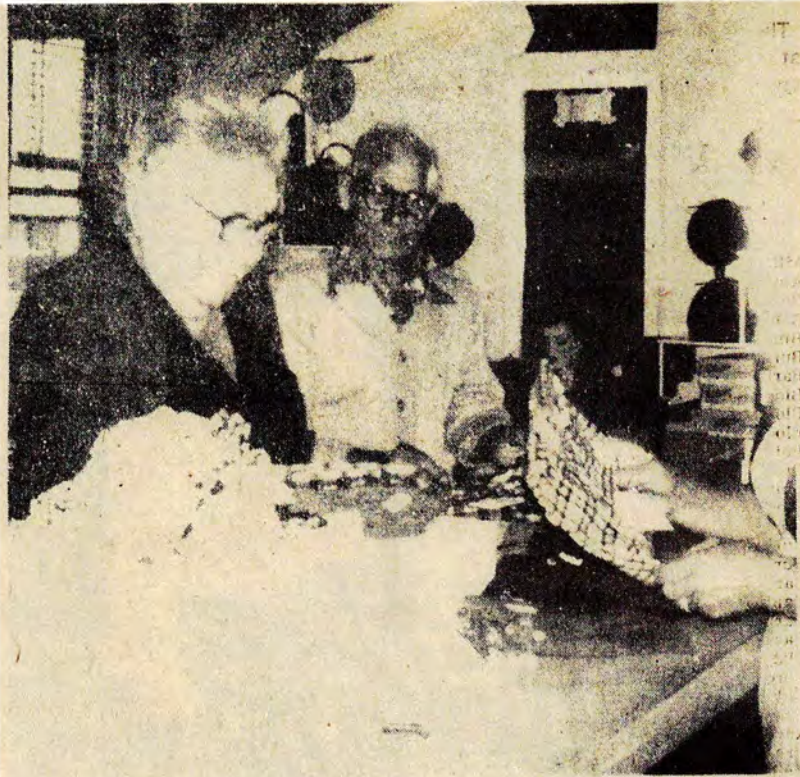
(Cindrich photo)

Miss Rosalind Mader, Queen of the first annual Coal Bowl game, held here Saturday night, presents a study of royal beauty as she poses for this studio portrait.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mader, 1005 Henry st., Langeloth, Rosalind was chosen Queen of the Lions Club-sponsored event from among 15 entrants. She received a beautiful wrist watch, was ridden into the stadium in a convertible, and was crowned Queen at midfield by Burgettstown Mayor Austin D. Studa.

Miss Mader, a ninth grader at Union high school, is 14 years of age. A member of the Langeloth Community church, she is an honor student at Union, where she is a member of the Junior and Senior Chorus and the Beta Tri-Hi-Y club.

Rosalind Mader
"Coal Bowl Queen"
1940



The late Rose and Ben Repole.

BEN REPOLE

When Ben Repole left his parents' tobacco farm in Benevento, Italy, to come to America, he never expected that eventually he and the sweetheart he was leaving behind in Naples would one day start a business that would continue for more than half a century.

Ben hoped to find fortune in the United States, and when he arrived in Burgettstown, it seemed to him a good place to start. He got a job with the Pennsylvania Railroad and soon realized that he wanted Rose Cuomo, the girl he had left behind him, to join him here. She did, and the couple were married in Steubenville on May 27, 1907. They settled in a house on Main Street Extension which proved to be the home where they would raise nine children and where they would begin the business that has so far continued for 66 years. It was Rose's idea to open a clothing and grocery store, and when it proved to be successful, she and Ben decided to have a new building constructed. They hired T. L. Woodrow to do the job, and Rose moved her merchandise, but not the grocery, to 72 Main Street, the present dress shop.

Today it is her daughter, Mary, who owns and manages the business, for her parents have both passed away—her father in 1955, her mother 16 years later. Through the years, Mary has been assisted by her sisters, Mrs. Jennie Ramsey, Mrs. Josephine Gilliland and her sister-in-law, Mrs. James Repole. Another sister, Libby, married Nick Iannetti and moved to Burgettstown, R.D.1, where they owned a restaurant and a garden center.

After World War II, two of the Repole sons, Gus and Bernard, purchased the Messina building next to the dress shop and established a furniture and appliance store which existed for more than 25 years. Gus also opened E-Z Pickins Drive-In Restaurant at Florence which he managed until his death. It is now operated by his nephew, Bernard Ramsey.

Besides Gus, two other of the Repole boys have died: Sam and Bernard. The latter was killed in a tragic auto accident in 1946.

Today, Mary and her brother, Clair, a retired diesel engineer, live in the old home. Their brother, Jim, also an engineer, resides nearby on Center Avenue and their sister, Jennie, is just next door.

Rose and Ben Repole

Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981

Sample of a 1916 couple tying the knot in Jefferson

The occupants of the fashionable honeymoon vehicle at right are not visible from this angle.

But it is known and passed along by reliable sources that Margretta Melvin had just become the bride of Lorin D. McCready, both popular young people of Jefferson Township in 1916.

Quote from the local newspaper of June 1 of that year:

"The wedding of Miss Margretta Melvin, of near Elderstown to Lorin McCready, of Hayesville, Ohio, was solemnized this morning at 10 o'clock at the home of the bride.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Bennington, pastor of the Elderstown and Bethel M.P. churches. The wedding was a quiet home affair and only a few friends besides the immediate families of the bridal couple

were present. The impressive ring ceremony was used.

The bride wore a gown of white voile trimmed in lace. Her traveling suit was of blue with hat and gloves to match.

Following a wedding dinner Mr. and Mrs. McCready left for a short wedding trip. Upon their return next week they will take up their residence on the Robert McCready farm.

Mrs. McCready is one of the well-known and popular young women of Jefferson Township. For a number of years she was a teacher in Washington County schools. Mr. McCready is a son of Allen McCready, of Hayesville, Ohio. The bride received many valuable and useful presents."

As far as is known, the Robert McCready farm was the earliest farm in Jefferson Township.

It was the site of the first log



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home in the area, dating to 1778. Succeeding generations, through hard work and good management, converted the forested hills and rolling landscape into a productive sheep farm. Lorin McCready was the last of the family with the McCready name to live here, having left in the early 1940s.

(Slasor is a special correspondent with the Pennsylvania Focus.)



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HAPPY HONEYMOONERS – Lorin and Margretta Melvin McCready set off on their honeymoon on June 1, 1916, in this vehicle. At right, Margretta Melvin was married on June 1, 1916 to Lorin D. McCready.



Sample of a 1916 Couple Tying the Knot in Jefferson

By Kathryn Slasor

PA Focus-October 30, 1999 Edition

SANTA PREPARES TO VISIT SLOVAN KIDDIES THIS THURSDAY



Carol Sue Mader, 3, told Santa Claus to be sure and bring a doll and slippers that squeak for Christmas and a rubberbone for her dog "Freckles", when she had an early visit with him at the

Horovitz Department Store, Slovan, last Friday afternoon. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mader of Slovan, Carol was one of the Slovan young people to meet Santa prior to his arrival at the

firehall Thursday afternoon, Dec. 23, at 2 o'clock to give a treat to all the kiddies. Members of the Barto VFW Post will be there to assist him.

Carol Mader Long
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 23, 1954 Edition

Savings of a Lifetime Stolen.

BURGETTSTOWN, Penn., Oct. 5.—A pocketbook was stolen last night from Joseph Matchett of Candor, which contained \$14,000, \$6,000 in one-hundred-dollar bills, and the balance in checks, notes, &c. The money represented the savings of a lifetime. Matchett is a contracting carpenter. The robbery was committed at the railroad station in a big crowd, and is supposed to have been the work of Pittsburg thieves, a number of whom were attending the Burgettstown Fair.

Joseph Matchett Robbed on way to Burgettstown Fair
New York Times-October 6, 1894 Edition

**Scenes From Burgettstown Community
Park To Open Saturday, June 3**



**Scenes from Burgettstown Community Park to Open Saturday, June 3
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 1, 1950 Edition**

SCOTT CASE IS SETTLED

By agreement of both sides the suit of Harry S. Lee, Cross Creek village, against W. F. Scott, Hickory, to recover \$444.65 for the death of Jennie R. Lee, mother of the plaintiff, who died of injuries alleged to have been received while riding in an automobile driven by the defendant, has been settled for the amount asked. The accident occurred January 18, 1941, on Route 18 between Burgettstown and Hickory. The statement of claim sets forth that Mrs. Lee was a passenger in the automobile driven by W. F. Scott, and that in making a turn below the barn of Harry Walker, the defendant lost control of the car and crashed into an elm tree. It is stated that Mrs. Lee was so badly injured she died in Washington hospital. The amount for which suit was brought and the amount of settlement were funeral expenses.

Scott Case is Settled
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 7, 1941 Edition

**ANNUAL SCOTT REUNION
TO BE HELD SUNDAY**

The descendants of the late Holland Andrew Scott and Elizabeth Jane Nicholls Scott will hold their annual reunion Sunday, Aug. 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Noah of Langeloth. A picnic dinner will be served at noon on the lawn and members are reminded to furnish table service for their own family.

Mrs. Margaret Noah and Ralph N. Scott of Center avenue, are on the planning committee this year.

There are 75 descendants of this union.

"IT'S ENTIRELY DIFFERENT WHEN YOU ... EXPERIENCE IT"



The historic Brownlee House, donated by William and Sandra Stout, below, to the Washington County Community Foundation

Season of giving

Brownlee House donated to county foundation

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The season of giving came and went, but the Washington County Community Foundation received a gift Thursday valued at nearly \$400,000.

William and Sandra Stout donated the historic Samuel Brownlee House off Route 519 in Eighty Four after years of working with the foundation. The Stouts bought the house in 1986 from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller to house the Atlas Railroad Co. After the Stouts sold the company in 2010, the house sat dormant for several years.

Miller registered the house with the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The house, furnishings and mineral and gas rights are valued at about \$400,000. After several months of discussing the long-term future of the property and developing plans to



help fund renovations and other projects, the Stouts decided to donate the building to the WCCF.

"It was the right time for

them, and it was the right time for us," said WCCF President and CEO Betsy Trew.

Samuel Brownlee built the

house in 1848. The Brownlee family emigrated to the area from Scotland near the end of the 19th century, becoming prominent farmers. The house has extensive historical significance, including being one of the oldest standing buildings in Washington County and one of the few buildings built with adherence to Greek Revival architecture. With tall columns and floor-to-ceiling windows in the front of the house, the architecture differs distinctly from the other buildings in Washington County registered with the National Register of Historic Places.

"It's more about the style than the occupants," said Sandra Mansmann, coordinator for the Washington County History and Landmarks Foundation.

Washington & Jefferson College owns the only other house in Washington County with similar architecture, the

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Alexander Reed House, now called Davis Memorial Hall, on East Maiden Street.

The foundation set up a short-term Brownlee House Building Fund to raise funds for small-scale renovation and restoration to the building and applied for \$500,000 in funding from the Washington County Local Share Account Program. The program, established under the 2004 Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, distributes two percent of certain licensed gaming revenue to support and enhance the local economy.

Trew said the foundation plans to use the money to modify the 6,000-square-foot house for three distinct purposes. Historians advised the foundation to use the first floor as a public museum showcasing the contributions of Scots and Irish immigrants to Washington County, including involvement in the Whiskey Rebellion and advancements in agriculture in the 19th century. Mansmann said the Scots, Irish and Presbyterians played a big role in establishing Washington in the 19th century, and the museum gives the area a chance to highlight Scottish and Irish contributions.

The foundation plans to use the remaining space for offices and a training center. Currently, the foundation leases office space, but the newly acquired property gives the foundation ample space to operate.

The Stouts built a large addition behind the original house.

"This actually detracts

from the historical value of the property," Trew said.

However, the foundation plans to use the majority of the potential funding to rebuild the addition with the help of a historical architect so that it will take on the appearance of a carriage house, with a second-story room to be used as a training facility for nonprofits. In the past, the foundation held training sessions for nonprofits on topics such as nonprofit law, social media, fundraising and strategic planning. The foundation provides workshops to nonprofits at no charge. Unlike for-profit businesses with the financial ability to send workers to seminars or training workshops, nonprofits work with limited monetary support.

"Nonprofit employees need training, too, and unfortunately, training is often the first thing (nonprofits) cut," Trew said.

The WCCF hopes to give Washington County nonprofits the tools to be successful. Trew said nonprofits factor significantly into the national gross domestic product and local economies. In fact, nonprofit organization account for about 5.5 percent of the national GDP, according to the National Center for Charitable Statistics.

Preservation of historical buildings allows future generations to touch, feel and see history instead of reading a book or pamphlet.

"To be able to experience historical buildings in a preserved state is important because you really don't get the same feeling from some words on a plaque," Mansmann said. "It's entirely different when you get to experience it."

*Second Annual Community Picnic
Scheduled Sunday, August 18*

Burgettstown Area's Second Annual Community Picnic will be held at Burgettstown Community Park on Sunday afternoon, August 18 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Leading off this year's picnic will be an exhibition baseball game starring top teams in the Li'l League. At 3 p.m. there will be a band concert followed by a water show at 4 p.m. A brief speaking program will be held from 4:30 p.m. followed by a picnic supper.

Local families are invited to bring their basket picnics. It is also suggested that families planning a picnic bring their own folding table and chairs. Honored guests will be served a buffet picnic lunch in the shelter house.

This year's picnic will again see Philip Arnone's band give a one-hour concert from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The band, members of the Canonsburg AFL Musicians local, are planning a light concert of summertime favorites. Present plans call for 30 musicians to play.

The Burgettstown Area Water Clowns will present a bigger and better water show than last year according to a spokesman for the group. In addition they are planning a penny-dive for the kids and a watermelon polo tilt.

Co-chairmen of the Community Picnic are Eugene Vosburg, publisher of the Enterprise and James Riddile, president of the Burgettstown Lions Club. Mrs. Margaret Latella is secretary and Robert Tidball, treasurer. Mrs. Josephine Gilliland is in charge of arrangements for the picnic buffet for honored guests. Decorations will be by Sara Orga and Anna Lee. Hulick. Mrs. George Bish is in charge of invitations.

**Second Annual Community Picnic
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 8, 1963 Edition**

BURGETTSTOWN POLICE OFFICERS ARREST WEIRTON MAN AFTER GUN BATTLE SUNDAY MORNING

A Weirton youth who has blazed a trail of crime since 1928 is being held in the Burgettstown jail this week on charges of theft and threatening an officer with a gun following a spectacular chase on the outskirts of the Borough Sunday morning at 2 a. m.

Stanley Sheftic, 26, of Weir avenue, Weirton, was arrested in a chase which resulted when Chief of Police Sam Powell, Patrolman Delbert Clair and Constable Mike Robb discovered the youth and another man who Sheftic knew only as "Pittsburgh Red" changing the license plates on their coupe along Route 18. Sheftic was questioned this week by district officers in connection with a series of safe cracking jobs in Weirton, Holidays Cove, Steubenville and Burgettstown. This same Sheftic was arrested by Chief Powell in 1938 on a charge of stealing junk from the Weirton Steel Company and he is alleged to have served one year and one day sentence in the penitentiary for this crime.

Flee Into Woods

The officers had picked up Dan DeLuca, 23, of Burgettstown, who had been found along the highway in a dazed condition, apparently the victim of an attack. They were preparing to take DeLuca to the Washington hospital when Sheftic and his accomplice were sighted.

The car they were using was a Ford coupe stolen from DiNovo's garage in Hollidays Cove last November 29. They were also using a second car—a Chevrolet listed in the name of Sheftic's brother, Chester. Sheftic was changing the West Virginia plates on the coupe and replacing them with Ohio tags when discovered. The Ohio plates had been stolen from Robert Gabriel, 320 South High street, Steubenville.

Both men fled into the woods and were pursued by the officers, an exchange of gunfire taking place during the chase. The man known as "Pittsburgh Red" eluded police but Sheftic was trapped as he ran into a high wire fence and bounced right into Claire's arms. The officer overpowered him, taking the revolver and holding Sheftic until the other police arrived.

Grilled Sunday

Sheriff Herbert Traubert of Brooke county, Captain Joseph Kerr of Hollidays Cove and Chief Deputy R. A. Byers of Weirton, questioned Sheftic but were unable to obtain any information regarding the activities of Sheftic and his accomplice.

Sheftic was carrying \$90 at the time of his arrest. He had eight ten dollar bills hidden in his shoes and was holding the ninth bill in his mouth. He is wanted by Pittsburgh police and in several other district cities on other charges.

Sheftic was given a hearing before Squire Culley and was held for court on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. The Federal Bureau of Investigation will be called in on the auto theft count since two states are involved.

**Burgettstown Police Officers Arrest Weirton Man
After Gun Battle Sunday Morning
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 16, 1941 Edition**

Simons - 100 years

Elizabeth Simons of Avella will celebrate her 100th birthday at home with family and friends.

She was born February 1, 1914, in Thayer, Ill.

On June 28, 1940, she married Ray O. Simons Sr., who is deceased.

Her children are Sondra Wright of Columbus, Ohio, Tom Simons, Fred Simons and Joe Simons, all of Avella, Ronnie Simons of Washington, Donnie Simons of Tucson, Ariz., and Alfred Simons of Avella. Two children are deceased, Charles Simons and Ray Simons.

Her grandchildren are Teri, Holli, Pace, Tom Jr., Lynn, Chris, Jacob, Laurie,



Travis, Sabrina, Fred, Joe Jr., Jason, Joshua, Danniel, Spencer, RaeAnn and Charles. She has 22 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Simons is a homemaker and has been a Gold Star Mother since 1968 and is a member of Bert C. Siders American Legion in Avella.

SLOVAN MAN IS HELD FOR ALLEGED RACKET

Merchant of Neighboring Town is
Arrested on Charges of
False Pretense

The Washington Observer of Saturday says that after a search of 11 months county officers of Friday arrested Anthony Burke, merchant of Slovan, for an alleged racket in which he is said to have obtained hundreds of bushels of peaches from farmers by false pretense last September.

Five informations charging false pretense have already been filed against him by fruit growers of the district. Many others are expected to make charges when farmers learn of his arrest.

Burke was arrested several days ago by Constable Mike Robb of Slovan on information of desertion and non-support made by County Relief Investigator Joseph Mantia.

Farmers who made informations charging false pretense were J. L. Patterson, Buffalo township, claiming \$62.50 loss; Glenn Williams, Ginger Hill, \$15 loss; Robert Hamilton, Hopewell township, \$62.50 loss; Alice Batusick, Washington, R. D. 5, Canton township, \$24.75 loss and W. H. Shafer, Rea, \$20.

Burke will be arraigned before Alderman John F. Carmichael when the informations have been prepared, it was stated. Constable Clark Miller was in charge of the investigation.

According to Alderman Carmichael, Burke called at the farms with a truck and made arrangements to purchase large quantities of peaches. On leaving he would take away a truckload, promising to return for the remainder of his order and make payment, it was said. He never returned, it is alleged.

It is believed he disposed of the peaches through retail merchants.

Anthony Burke, Slovan Man is Held for Alleged Racket
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 13, 1936 Edition

SLOVAN

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Benny Mader, a baby boy, on Sunday morning, at 6:00 a.m.

Mrs. Mary Robinson of West Brownsville, visited with her mother Mrs. Katheryn Holleck.

Steve Olzak, student at Dubuque college, Iowa, is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olzak.

Miss Anne Holleck of New Kensington, spent the week end with her parents here.

Miss Helen Boller and friends of Steubenville, O., spent Sunday with her parents here.

The Slovan Mission Sunday School presented a play on Tuesday night entitled "Santa Forgets The Smiths."

Mrs. Katherine Hollick motored to Camp Shelby, Miss., to visit her son Private Steve Hollick.

Theodore Nicksic is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lengyel and Mrs. John Lengyel of Weirton, W. Va. and Private Andrew Lengyel of Mississippi, spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Kluchanovich.



Kathleen Smith

Kathleen Smith, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Smith, R.D. #3, Burgettstown, is shown with a senior Milking Shorthorn calf named Candy's Lollipop, which won reserve grand champion and junior champion honors at the 6th annual Junior Dairy show at Harrisburg, September 21, 1992.

SOME GAIN SHOWING IN LABOR CONDITIONS

Department of Labor Reports More
Activity in Various Lines
of State Trade

Factory employment in Pennsylvania maintained an even level last month, the U. S. Department of Labor reported last week.

Despite a decline in iron and steel activity and irregular operations in soft and hard coal industries, improvements in metal working and auto accessory plants were sufficient to keep employment steady in the state, it was said.

The order for 3,250 freight containers, shared by the Pitcairn Railroad shops, was cited as a reason for the steady condition.

Other state industries showing signs of renewed activity were in plants manufacturing electrical equipment, machinery, chemicals, paper goods, clay products, cement and bricks.

The first part of May showed Pittsburgh industry successfully combating the decline of April. But a recession set in in the last two weeks.

No marked change was apparent in mills at Carnegie, Duquesne and Clairton.

Increased mill activity in Shenango Valley was noted. Orders for electrical and other equipment in Sharon and Farrell were given as the cause for this increase.

Municipal construction work in the Pittsburgh vicinity was cited as an aid to the unemployment problem in this sector.

Some Gain Showing in Labor Conditions
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 25, 1931 Edition

Dr. Spanogians In Train Accident At Patterson Crossing.

Dr. Angelo Spanogians, prominent physician of Burgettstown, was injured Thursday, March 11, when his car struck a west bound train at the Patterson's crossing. Dr. Spanogians, returning from Francis Mine, attempted to stop at the crossing, but his car skidded on the icy pavement, throwing the car towards the train. The car was almost completely demolished. Dr. Spanogians is a patient in the Merch Hospital where he is undergoing treatment for lacerations of the face and a broken nose. He expects to return to his home on Hickory street on Thursday.



THE ENTERPRISE / JIM DALLARA

Start of the Christmas season

Burgettstown's south triangle took on a dazzling glow when Light-Up Night was held in town last Friday. The pole decorations along Main Street were also illuminated as the Christmas season officially got under way. At the Burgettstown Community Library, right, a "Memory Tree" bearing hand-made ornaments inscribed with names of loved ones was dedicated. Library board member Charles Lawson is shown with the Memory Tree. Donated by Iannetti's Garden Center, the tree is adorned with more than 1,100 lights and will stand throughout the holiday season. Afterwards, the 220 ornaments will be given to contributors. The Rev. David Dobi officiated at the dedication service, and music was provided by "Love United," the local folk group. Refreshments were provided by the library board.



Start of the Christmas Season
The Enterprise-December 1, 1993 Edition

State Rep. White gets primary challenger

Burgettstown attorney plans to challenge incumbent in 2014 Democratic primary

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A Burgettstown attorney says he's challenging state Rep. Jesse White in next year's Democratic primary because he thinks the four-term incumbent has lost credibility with constituents in his district.

Paul Walsh, 49, announced on Thursday that he plans to seek the Democratic nomination for the newly redrawn

46th Legislative District that draws a triangle between Smith Township, Canton Township and Bridgeville.

"My primary focus is to restore leadership to the district," Walsh said. "Mr. White, through his conduct, has failed to be the type of leader we need both in the district and in Harrisburg."

Walsh said he decided to run for office in May when it was revealed that White was posting anonymous online comments on various web-

sites under numerous pseudonyms. In some cases, he attacked constituents or impersonated them.

"He essentially has taken sides and has been critical of his own constituents who don't have the same opinion as his," Walsh said. "I want everyone to understand clearly that I am willing to sit down and listen to everyone involved in this process."

White, D-Cecil, countered that he has apologized for his actions and hoped they would



Paul Walsh

consider his track record.

"I've been focused on doing my job and not allowing myself to get distracted," White said of the controversy. "There

are so many things that are going on that are so important that I've been throwing myself into that work. The response and support from my constituents has been overwhelming. I may stumble along the way, but I think they understand what I'm doing and why I'm doing it."

This is not the first time the two have faced each other in the Democratic primary. White and Walsh ran against each other for an open seat in 2006 when then-state Rep. Vic Lescovitz retired. White defeated Walsh 53 to 47 percent, winning the primary by 437 votes before beating

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Republican candidate Paul Snatchko in the general election.

"I've obviously run against Paul (Walsh) before and came out victorious," White said "I think I can do it again."

One of the biggest differences in policy appears to surround the Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling industry. White has clashed with drilling supporters in the past while Walsh said he supports "shale gas developed responsibly" in the state. However, the new district includes Robinson, Mt. Pleasant, Cecil

and South Fayette townships, all of which are challenging the state's controversial Act 13 natural gas drilling law.

Walsh said he understands those concerns and wants to have a serious discussion with those communities and their residents.

"I recognize their concerns and agree there are definitely quality of life issues," Walsh said. "I would want to be active working with those leaders to make sure those quality of life issues are completely addressed. I think that it's appropriate for those folks to be concerned about noise and use of roads and environmental safety concerns."

Meanwhile, White sees the new district as an advantage as

he's reached out to community leaders and already represents part of South Fayette in Allegheny County.

"I will live smack dab in the middle of my new district," White said. "I think that will definitely help me."

Walsh has lived in Burgettstown for the past 17 years and has worked as a solicitor representing various school districts, municipalities and sewer authorities during that time. He also has a private law office in Slovan and works as a probation violations hearing officer for Allegheny County Criminal Court.

White, who has served as a state representative since 2007, lives in Cecil Township and has a law office there.

**Paul Walsh Plans to Challenge Incumbent in 2014 Democratic Primary
Observer-Reporter-September 7, 2013 Edition**

BURGETTSTOWN LADS RE-CAPTURED AFTER ESCAPE FROM JAIL

Arrest of Fred Steiner, 18, of Raccoon, and Albert Castner, 18, of Bulger on February 8 completed the roundup of three trustees who escaped from the Washington County Jail, Wednesday.

The other, Russell Cass, 22, was taken into custody at his home near Rea Station late Wednesday afternoon.

Steiner and Castner were apprehended at the former's home shortly after 9 o'clock Thursday night by Deputy Sheriff A. C. Panconi and Justice of the Peace, W. J. Whalen, of Burgettstown.

Tired and travel-weary, the pair said they walked to Wheeling, hitchhiked to Colliers, W. Va., and hopped a freight train for Burgettstown. They were arrested shortly after getting off the freight. Steiner and Castner were serving terms on larceny charges and Cass for forgery.

STORM'S DEATH TOLL 36 IN THREE STATES

Rain and Wind Sweep Western
Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio,
and West Virginia.

LOSS WILL TOTAL MILLIONS

Pittsburgh Struck by Cloudburst and
City Is Flooded—Sleeping Fam-
ily Drowns In House.

Special to The New York Times.

PITTSBURGH, Penn., Sept. 2.—No storm since those preceding the Johnstown flood ever wrought such damage to life and property in the district surrounding Pittsburgh as did the downpour which lasted until early this morning from early last night. The storm-swept area included Western Pennsylvania, with Eastern Ohio and a large part of the Panhandle district of West Virginia.

From fragmentary reports sent in from various points to-night it is known that at least thirty-six are dead and many more are missing. The number may be increased, as many of the remote hamlets in the Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia mountain districts will not be heard from for days.

Added to the list of fatalities late to-night are ten foreigners at Colliers, W. Va., bringing the list there up to eighteen; three at Burgettstown, Penn., bringing the list there up to four, and one at Woodlawn, Penn., near this city.

For nearly seven hours the rain fell in torrents. Cloudbursts filled fertile valleys with raging rivers, which annihilated crops and carried away bridges and railroad tracks. Lightning struck in scores of places. Quiet streams rose in an hour to become roaring agents of destruction. Railroad traffic practically stopped and wire traffic was paralyzed throughout most of the region.

Colliers, West Va., is practically wiped out. Cherry Valley, Penn., is in ruins. The towns of Avella, Cannonsburg, Washington, Burgettstown, and a dozen smaller places in the extreme western end of this State are inundated to-night. At New Philadelphia, Steubenville, and other Ohio towns near the Ohio River the damage wrought was heavy.

The Panhandle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad ceased train operations today. Fourteen miles of track were washed away near Colliers. Three bridges were carried downstream. For miles along Raccoon Creek the roadbed is submerged. It will be a fortnight before traffic can be resumed here.

Ball Team Is Stalled.

The Pittsburgh baseball team, coming from Cincinnati last night, was stalled at Coshocton, Ohio, and tried to detour by way of Orrville, over the Fort Wayne Division, but it was impossible to get the team to Pittsburgh before nightfall, and the two games with the Chicago Cubs were called off.

Late this afternoon a freight train on the Wabash jumped the track five miles north of Wellsburg, West Va., and the entire train rolled into Cross Creek. A late report says the engineer swam ashore, but that the fireman and a brakeman are missing.

Washington County, Penn., also reports property damage that will exceed \$2,000,000. Thousands of sheep and cattle were drowned in the fields. Washington is the greatest wool-growing community east of the Mississippi River. The streams throughout this county and in Greene County to-day were clogged with the bodies of sheep. Hundreds of the animals not yet sheared were soaked with rain, and, being too heavy for their own legs, were swept into the raging streams.

Pittsburgh was lashed by a fierce storm throughout the night. The play of lightning and the crash of thunder were continuous for hours. Street car traffic stopped shortly after 2 o'clock this morning because of broken wires and flooded streets. Five inches of rain fell during the night, a record in this district. Hundreds of belated trolley passengers spent the night in the car barns into which the trolleys were run for shelter.

Wire communication between Pittsburgh and the country to the southwest is only fragmentary. Telegraph companies have big corps of men working on the lines thrown down by the storm. Telephone communication is practically stopped. The Pennsylvania Railroad late this afternoon sent 1,000 men into the Panhandle district to rush the repair work between here and Wheeling, West Va.

The Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers are near the flood stage, and consequently the Ohio is overflowing its banks at many points west of Pittsburgh.

The known dead so far are Cook White, a farmer of Burgettstown, Penn.; Mr. and Mrs. George Gillespie and four children of Cherry Valley, Penn.; Mrs. John Thorley, and an unidentified man, wife, and three children of Colliersville, West Va.; Amelia, John, and Grace Crow, brother and sisters, of Avella, Penn., and Eli Hancock of Cannonsburg, Penn.

Sleepers Drown in House.

Cherry Valley, a mining town on the banks of a creek, was flooded within half an hour after the rain began to fall. Foundations of houses were undermined and they toppled over into the flooded streets. The Gillespie family was asleep and did not hear the shouts of warning. They were drowned in the house, and the bodies of the children were found on the little bed in their room, the mattress floating in four or five feet of water.

Cook White, who was a farmer in the outskirts of Burgettstown, heard the sound of the flood and hastened to his stable to save his horse. He was drowned, and a son who went to his rescue was swept away, but, catching the branches of an overhanging tree, drew himself to safety.

Chartiers Creek overflowed its banks at Cannonsburg and swept through the town, flooding the railroad and trolley tracks, and many of the streets. A number of houses were tilted with water, but the residents had received ample warning and hastened to places of safety. Eli Hancock, who lost his life, had turned back to recover some valuable papers.

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He was seen to enter the front door as the house collapsed.

An unidentified boy fell into the flood when the porch of a house where he had taken refuge went down, and although scores of persons attempted to save him he was swept away. A number of children in the community are also among the missing.

Many houses in Cannonsburg, undermined by water, collapsed to-night. A spectacular feature was the wrecking of a large store. The water seemed to push the foundations together like a jack-knife and the building dropped with a thud. At East Cannonsburg the flood water caught families suddenly and it was necessary to remove them to safety by aid of small boats.

Prompt action on the part of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal Company brought the lives of 400 miners out of the flood's path. When the water was seen to be gaining headway, whistles were blown calling the surface men to the office. Quickly they notified the men beneath the earth. Men on horseback rode down a narrow valley and warned the families of the miners. To-night all seemed to be accounted for, but there is some doubt as to this.

At Avella, Washington County, three children of Henry Crow were drowned. The house was situated near a little stream which rose so rapidly that it undermined the building, and when it collapsed Mrs. Crow was badly injured. Crow hastened to her rescue and saved her, but before he could return for the children they were swept away.

Flood of 1912

New York Times-September 3, 1912 Edition

Fort Vance Historical Society

Striking it rich - historically speaking

Gold rush journey shared from California to Greene County

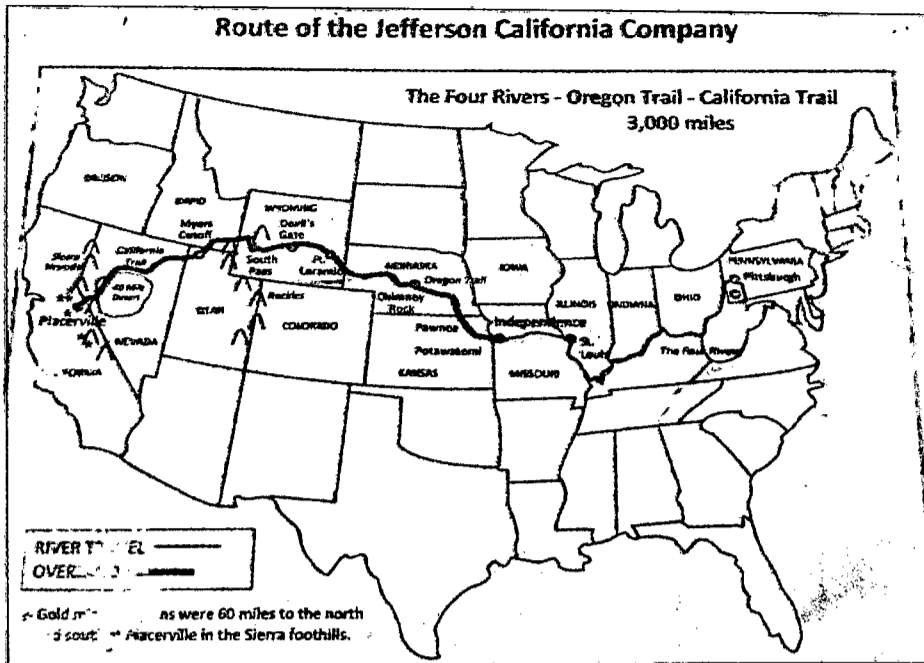
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How a would-be author, writing a children's book, ended up traveling more than 2,500 miles from California to Greene County is a story in and of itself.

Lynne Gough, of Sacramento, was entertaining her aunt, the last of her Morris family, and was planning to write a children's book about her great-great-grandfather Asa Warren Morris' famous cow, Tillie. But that is a story for another day, Gough said.

Her aunt suggested she go to the California cemetery where Asa Morris is buried. When Gough got there she found two Asa Warren Morris grave markers. And thus, a journey began to find out who the older Asa Warren Morris was that eventually brought her across the country to where her family started, in Greene County.

Her research would find that the elder Asa Warren Morris, her second great-granduncle, had made the same trip in re-



The path taken by the Jefferson California Company in the 1850s to join the gold rush

verse more than 160 years ago from his Greene County home as a member of Jefferson California Company in 1850 during the gold rush.

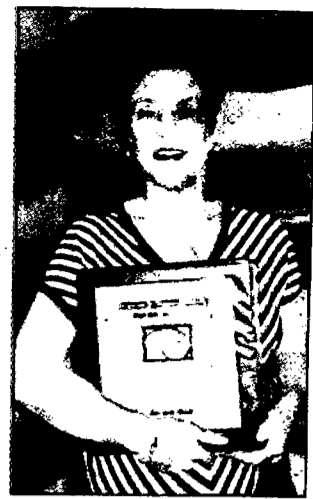
Gough traveled to Greene County last fall to give a PowerPoint presentation to Cornerstone Genealogical Society on

her great-granduncle's journey and has continued to delve deeper into the story since returning to her California home.

When her uncle and his compatriots in the company embarked to the gold fields of California, it wasn't as easy as hopping on an airplane. The

trip this group of men undertook is well-documented in journals kept by at least two of the participants, Dr. George Willis Read, who was named captain of the group, and William Heaton Black.

There were 29 men selected to embark on the trip to



Lynn Gough, of Sacramento, Calif., holds a printout of her PowerPoint presentation on the Jefferson California Company, which took part in the gold rush of the 1850s. Her great-granduncle was a member of the company.

find gold in the California hills, based on their "good health and good character" as well as having enough money to pay for the travel. Twenty-eight made it there. One fell ill and returned home.

The trip was an especially arduous one. These were the days of the Wild West with American Indians still possessing much of the territory they would traverse. Group

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members took turns standing guard at night against "nefarious travelers who may come upon them."

On a Pittsburgh steamship, bound for St. Louis, Mo., they encountered an especially rough storm that left some of them ill.

"The weather was of the most disagreeable kind. The boats were all crowded to excess, with adventurers like ourselves," wrote Read in his journal entry dated April 14, 1850. It was in St. Louis that the group decided to purchase pack saddles and riding saddles along with hundreds of pounds of provisions for the trip westward.

When they next landed by steamer at Wayne City, Mo., Read called it, "a most uninviting and dismal looking hole." Fortunately, they only spent one night there before heading to Independence, Mo., where they had a change of heart. It was decided the trek would best be made by wagon. Although it would be a much slower journey, teams of mules pulling them could handle the terrain much better than if they were on horseback.

At Independence, Read wrote, "We were amply compensated for our privations by seeing one of the most beautifully situated villages, perhaps, in the United States. Unlike the virtually uninhabited Wayne, Independence numbered about 3,000, according to Read. It was a bustling town where the group stayed for many days waiting for the cooperation of weather and vegetation for their animals to travel onward.

The daily travel varied greatly. Hills, creek and river beds, rough terrain, dust, extreme weather, broken axles on wagons and illness dictated much in the way of distance each day.

Read wrote he saw some of the most beautiful scenery he ever "beheld" in the prairies.

"What an extended and splendid country is this far west! Millions of acres rich, beyond conception, and capable of supporting millions of happy men, women and children," he said. "Who can foretell the future greatness and wealth of this country?"

A day later, the company experienced both snow and rain simultaneously that created a slippery and muddy path for travel. Read noted the road was covered with wagons of fellow emigrants. It was estimated by Read that roughly 1,000 wagons were on the road to St. Joseph, Mo.

As they traveled, they passed the fresh grave of a young man who fell on his own shotgun, accidentally shooting himself in the head. Not long after, the company passed several despondent men who had given up on the journey. Read never seemed entirely sure the company itself would reach California.

At times, they lacked water. They saw the remains of animals, broken-down wagons and random graves miles from civilization. Eventually, they came to the mountains in Sierra, Nev., and snow drifts were 15 to 20 feet deep but they pushed on, "the scenery wild beyond description," according to Read.

On Aug. 18, 1850, five months after they set out from Greene County, the company found themselves in Hangtown, where the digging would begin.

There is no real documentation of how well the individual members of Jefferson California Company did in the gold mines. Gough looked at the net worth of the men through the census records of the day to make an educated guess.

Her uncle, Asa Warren Morris, lost his mining equity in early 1852 and threw in the towel. He moved to Yolo, Calif., where he squatted on some

prime farming land and remained. He died with an estate valued in excess of \$250,000, the equivalent of about \$5 million today. Ironically, his investments in working gold mines earned him much of his fortune.

Most other company members did well, bringing home about \$5,000, the equivalent of \$140,000 today.

After a stint in the mines, Read settled next to Morris on a 160-acre ranch in Yolo.

Others from the company who stayed in California were George Sharpnack, Barnet Neel, James Riley and Thomas Weaver. Four died there - James Hughes Roseberry, Thomas Ross, William Shatterly and Uriah Michener. One of the men was murdered inside a gold mine.

As Gough continues to share the story of her great-granduncle's gold rush days, she is working on the beginnings of a book documenting the Jefferson California Company's trip. Next to it, she works on the book that started it all, based on the namesake of Morris who came along in 1857, her great-great-grandfather, and his famous Holstein cow.

"When I saw the other marker, it kind of became my job to tell the story," she said. Little did she know she would be telling it from one end of the journey to the other.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEPARTMENT

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Women Suffrage in California

California has now had woman suffrage for three years, and according to George Creel, writing in Everybody's Magazine, it has now taken its place with such accepted facts as meals, climate and babies. A journey from border to border failed utterly to disclose any male person who would admit that his home had been "broken up," while a search through the records proved that the women have not plunged into office-seeking. There can be no question however of women's political activity in this time, for it is generally agreed that a large number of laws are due to woman's vote and woman's insistence. These laws all emphasize the moral and humane. Gambling which has long been particularly vicious in California, has been dealt a death blow. One great victory, the "red-light" law, places the responsibility of disorderly houses upon the property owners instead of the wretched inmates.

This bill had been introduced before women's enfranchisement in 1911, and had been killed with "ease and dispatch." But after women got the vote that procedure was out of the question. The women's organizations, particularly the Federated Clubs, fought relentlessly for it, and in point of argument, facts, authorities and statistics made such a showing against the horror of the "necessary evil" theory, that when Governor Johnson announced a public hearing, commercialized vice could not master one speaker.

It must not be overlooked that women are not in the majority in California, hence their position must have been backed up by male sentiment. Their minority also goes far to explain the failure at the recent election to carry the prohibition amendment, although there had been previous large gains in local option territory. California is a great wine producing state, consequently any such proposed enactment would meet with especially active and powerful opposition from the business interests concerned.

The charges of waste and extravagance have been absolutely disproved; even the most vicious of the reactionary papers have dropped that plaint.

In short Mr. Creel maintains that outside of the liquor and vice trades there isn't a man who will come out in the open with the declaration that woman suffrage ought to be repealed, but there are any number that do not like it. It is an antagonism without mental processes or expression springing from somewhere in the region of the pit of the stomach; and just as it is the result of years, so will years be required for its removal.

Women Suffrage in California

The Burgettstown Call-December 24, 1914 Edition

Two Killed In Plane Crash Near Sunnyhill

Two Pittsburgh men were killed in a plane crash early Sunday evening, August 8 about a quarter mile east of the Sunny Hill Airport in Robinson Township.

County Coroner L. C. Gray, said the victims were identified as Joseph Saldute, 37, the pilot, of 1400 Merrich avenue, Brookline, and his passenger, Vincent Baker, 28, a World War II veteran, of Obey avenue, West End.

Coroner Gray said the time of the accident was placed at 6:15 p. m., and that the plane went into a nose dive and crashed, but did not burn. Both occupants of the plane, a Piper Cub, were killed instantly.

C. T. Baker aeronautics investigator for the State Police, Greensburg, and officers from the Imperial barracks were called to the scene to take part in the investigation. Deputy Coroner J. R. Lee, Burgettstown, took charge of the bodies.

The plane started at a normal spin at 2500 feet and then went into a spiral spin, from which it failed to come out, plunging to the ground in an open field.

Saldute, married and the father of five children was a licensed pilot and was a graduate of the Sunny Hill Airport Training School, it was reported.

The plane was the property of the airport, Coroner Gray reported.

Saldute and Baker, associated in the operation of a tire shop in West End, Pittsburgh, went up for a "short flight", according to reports to authorities. Saldute rented the ship.

Witnesses, according to the coroner, said Saldute began to stunt the small plane and that suddenly it seemed to go into a nose dive. The pilot was unable to pull it out and the plane crashed in a gulley some 400 yards from the airport.

Spectators at the airport and others rushed to the scene and it required some time to extricate the two men from the demolished ship.

Two Killed in Plane Crash at Sunnyhill
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 12, 1948 Edition

Swimming Begins June 8 At Park

The Community Park will open Wednesday, June 8, following close of the schools. The pool will open at 12 noon and close at 8 p. m. throughout the week. Charles Mulholland, manager, states the park has been readied for its opening: the pool, benches and other equipment have undergone a paint job to give the park a fresh appearance.

**Burgettstown Community Park Opens for Season
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1955 Edition**



Front Row, L-R: Rinda Yukevich, John Zuccaro, Sue Kidd, Dorcia Yukevich, Frank Spatharos, Eddie Roberts, Denise Smith, Christina Campa, and Benita Campbell. **Second Row;** Flossy Sendora, life guard, Charles Kreszock, Blase Kowalski, Dan Kowalski Darla Kidd, Debbie Cunningham, Susan Rhinehart, Kermit Kowalski, Harry Russell, Mark Mungello, Larry Williamson, Ardie Roberts, and Dom Astorina, manager. **Third Row,** Phil Eaton, life guard, Susan Robinson, Cynthia Pappas, Patty Riddle, Elizabeth King, Kathleen Kophazi, Elizabeth Kophazi, Cathy Smalley, and Kriss Riddle.

Swimming Classes Conducted by Red Cross at Burgettstown Community Park
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 13, 1961 Edition

Swimming Classes Conducted By Red Cross At Burgettstown Community Park



Twenty-eight students of the beginners' swimming class held at the Burgettstown Community park received certificates upon completion of the three-week course Friday, June 30.

Park Manager Dom Astorina reported daily lessons were conducted by the local life guards in conjunction with the program of the American Red Cross.

Another class, for intermediate age group, consisted of in-

struction in the fundamentals of life-saving. This group received certificates also.

Members of the swimming class are pictured as follows:

First row, left to right: Rinda Yukevich, John Zuccaro, Sue Kidd, Dorcia Yukevich, Frank Spatharos, Eddie Roberts, Denise Smith, Christina Campa, and Benita Campbell.

Second row: Flossy Sendora, life guard; Charles Kreszock,

Blase Kowalski, Dan Kowalski, Darla Kidd, Debbie Cunningham, Susan Rinehart, Kermit Kowalski, Harry Russell, Mark Mungello, Larry Williamson, Audie Roberts and Dom Astorina, manager.

Third Row: Phil Eaton, life guard; Susan Robinson, Cynthia Pappas, Patty Riddile, Elizabeth King, Kathleen Kophazi, Elizabeth Kophazi, Cathy Smalley and Kriss Riddile.

(Cindrich photo)

Swimming Classes Conducted by Red Cross at Burgettstown Community Park
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Sycamore tree near Murdocksville, PA.-Circa 1950

The tree is 35 feet in circumference at waist high. It is hollow and a team of horses can stand inside its trunk. The Pennsylvania Game Commission stated that this tree is the largest tree in the state. That is our good friend W.R. Allison, hunter and naturalist, standing where the trunk divides. Its limb spread is about 180 feet. This is in Washington County, about 10 miles from Burgettstown, PA.



WORKERS PULL THE car from where it dropped near the

It's a close call

Ray Taucher of Burgettstown avoided a potentially fatal mishap Thursday, Aug. 31, when his car lost its brakes while traveling down Locust Street and sped across Center Avenue.

Fortunately, no other cars were on the highway at the time.

The vehicle, a 1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass, crashed through guardrail cables and a support post, bounced off a tree and dropped nearly 30 feet, landing on its wheels at the edge of

Burgetts Fork Creek.

The 11 a.m. incident was witnessed by Edward Pethtel Jr. and wife Barbara, who were on their front porch at 207 Center Avenue. Ambulance, police and fire personnel were summoned.

Taucher, who managed to walk away from the scene, was taken by Northwest Ambulance and Chair Service to Washington Hospital, where he was treated for facial lacerations and released.

Ray Taucher-It's a Close Call

The Record-Enterprise-September 13, 1995 Edition

Teddy Nicksick Is Presented With Top Athletic Award

Slovan's Teddy Nicksick, rated as the hottest basketball player of the Southwest, was recently awarded the Texas Wesleyan College's Jack Dempsey trophy for being chosen the "Most Outstanding Athlete" of the campus. The trophy, sponsored by the Adam Hat Company, is presented annually to the athlete winning in a secret poll of all students on the campus.

Touted by all that have seen him perform on the hardwoods, as one of the better ball hawks of modern times, Teddy was chosen for the award over about the best group of athletes to come out of TWC. Possessing amazing basketball artistry, Nicksick was a true sportsman, as was proven by his willingness to be content with feeding his teammates and letting them rack up the points. An excellent representative of the type of athlete that TWC produces, Nicksick highlighted many a game with his dart-like movement and accurate bullet passes to propel his club towards victory over the stiffest competition in the Southwest. It was Teddy's play that spearheaded TWC to one of their finest basketball seasons on record.

As a further evidence of his great popularity, Teddy Nicksick was unanimously elected to the presidency of his senior class. A great tribute to a fine athlete, and all around, swell guy! (Pittsburgh writers--aren't your faces red? what scoops you missed on this one! He was hot copy all season.)

Teen Canteen Notes

A door prize donated by Dalene Alrutz was won by Jane Smith. A cake made by Mrs. Virginia Maslyk was won by Janet Smith and Wayne Nice.

Last week, after a pleasant evening of dancing, a candy walk was held. The candy, donated by Mrs. Betty Tidball, was won by Bill Harvey and John Guna. Chaperones last week were Mrs. Betty Tidball, Mrs. Patty Rotellini, Mrs. Mary Maslyk and Dalene Alrutz. Chaperones for the week of October 31 are Shirley Dennis and Gay Fafette.

A Hallowe'en Dance will be held October 31 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All teen-agers over 12 years of age are invited to attend. Parents are welcome to observe the dance.

Canteen Source Of Recreation For Community Teenagers

(This article was submitted by Mrs. J. G. McDonald in answer to a request for a summary of activities by the Burgettstown Teen-Canteen. The article begins with the organization and sums up how the canteen has operated for several months.)

Credit is given to Mrs. McDonald for her fine effort to make the canteen a source of clean and entertaining recreation for the community's youth.)

THE TEEN-CANTEEN

On May 6, 1954, the Teen-Canteen was officially opened. Its main purpose is to give the junior teen-agers of Burgettstown, Smith Township and the Parochial school districts a supervised recreation period.

The Teen-Canteen is a "must" in every community where there are young people. Our Canteen is just that, a place where teen-agers can meet and enjoy themselves, and where their plans are considered, their individuality is established and their social adjustments are greatly aided.

Each teen-ager from 12 to 16 is given a registration card through the school and must present this to be admitted. From each age group two representatives were elected to form a council. This council met with the supervisors and several rules were established:

1. No one will be permitted to leave the Canteen until 10 p.m. If any member leaves without permission, his membership card will be confiscated.

2. Hours will be from 8 until 10 p.m.

3. No smoking

4. Tickets are obtainable from the school for those in the 12 and 16 year age group

5. Persons wearing blue jeans will not be admitted, unless stated otherwise.

The success of the Teen-age Canteen is due to many individuals who have generously given not only their time, but provided a place for the young people of our community.

Special thanks must go to: Burgess J. R. Canning for his interest and understanding counsel; D. Mungello who made the Mary Ann hall available and to the Knights of Columbus for continued use of the hall; William P. Miller who arranged for the printing and distribution of the registration cards in the schools; the Canonsburg Music Union and each individual orchestra who gave their time and talent for the success of our special Canteen evenings; to all the chaperones who have given time and patience so willingly for the Canteen; to the parents who showed interest and encouragement by visiting the Canteen; and to the Teen-agers themselves for the spontaneous enthusiasm and continued cooperation.

Our attendance on Canteen evenings is very good, sometimes as many as 200 members are present. Due to the generosity of many people, no finances have been necessary and no fee has ever been charged.

An application has been submitted to the Chamber of Commerce to be the official sponsor of this successful Teen-age Canteen.

Temporary Injunctions Against Brewers

Judge J. A. McIlvaine, in an opinion handed down Monday, temporarily enjoined the brewing companies, wholesalers and agents, against whom District Attorney I. W. Baum recently filed bills in equity, from selling in this county.

At the conclusion of the hearing in which the Victor Brewing Co. of Jeannette was the defendant, Judge McIlvaine remarked: "I am going to put this case in such shape that either side may carry it to the supreme court if they so wish, and then maybe we will get some law covering this question of outside wholesalers doing business in counties other than that in which they hold a license to sell."

During hearings Freight Agent W. A. Reed, of Burgettstown, testified as to beer shipped here. J. P. McCune, superintendent of Atlasburg coal mines, testified as to the amount delivered there, the manner of distribution and its bad effect on the miners. C. D. Nicholson, policeman at Langeloth, corroborated other witnesses as to the large amount of booze and told of the trouble experienced with miners due to overdrinking.

**Temporary Injunction Against Brewers
The Burgettstown Call- March 1, 1917 Edition**

THANKSGIVING IN 1942
WILL BE "SAME OLD DAY"

President Roosevelt has decided that his experiments in changing the date of Thanksgiving have been a failure and that beginning in 1942 the holiday again will be established on its traditional date—the last Thursday in November.

The President said that Thanksgiving Day this year will be proclaimed for the next to last Thursday in November because it now is too late to revise previous commitments to calendar makers and other groups.

But next year, he said, he will proclaim Thanksgiving Day for the final Thursday of November, the day on which the holiday had been celebrated until 1939 when he changed it.

The President was frank in admitting that his shift in dates had proved a failure. He described it as an experiment—an experiment that did not work.

Thanksgiving in 1942 Will be "Same old Day"
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 19, 1941 Edition

The Big Fire of 1895

The Enterprise-December 5, 1895 Edition

Friday morning, Nov. 29th, Burgettstown was visited by the most disastrous fire in the history of the town. A detailed account of this occurrence may be stale reading to citizens of the town and immediate vicinity, but it is the duty of THE ENTERPRISE to record it for the information of its readers at a distance and also as an important event in local history.

The fire originated in W.E. Lowe's barbershop. How it started is not definitely known. Mr. Lowe left a gas jet burning the evening before, as was his custom, and the gas was also burning in the stove, but from all the information we can get neither was turned on very strong, and the ceiling was protected from the jet by a tin shield. At about 4:45 a.m. J.G. Shane, who watches and keeps up fires in the Burgettstown Accommodation, passed the barber shop on his way to wake the crew of the accommodation. He noticed nothing unusual. Returning 15 minutes later he discovered the room full of flames and smoke. The blaze was too strong for him to subdue himself, and he immediately ran to his engine and gave the alarm by blowing the whistle. Within two minutes several citizens were on the ground but the fire had gained too much headway and they devoted themselves to saving adjoining property. Those who first saw the fire say that it seemed to have started at the eastern edge of the ceiling of the shop, which was wood. From the barber shop the fire communicate to the harness shop of Cyrus McCreary on the western side and under the same roof. These shops belonged to Burgettstown National Bank. McCreary's shop was ablaze in a few minutes, and in very little time that it takes to tell it both shops were a mass of ruins, and the Masonic Hall on the west side, belonging to J.L. Patterson, and the old bank building on the east side, belonging to the Burgettstown Bank, were on fire. The Hall was occupied on the first floor by A.E. McCabe, grocer; Thos. Forsyth, merchant tailor, and J. A. MacKenzie, musical instruments; on the second floor by Richard Vaux Lodge 454, R & A.M., the Burgettstown Council Jr. O.U.A.M., and Joseph Armstrong, insurance agent. The bank building was occupied by Isaac Fleming as a dwelling and restaurant. It was soon seen that neither of these buildings could be saved, and the volunteer fire brigade which by that time numbered several hundred, devoted itself to try to save adjoining buildings and property contained in them. A bucket line was formed to the creek, people carried water from the neighboring wells and cisterns, and others stationed themselves on the threatened buildings, covering the exposed surfaces with salt and blankets, throwing water on them. The next building to go was Dr. R.W. Riddle's stable at the rear of the Hall, then his coal house, and then his office caught fire, and it was only by the most strenuous efforts that the latter was saved. Within fifteen minutes after the Hall caught fire, a volume of flames rolled across the 30-foot street on the west side and enveloped the long frame building of B.F. McClure & Bros., occupied by them on the first floor as a hardware and implement store, and on the second floor by the ENTERPRISE-CALL office. This was soon a mass of flames and the heat was intense. This was the critical point. The men were beginning to get control of the fire on the east and south, and if McClure Bros.' stable could be saved it could be checked on the west. For half of an hour everybody was in suspense, and men never put in better work than did those who so earnestly tried to save their neighbor's property. We said men, but women should be included, for they were there and helped nobly. On all sides of the fire men were fighting it with energy of desperation. A great deal depended on their efforts. If the fire broke out again on the east or south side it meant the probable destruction of the that portion of town between the railroad and the creek, and on the west, at least five more dwellings would have gone and three or four more sheds. Within an hour and a quarter after the fire first broke out McClure's building had fallen in, and all danger to neighboring property, under the favorable condition of the weather, was over. However it was a narrow escape. Dr. Riddle's residence and office, McClure's stable, Armor & Linn's warehouse and J. E. Fulton's feed store were all badly scorched. The old frame building of A.S. Berryhill, occupied by Thos. Russo, was in great danger, and the fact that the old bank building was saved it, and consequently that whole end of town. A fire engine was sent for to Steubenville, but before it got here the fire was under control and the order was countermanded. Several men has their faces and hands blistered and their clothing burned.

So rapid was the fire that comparative little of the movable property was saved. Following is a list of the loses as nearly we can ascertain them; Burgettstown National Bank, on old bank building, \$2,300, insurance \$1700; on shops, \$800, insurance \$300, J.L. Patterson, on Masonic Hall, \$3,500; insurance \$2,500; W.E. Lowe, on barber shop, \$250; covered by insurance, Cyrus McCready, harness and saddle stock, \$500; no insurance. A.E. McCabe, groceries, \$800; insurance \$500. Thomas Forsythe, tailoring stock, \$150: no insurance. J.A. MacKenzie, musical merchandise and sewing machines, \$150; no insurance. Jos. Armstrong office furniture, \$75; no insurance. Richard Vaux lodge, \$650; insurance \$500. Jr. D.U.A.M., \$350; no insurance. Isaac Fleming, household furniture \$650; insurance \$500; restaurant and confectionary stock, \$500; insurance \$300, Dr. W.V. Riddle, stable, coal house, damage to house and office, &c., \$500; no insurance. B.F. McClure & Bro., store building, hardware, sewing machines, implements, etc., \$8,000; insurance \$4,700. The ENTERPRISE-CALL plant was worth over \$3,200.

Compliments of the Fort Vance Historical Society

THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

Week of May 26, 1909

Miss Margaret Jane Moore, one of the oldest residents of Jefferson township and an early school teacher of the township, who was past 87 years old, walked from her home to Eldersville, a distance of about two miles, and returned afoot in the evening. She lived alone in a log cabin.

Andrew Farrar of Midway was badly injured by falling against a circular saw on a mill on the Thomas McBride farm, near Raccoon. The young man was saved from death by Joseph Ceba, who stopped the saw at the risk of his own life.

The following deaths were reported: Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, aged 87; W. W. Davidson, oldest resident of Hickory, aged 80; Mrs. Nancy Smith of Wellsburg, W. Va., aged 77; Elsie Pack of Smith township, aged 2.

The baseball season opened with the following players lined up in the Burgettstown team: Davis, A. Westlake, Kuhns, F. Andrews, Pollock, H. Andrews, Manson, Leopold, W. F. Andrews and Russell.

The following were teachers in the Burgettstown schools: Minnie Simpson, Anna L. Pyle, Essa L. Scott, S. Eleanor McBride, Beulah B. Roney, G. R. Norris. Mr. Norris was principal.

While going through the woods on the C. C. Robinson farm, Hayes Miller and Melvin Marsh of Hickory came upon a nest of five little foxes which they took into captivity.

John R. Studa was beginning the erection of a new residence on the Rev. Hood lot where the old house built more than a hundred years before, was being torn down.

Tom C. Linn, W. K. Scott, Paul Lyon and S. J. McNary, local students at Penn State College, wrote a letter to the home town paper commending the Burgettstown schools.

The supervisors of Smith, Robinson and Independence townships were preparing to experiment with the construction of brick roads.

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Events of Other Times From
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From files of Enterprise of October
13, 1909—22 years ago:

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The decomposed body of Charles Hufnagle of Hanover township was found in a corn field by his daughter. His throat was cut, head badly hacked with a corn cutter and one eye torn from its socket. He had been missing from home for 10 days and his murder was shrouded in deepest mystery.

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Miss Agnes Reed of Washington, formerly of Burgettstown, was married to Prof. L. R. Crumrine, superintendent of the Washington county schools, at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. M. Reed of New York, brother of the bride.

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A farewell party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Snyder at Midway, in honor of Miss Ethel Smith who was preparing to move to Oregon.

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Geo. H. Burnham resigned his position as special officer at Francis mine to take a position with the Meadowlands Coal Co.

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Prof. George R. Norris, principal of the Burgettstown public schools arranged for a series of six Lyceum entertainments for the winter.

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John Klitse of Carnegie, a conductor on a P. R. R. freight train was killed at Bulger while shifting cars into the Verner mine.

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Miss Nancy Margaret McCalmont, aged 67 years, died at Hickory. Several relatives reside in Burgettstown.

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Prof. Harry Noah and his mother moved from Dinsmore to Burgettstown.

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Dr. W. R. Thompson of Frankfort preached in the Florence Presbyterian church on Sunday.

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Elizabeth Gedman, aged 4 years, died of pneumonia at her home at Francis mine.

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Grover Hemphill and family moved to the Stottlemeyer house near the station.

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J. W. Ewing and family of Casey, Ill., motored to Burgettstown for a visit with relatives and friends.

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Enterprise of Oct. 20, 1909

John Rea Beatty of Steubenville paid a visit to his birthplace, the old stone house in Crosscreek township, erected in 1789. Mr. Beatty was 81 years old at the time of his visit and recalled many stirring experiences of his active life. He went to California during the hectic days of the '49 gold rush and prospected for gold in many sections. During the Civil War he was a member of Co. H, Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

The following is a list of the pastors of local churches, according to the church notices: Rev. W. M. Hayes, First Presbyterian; Rev. E. W. Byers, Westminster Presbyterian; Rev. Morris Watson, First United Presbyterian; Rev. T. A. Gibson, Robinson United Presbyterian.

At this time the management of the Enterprise was in the hands of the Enterprise Publishing Co. and the personnel was made up as follows: L. H. Fullerton, president; D. S. Taylor, secretary and treasurer; B. M. Talbot, editor and manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Ferguson of Hoidays Cove visited in the local section a few days prior to their departure for a trip around the world which they expected would take about six months.

In the salt sand at a depth of 865 feet, on the P. & S. W. C. Co. farm, near Avella, drillers struck a heavy gas flow. This was the first gas discovered in the Avella district.

Deaths reported for the week were: Mrs. Carrie Park Shillito, aged 32 years; Mrs. May Yolton, aged 87 years of Midway; Jacob Donaldson, aged 74 years, of Murdocksville.

Sparks from a passing railroad engine set fire to a barn on the Harris farm near Raccoon. The building and entire contents were destroyed.

Edward Woodyard of Florence was badly injured in a fall from an oil derrick rigging while working on the A. H. Kerr farm.

Miss Mary Moore was elected to a teaching position in Cook's school in Cecil township.

Heavy frosts were reported as occurring throughout the local area during the week.

Alexander McClintock returned from a three-months' visit to his old home in Ireland.

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From the Enterprise of October 20, 1909:

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The coroner's jury in the case of Charles Hufnagle of Hanover township, found dead in a cornfield after having been missing for 10 days, brought in a verdict of death from natural causes, the evidence of an undertaker showing that all the marks on the body had been made after death. The people of Paris were much disappointed with the verdict, and insisted the man had been murdered and the body mutilated as described last week.

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A piano recital was given by the pupils of Miss Clara Witherspoon in her home, with a good-sized audience present. The pupils taking part were: Anna Margaret Andrews, Pearl Hogue, Helen Figley, Lina Ewing, Ruth Nicholls, Ronald Miller, Gertrude Linn, Hilda Pyle, Margaret Lyon, Nellie Duncan, William Lyon, Leila Morgan, Mary Creighton, Marjorie Pyle, Floy Chase, Louise Blose, Ada Fleming, Emily Glessner, Esther McNary, Elizabeth Ackelson, Bessie Evans and Robert Stottlemeyer.

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A suit case, half covered by leaves, was found by hunters in the woods about two miles south of town. They found the suit case full of clothing. Near by was a freshly made mound of earth, and the hunters were quite sure murder had been done and the victim buried in the place. State police were called in on the case and it was found that the mound was nothing more than loose earth dug out of a groundhog hole. The mystery of the suit case, however, was not solved.

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A correspondent in a letter to the editor stated that 50 years ago the town of Paris, in Hanover township, was the wool trade center of Washington county, but the business had been killed by the building of the Panhandle railroad and the opening of coal mines, which interfered with the sheep-raising industry.

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The annual convention of district Sunday School association was held in the First Presbyterian church.

The Long Ago

Events of Other Times from Various Sources of History and Local Legends
Enterprise- October 20, 1909 Edition

THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

From the Enterprise of November
3, 1909:

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It is reported that the construction of a trolley line, the Pittsburgh, Chester & East Liverpool Ry., is to be started soon. The line will run from Pittsburgh through the south side of Beaver county, not far from local territory.

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Hanlin station school report for October: Number enrolled, 6 males and 12 females; per cent of attendance, 97. The following missed no time during the month: John Ross, Ethel Shields, Elva Cox, Virginia Cox, Marie Bell, Gladys Strain, Mazie Barber. Visitors, 6. Mabel Smith, teacher.

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Report of Eldersville school for month of October: Number enrolled, 19 boys and 15 girls; average attendance, 90; present every day, Eva Kidd, Frances Smith, Viola Truax, Anna Anderson, Willetta Boles, Martha Gillespie, Florence Robertson, Jeane Irwin, Hattie Brock, Merle Irwin, Clarence Boles, Earl Davidson, Raymond Kidd, Jefferson Griffith, Robert Sanders. Visitors, 3. Pearl Cassidy, teacher.

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The Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McCalmont and daughter of Butler, J. E. McCalmont of Pittsburgh and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. McCalmont and son James E., ate Thanksgiving day turkey with their parents at Paris.

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Deaths of the week reported: James C. Wilson, aged 67 years, died at his home at New Bedford, Lawrence county. He was born at Frankfort and was a Civil War veteran. Kenneth Danley, 18 months old son of Mrs. Stark Danley, died at the home of his mother at Cherry Valley. A two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. James Weller of White Rock died at the home of the parents.

The Long Ago

Events of Other Times from Various Sources of History and Local Legends
Enterprise- November 3, 1909 Edition

THE LONG AGO
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Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

The following items are taken from the Enterprise of November 3, 1909, 22 years ago. They should not be confused with the news of the present day.

In the past week officers have made several arrests, but none more disgusting than the one Sunday evening when some Cherry Valley residents alighted from the Wheeling train, tanked with booze given them by a McDonald club.

Edward Jackson, aged 70 years, died at his home near Florence after an illness of several months.

Miss Hattie Malone entertained a party of 50 guests in her home at Bulger.

Byron King, noted teacher of oratory of Pittsburgh, delivered a lecture in the Florence Presbyterian church.

John Studa moved into his new brick house on Washington avenue.

Clarke R. Cook is having his residence raised about three feet and having a cellar put under it.

A good pressure of gas and some oil was found in the well being drilled on the Witherspoon farm near Bavington. The showing was found in the "Big Injun" sand, and the well was being drilled deeper in anticipation of getting greater production.

A wreck occasioned by fast driving of horses on the public highway resulted in the filing of a damage suit by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell of Midway against George Shaffer of Midway. It was averred that Shaffer was driving his horses at a gallop and collided with the Russell vehicle as he was passing around. The Russells were thrown from their wagon and seriously injured. They demanded \$2,000 damage.

In the general election 155 votes were polled in the borough and a very light vote was cast in Smith township.

The borough school report for the month of October shows a total enrollment of 267 pupils, with six teachers employed. The average attendance was about 40 per cent.

THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

From the issue of the Enterprise
of November 10, 1909:

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The first high school class in Burgettstown was started in 1889. Since then (until 1909) 101 students have been graduated from the school. Eleven are now in college and 17 are engaged in teaching. In the death of Prof. R. P. Stevenson the Burgettstown schools lost one of its best friends. He was one of the foremost educators of the state and served a number of years on the local school board. He organized the Eldersville normal school and was its principal for several years.

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Local dairymen were indignant regarding a speech made at the second annual meeting of milk dealers held at the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce by R. L. Munce of Canonsburg, one of the most prominent men connected with the milk and cream industry in Pennsylvania. Mr. Munce described the average milk dealer, or many of them, as "conducting their business in a slothful manner and offering the public milk that is not even fit for their own hogs."

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Robert C. Cross, John C. Cross and Susannah Cross of Hanover township petitioned the Washington County Court to determine the facts in the matter of a dispute and contest in the will of Mitchell R. Cross, deceased. The brothers and sister alleged undue influence over their father's action by the principal devisee and executor of the will.

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James Donaldson, 20 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson of Bavington lost all the fingers of his right hand when the hand was caught in a corn shredder. The young man was taken to a Pittsburgh hospital, where two different operations were necessary.

Robert Caldwell, 70 years old, a member of the Burgettstown Post, Grand Army of the Republic, died in his home near Paris. He was born on the farm on which he died, and had spent his entire life there with the exception of four years in the army.

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A horse owned by M. R. People of Cherry Valley and driven by Everett Wilson, was instantly killed in stumbling over a molasses barrel which had been rolled into the middle of the road at Johnson's store as a Hallowe'en prank.

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An exceptionally well-produced entertainment was given by the Cross Creek high school students. Mrs. Gus Zaebisch directed the music. In charge of the production were Miss M. Eola Smith, principal, and Miss Nellie A. Gault, assistant, of the Cross Creek schools.

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Burgettstown high school football eleva defeated Noblestown A. C. by a score of 10 to nothing in a spirited game. The local lineup was: Richards, Huber, E. Smiley, Seabright, Pollock, Westlake, Pugh, Mackenzie, Exley, C. Smiley, Kane.

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After eating a hearty breakfast, John Kuzma, a miner, arose from the table in a boarding house at Block No. 7, Avella, and fell dead. Death was due to a sudden heart attack.

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Dr. W. S. Clark was the unfortunate victim of a painful boil on his face.

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Reports of Smith township schools showed 15 teachers, 427 pupils and a high average attendance, for month of October, 1909.

The Long Ago

Events of Other Times from Various Sources of Local History and Old Legends
Enterprise- November 10, 1909

THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

The following items are taken from the Enterprise, issue of November 17, 1909—22 years ago:

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Thaddeus S. Danley, aged 38 years, died at his home at Cherry Valley.

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Mrs. Marie Furniss, aged 63 years, wife of Thomas M. Furniss, died at her home at South Burgettstown.

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The Men's Brotherhood of the First Presbyterian church had as speakers the Rev. W. M. Hays, W. M. McMurray, James Leith and Richard Hill. R. C. Cassidy had charge of the meeting.

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On the complaints of Supervisors S. C. Cunningham, James W. Gillespie and J. H. Murchland of Jefferson township, the Washington county court granted a writ commanding John A. Berry, Thomas Hill and W. J. Smith, County Commissioners, to rebuild a bridge over Cross Creek, between Jefferson and Independence townships to replace a structure that had been carried away by floods in July, 1907.

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The Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal Co. is constructing a large dam on the Dinsmore farm, opposite the Dinsmore railroad station. It will be the largest project of the kind in Washington county. A reinforced concrete wall, seven feet thick, 14 feet high and 235 feet long forms the breastworks of the dam. The estimated capacity of the reservoir is 10,000,000 gallons of water.

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Taxable property in Burgettstown is valued at \$601,580, according to the triennial report of the assessor. In Burgettstown taxable property rose in value \$62,610 in three years. There are 482 taxables in the borough and the value of real estate is placed at \$505,625.

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The Burgettstown high school and the Oakdale high school footballists clashed on the local field, Oakdale winning by a score of 29 to nothing. The Oakdale players depended largely upon their illegal mode of playing and argument to win.

The Long Ago

Events of Other Times from Various Sources of History and Local Legends
Enterprise- November 17, 1909 Edition

THE LONG AGO
Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

The following news paragraphs are taken from the Enterprise of December 15, 1909:

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John Shaffer of Burgettstown was seriously injured and his wagon entirely demolished when struck by a fast passenger train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Patterson's crossing about a half mile from Burgettstown. The horses were dragged a considerable distance but were not badly hurt. Shaffer was a teamster employed by V. F. Felch. He was picked up by the train crew and placed in the hands of a physician.

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The following deaths were recorded: Dr. G. H. Cook, one of the most widely known physicians of Washington county, died at his home at McDonald. He was 83 years old and had practiced medicine in the local area for about 60 years. George Dowler, aged 73 years, died at the home of his son-in-law, W. M. Danly, on the Caldwell farm, near Hickory.

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Miss Mary Judson Riddle entertained her music class at a Christmas dinner. A short recital program was given in which the following took part: James Smith, Laura Wilson, Anna Mary Lee, Ora Bell Nesbit, Elizabeth McClure, Martha Dunbar, Ella Keys, Bessie Singleton, Fred Glessner, Martha Young.

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Scott Parker of Cross Creek township sustained a fractured leg while at work in the local oil field. He was loading a drill stem on a wagon when a skid broke and the stem fell upon him.

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The Pittsburgh Boring Co. has been making tests for coal at Holidays Cove, four holes having been drilled to a depth of 350 feet. Drillers refused to comment on what results were obtained in the tests.

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The drill was started in the Tom Johnson No. 2 well near Cross Creek by Kelly Bros. and Cooper. Wells so far brought in were light producers, but it is believed this well will make a better showing.

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An oil well on the James Gault farm was reported to be producing eight barrels per week, and the well on the Henry Gault farm was producing 12 barrels weekly.

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Mary Judson Riddle was soloist at a club meeting at the home of Dr. Simpson at Carnegie.

THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

The following paragraphs are selected from the Enterprise of January 12, 1910—22 years ago:

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At the annual meeting of the stock holders of the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown, the following directors were elected for the year: J. A. Ray, R. K. Scott, David G. Jones, M. R. Stephenson, A. C. Wilson, F. M. Barber, J. W. Keys, R. C. Vance and J. Winfield Reed.

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A number of citizens met at Racoon and organized a Sabbath School which was to be held in the public school building. There were 25 persons present and the following officers were elected: Superintendent, Andrew Proudfit; secretary, Dr. H. E. Moore; treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Moore. Miss Lily Simpson was elected assistant superintendent.

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Cyrus W. Boles of Eldersville kept a record of the weather of the year 1909, and reported as follows: Rain, 144 days; snow, 34 days; cloudy, 73 days; partly cloudy, 41 days; clear, 15 days; thunder and lightning, 39 days; hours of rain, 295; hours of snow, 26½.

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The biggest gas strike in the local region so far reported was made in the Keener sand, on the T. M. Johnson farm, three miles south of the village of Cross Creek, in a well drilled by Kelly & Cooper. The production was estimated at about 5,000,000 cubic feet a day.

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A meeting was held in the office of T. M. Hunt by a group of farmers of the local district, and an organization effected by the election of the following officers: President, J. B. Henderson, Burgettstown; secretary-treasurer, B. K. McConnell, Cecil township.

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Deaths reported for the week were as follows: Mrs. J. W. English, wife of the Rev. J. W. English, a former pastor of the Robinson Run United Presbyterian Church, died at Riverside, California. She was 45 years of age. Mrs. Samantha Finnegan, aged 66 years, died at the home of her stepson, James A. Finnegan, at Frankfort Springs.

The Long Ago

Events of other Times from Various Sources of Local History and Old Legends
Enterprise- January 12, 1910

THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

The following items of interest of other times are taken from the issue of the Enterprise of December 22, 1909:

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A successful series of evangelistic meetings were held in the Cross Creek Presbyterian church by Evangelist R. L. Warnock. Ten new members were received into the church.

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Zelma Haney, a young girl of the Plum Run district, while shaking a rug over the railing of a porch, fell a distance of about seven feet and alighted on her head. She was rendered unconscious, but was not seriously injured.

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Three sessions of farmers' institutes were successfully held in the near by community under the direction of D. S. Taylor. The sessions were largely attended and were of exceptional interest and profit to the agriculturists of the community.

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Three years ago Cross Creek township contained 2,530 acres of timber land; now there remains only 1,751 acres on which timber is reported. According to these figures there was cut 779 acres of timber during the past three years.

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Deaths of the week: Andrew Devore, aged 62 years, died at his home at Frankfort; Charles McCullough, a brother of A. McCullough of Dinsmore, died at his home at Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Frank L. (Morgan) Miller, aged 52 years, died at her home at Elliott. She was a member of the well-known Morgan family of Bulger; William C. Mullen, aged 31 years, died at his home at Crafton. He leaves relatives at Eldersville and elsewhere about the local community; John M. Cowden, aged 45 years, one of the most prominent farmers of the district, died at his home in Mt. Pleasant township after a very brief illness with pneumonia.

The Long Ago

Events of Other Times from Various Sources of Local History and Old Legends
Enterprise-December 22, 1909 Edition

THE LONG AGO
Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

The following items are extracted from the Enterprise of December 27, 1909:

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Demented by illness, Mrs. Fred Attel, 41 years old, of near Frankfort Springs, locked the doors of her home after the children had gone to school and killed herself with a shot from a revolver. Her husband was in Burgettstown at the time of the tragedy.

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The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan Sharp was celebrated at the home in Cross Creek by a large company of friends. Four witnesses of the marriage ceremony were present.

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Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Bethel Methodist church in Jefferson township. The loss was estimated at more than \$8,000, with insurance of \$2,500.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Events of the Long Ago Selected
From Files of the Enterprise and
From Other Sources

Following paragraphs are taken from the Burgettstown Call of January 13, 1887—44 years ago:

According to a list made by Samuel Allen, the following interments were made in Cross Creek cemetery during the year 1886: January 21, Abram Russell, aged 83; February 7, Samuel, son of Lowry and Julia Curry, aged 3; February 16, Mrs. Mary McFee, aged 83; February 19, Hampton Kerr, son of Dr. Thomas and Annie Stockton, aged 3; March 3, Miss Nannie Perrine, aged 16; March 25, William Lyle, aged 61; April 6, Charles Smith, aged 50; July 16, Mrs. Elizabeth Boyles, aged 79; October 24, Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, age not given; December 2, Miss Samantha Russell, aged 78; December 14, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, aged 83.

The following jurors were drawn from the Burgettstown district: Grand jury, E. H. Jackson, Joseph Marquis, David C. Ross, John Wilson, S. S. Hanlin, John Holmes, John Witherpoon and W. G. White. Traverse jury, Alexander Hayes, William Proudfit, J. H. Pollock, James Savage, S. G. Cunningham, J. W. Sutherland, W. C. Clark, William Dunbar, A. C. Proudfit and Matthew M. Welch.

The Rev. Ross Stevenson, D. D., of Washington held communion services in the Burgettstown First Presbyterian church. Nine new members were received into the church at the time.

Five passenger trains daily and one Sunday train on the Panhandle division of the P. C. C. & St. L. railroad stopped at Burgettstown between the hours of 5:33 a. m., and 8:49 p. m.

Mrs. Matthew Moore, aged 40 years, wife of John M. Moore, died at her home in Smith township. She was a daughter of the late J. L. Proudfit.

Mrs. James McPherson of Cecil township weighs 322 pounds. She is probably the largest individual in Washington county.

Postmaster Stevenson reported that during the month of December, 1886, 19,985 letters and 13,653 packages passed through the local postoffice.

This Week in History

Events of Long Ago Selected from the File of the Enterprise and From Other Sources

Burgettstown Call- January 13, 1887 Edition

THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

The following news items are taken from the Enterprise of January 19, 1910—22 years ago:

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Deaths reported for the week were as follows: Harold Raymond, aged 15 years, died at the home of his parents at Hanlin station while sleeping on a couch on a Sunday afternoon. A sudden heart attack was given as the cause. Harry Pack, formerly of Burgettstown, was found dead in bed at the home of Fred Ross at Hanlin Station. Cause of death was not given.

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The celebration of the crystal wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloom was made a community event of such elaboration that the Fulton hall was engaged by friends in order to accommodate the multitude. There were speeches by prominent men of the town, dancing and other features denoting a gala occasion.

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James King, an 18-year-old boy of Bavington, who had disappeared from his home about seven months before, was located at Newark, where he had been working on a farm. No explanations were made as to the cause of the boy leaving home and keeping his whereabouts a secret.

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It was reported that capitalists were in the local neighborhood endeavoring to buy 1,800 acres of coal land between Woodrow and the Burgettstown valley at \$200 per acre. Owners were said to be unwilling to sell at the price offered.

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Sergeant Jacobs of the State Police detail was transferred to Greensburg and replaced here by Philip Roller of Washington. The local unit of State Police was composed of Troopers Roller, Davis and Ivery.

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George A. McBurney of Hickory was seriously burned by an explosion of gasoline while at work in the oil fields near Holidays Cove.

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Miss Marjorie Alberta Pyle of Burgettstown was united in marriage to Earl Jones of Wilkinsburg.

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Miss Olive A. Marshall of Hickory was married to Ray F. White of Scottsdale.

The Long Ago

Events of other Times from Various Sources of Local History and Old Legends
Enterprise- January 19, 1910

THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
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the Enterprise of January 26, 1910:

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Deaths reported week of January 26, 1910: Mrs. Ocea Donnan Bierly, daughter of the late Alexander Donnan, died of a sudden heart attack at her home near Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Benjamin F. Hill, Civil War veteran and an elder of the Raccoon Presbyterian church, died at his home at Candor. Mrs. David Knox, 82 years old, died at the home of a son at Oakdale. She was the mother of Mrs. Ella Tucker of Florence, and the grandmother of Mrs. Grover Hemphill and Vida and Norman Ewing.

Joshua McFadden, formerly of Burgettstown, died at El Paso, Texas. He was a member of the Burgettstown Masonic lodge.

Mrs. Phoebe French White, wife of Dr. John White, died at her home at Washington. She was 85 years old, a former resident of Burgettstown and one of the best-known women of the county.

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During the week the reservoir at Dinsmore was completed. The retaining wall was 316 feet long, eight feet wide at the base and three feet at the top and 16 feet deep, with eight feet under ground and eight feet above. The estimated capacity of the dam was 11,000,000 gallons.

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News reached Burgettstown of the marriage, at Casey, Illinois, of C. S. Ewing, son of Mrs. William Ewing, and brother of William Ewing and Mrs. George Lyon of Burgettstown. Mr. Ewing was engaged in oil production in Illinois.

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W. B. Culley's barred Plymouth Rock hens took one of the prizes at the Canonsburg poultry show, and C. L. Culley also captured first prize with an entry of Blue Andalusians.

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The manufacture of ice was begun during the week by the Burgettstown Milling & Plate Ice Co. Eight men were employed to handle the output, which was about 50 tons daily.

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Many residents of Burgettstown attended a gathering at Raccoon held in honor of the birthday anniversary of John Simpson, Sr. The principal speech-makers were the Rev. J. V. Stevenson, Dr. R. W. Moore and Andrew Proudfit.

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Alden Miller, well-known horseman, of the Bancroft stock farms near Avella, sold his famous race horse, "Moonshine," to Homer Bros., Greenville. The horse had raced on the Burgettstown track many times.

The Long Ago

Events of other Times from Various Sources of Local History and Old Legends
Enterprise-January 26, 1910 Edition

THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

The following items are extracted from the Enterprise of December 27, 1909:

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Demented by illness, Mrs. Fred Attel, 41 years old, of near Frankfort Springs, locked the doors of her home after the children had gone to school and killed herself with a shot from a revolver. Her husband was in Burgettstown at the time of the tragedy.

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The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan Sharp was celebrated at the home in Cross Creek by a large company of friends. Four witnesses of the marriage ceremony were present.

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Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Bethel Methodist church in Jefferson township. The loss was estimated at more than \$8,000, with insurance of \$2,500.

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Deaths reported during the week: William Miller, aged 71 years, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Andrews of South Burgettstown. He had been a resident of Burgettstown for six years. Fred G. Pate, 14 years old, died of pneumonia at the home of his aunt, Mrs. John Falconer of Burgettstown. Joseph Scott, aged 5 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Scott, died at the home of the parents at Wellsville, Ohio. Funeral services were held in the home of J. G. Scott on Center avenue, Burgettstown, and interment made in Fairview cemetery. James Ralston, aged 83 years, died of a heart attack in his home near Kings Creek. He was a prominent farmer of the district. He was survived by his widow, 10 children and 66 grandchildren.

The Long Ago

Events of Long Ago Selected from Various Sources of Local History and Old Legends

Enterprise-December 27, 1909 Edition

THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

The following items of interest of other times are taken from the issue of the Enterprise of December 22, 1909:

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A successful series of evangelistic meetings were held in the Cross Creek Presbyterian church by Evangelist R. L. Warnock. Ten new members were received into the church.

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Zelma Haney, a young girl of the Plum Run district, while shaking a rug over the railing of a porch, fell a distance of about seven feet and alighted on her head. She was rendered unconscious, but was not seriously injured.

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Three sessions of farmers' institutes were successfully held in the near by community under the direction of D. S. Taylor. The sessions were largely attended and were of exceptional interest and profit to the agriculturists of the community.

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Three years ago Cross Creek township contained 2,530 acres of timber land; now there remains only 1,751 acres on which timber is reported. According to these figures there was cut 779 acres of timber during the past three years.

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Deaths of the week: Andrew Devore, aged 62 years, died at his home at Frankfort; Charles McCullough, a brother of A. McCullough of Dinsmore, died at his home at Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Frank L. (Morgan) Miller, aged 52 years, died at her home at Elliott. She was a member of the well-known Morgan family of Bulger; William C. Mullen, aged 31 years, died at his home at Crafton. He leaves relatives at Eldersville and elsewhere about the local community; John M. Cowden, aged 45 years, one of the most prominent farmers of the district, died at his home in Mt. Pleasant township after a very brief illness with pneumonia.

The Long Ago

Events of Other Times from Various Sources of Local History and Old Legends
Enterprise-December 22, 1909 Edition

THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

From the issue of the Enterprise
of November 10, 1909:

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The first high school class in Burgettstown was started in 1889. Since then (until 1909) 101 students have been graduated from the school. Eleven are now in college and 17 are engaged in teaching. In the death of Prof. R. P. Stevenson the Burgettstown schools lost one of its best friends. He was one of the foremost educators of the state and served a number of years on the local school board. He organized the Eldersville normal school and was its principal for several years.

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Local dairymen were indignant regarding a speech made at the second annual meeting of milk dealers held at the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce by R. L. Munce of Canonsburg, one of the most prominent men connected with the milk and cream industry in Pennsylvania. Mr. Munce described the average milk dealer, or many of them, as "conducting their business in a slothful manner and offering the public milk that is not even fit for their own hogs."

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Robert C. Cross, John C. Cross and Susannah Cross of Hanover township petitioned the Washington County Court to determine the facts in the matter of a dispute and contest in the will of Mitchell R. Cross, deceased. The brothers and sister alleged undue influence over their father's action by the principal devisee and executor of the will.

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James Donaldson, 20 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson of Bavington lost all the fingers of his right hand when the hand was caught in a corn shredder. The young man was taken to a Pittsburgh hospital, where two different operations were necessary.

Robert Caldwell, 70 years old, a member of the Burgettstown Post, Grand Army of the Republic, died in his home near Paris He was born on the farm on which he died, and had spent his entire life there with the exception of four years in the army.

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A horse owned by M. R. People of Cherry Valley and driven by Everett Wilson, was instantly killed in stumbling over a molasses barrel which had been rolled into the middle of the road at Johnson's store as a Hallowe'en prank.

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An exceptionally well-produced entertainment was given by the Cross Creek high school students. Mrs. Gus Zaebisch directed the music. In charge of the production were Miss M. Eola Smith, principal, and Miss Nellie A. Gault, assistant, of the Cross Creek schools.

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Burgettstown high school football eleven defeated Noblestown A. C. by a score of 10 to nothing in a spirited game. The local lineup was: Richards, Huber, E. Smiley, Seabright, Pollock, Westlake, Pugh, Mackenzie, Exley, C. Smiley, Kane.

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After eating a hearty breakfast, John Kuzma, a miner, arose from the table in a boarding house at Block No. 7, Avella, and fell dead. Death was due to a sudden heart attack.

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Dr. W. S. Clark was the unfortunate victim of a painful boil on his face.

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Reports of Smith township schools showed 15 teachers, 427 pupils and a high average attendance, for month of October, 1909.

THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From
Various Sources of Local
History and Old Legends

The following items are taken from the Enterprise, issue of November 17, 1909—22 years ago:

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Thaddeus S. Danley, aged 38 years, died at his home at Cherry Valley.

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Mrs. Marie Furniss, aged 63 years, wife of Thomas M. Furniss, died at her home at South Burgettstown.

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The Men's Brotherhood of the First Presbyterian church had as speakers the Rev. W. M. Hays, W. M. McMurray, James Leith and Richard Hill. R. C. Cassidy had charge of the meeting.

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On the complaints of Supervisors S. C. Cunningham, James W. Gillespie and J. H. Murchland of Jefferson township, the Washington county court granted a writ commanding John A. Berry, Thomas Hill and W. J. Smith, County Commissioners, to rebuild a bridge over Cross Creek, between Jefferson and Independence townships to replace a structure that had been carried away by floods in July, 1907.

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The Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal Co. is constructing a large dam on the Dinsmore farm, opposite the Dinsmore railroad station. It will be the largest project of the kind in Washington county. A reinforced concrete wall, seven feet thick, 14 feet high and 235 feet long forms the breastworks of the dam. The estimated capacity of the reservoir is 10,000,000 gallons of water.

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Taxable property in Burgettstown is valued at \$601,350, according to the tri-enrial report of the assessor. In Burgettstown taxable property rose in value \$62,610 in three years. There are 482 taxables in the borough and the value of real estate is placed at \$505,625.

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The Burgettstown high school and the Oakdale high school footballists clashed on the local field. Oakdale winning by a score of 29 to nothing. The Oakdale players depended largely upon their illegal mode of playing and argument to win.

The Long Ago

Events of Other Times from Various Sources of History and Local Legends
Enterprise- November 17, 1909 Edition

THE NEWS.

Latest Styles of Fall Hats at Brimmer's.

Miss Lizzie Dornan gave us a pleasant call, last week.

Mrs. Bell Sills, of Allegheny city, is visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Instrumental music has been introduced into the U. P. church, at Washington, Pa.

Miss Kate Allen, of Bakerstown, Allegheny, Co., is visiting relatives in this locality.

WANTED.—A farm, to rent, suitable for dairy purposes. M. C. HILL, Midway, Pa. 15

Miss Nettie McNary, of Cross Creek township, is teaching school near Washington.

Dr. Joseph Bell, Dentist, of Florence, moved to part of Isaac Fleming's on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Shipley visited their niece, Mrs. J. R. Day, Allegheny City, last week.

Read the November card of Joseph Horne & Co's immense retail stores Penn Ave, Pittsburg.

Anderson & Jackson have received a new stock of Boots and Shoes. The public are requested to call and inspect.

S. B. Durfey, mate steamer Arizona, had his foot badly jammed. Thomas' Electric Oil cured it. Nothing equal to it for a quick pain reliever.

MARRIED.—By Rev. Alexander, October 30th, at his residence, Mr. W. A. Anderson to Miss Mary McGough, all of Washington county.

W. H. Fredericks, G. W. Hoffman, George M. McFarland, John W. Blair, John Parker, B. F. and W. A. Scott, were at home to vote on Tuesday.

WANTED.—All in need of Harness or Saddles to call on Wm. Blair, where the cheapest and as good as in the market may be found. Saddles from \$3 up.

Dr. J. A. Reed, Superintendent of Western Pennsylvania Hospital at Dixmont for over thirty years, died on the 6th inst., aged 61 years. He was a native of Washington, Pa.

H. H. McFadden, of the Steubenville *Gazette*, has prosecuted P. B. Conn, of the *Herald*, for criminal libel in publishing that Mr. McFadden was collecting money for the purchase of votes.

On Tuesday workmen commenced pipe laying from the Miller gas well, near Hickory, to Pittsburg. When the line is completed the Emory well will be connected. The pipe is eight inches in diameter.

Miss Asenath M. Daughtery died of consumption at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Dixmont, on Tuesday, November 4th. Her remains were interred in Presbyterian cemetery at this place Thursday afternoon.

Report of Point School, Cross Creek township.—Number enrolled, 32; average, 28; percentage, 88. Names of those not absent during month, Lewie Wiegman, John Wiegman, Minnie Wiegman, Della McFadden. Number of visitors, 1. D. W. Patterson, teacher.

Mr. John Cheek, who was the contractor for the work of the Presbyterian church has finished the job. All the fine work on this foundation was executed under the supervision of the contractor, Mr. Cheek's experience has been large and his work satisfactory.—*Wellsburg Local*.

Dr. H. S. Phillips, who has taken the full two years' course, and graduated at Hahnemann Medical College, the oldest homeopathic college in the world, announces himself in this issue. See his card.—*Notes*. Dr. Phillips was formerly principal of our Union School and has many friends here.

John Craighead, of Cecil, who died a few days since, by his will bequeathed \$5,000 to the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions; \$1,000 to the Canonsburg Presbyterian congregation, for a new church, provided it be built east of Main street, and \$1,500 to each of the two girls who lived with him.—*Notes*.

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 POVEROS

Henry and Peter Povero might not have come to America had not their mother died at 28 leaving their father, John, alone with his children. John decided to sell his spaghetti business in San Damiano near Turin, Italy, and migrate with his two sons to the United States. Leaving his three daughters with relatives, they departed for America about 1909. Arriving in Burgettstown, they settled on Maple Avenue. The girls followed about 1911. Mary, who had married Alphonso Balbo before sailing from Europe, first settled in Burgettstown but later she and her husband moved to Midway where they established a bakery that operated for over 50 years. Their daughters are Josephine Tucci, of Center Avenue, Burgettstown, and Evelyn Machak, of R.D., McDonald. Catherine (Rena) married Natal Tacchino and moved to Cuddy. Edith, the wife of James Pavan, was the mother of Hector and Henry Pavan; Lillian Peters, of Carrick; and Catherine Carapellucci, of McMurray.

The Poveros first opened a grocery on Maple Avenue but when Henry married, he decided to build a store and apartments on Main Street. Thus the "Povero Building" came into being in 1917. There Henry had a meat market and a grocery, and he and his wife and daughters, Frances, Mary and Catherine, lived during the Twenties and Thirties. The building was eventually sold to Ben Kobe, who has a restaurant where Henry Povero's store used to be.

Meanwhile, Peter Povero married Angelina Martin and they continued to live and run the grocery on Maple Avenue. When Peter died in 1932 leaving Angelina a widow at 32, she carried on the business making a living for herself and her two children, Emma and Eugene. Today Mrs. Povero; her son, Eugene; and granddaughter, Mary Jeanne, still live on Maple Avenue. Her daughter, Emma Bundy, resides on Dinsmore Avenue.

The Povero Family

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THE IMMACULATELY KEPT kept farm and home of T. Burns Lee and his sister, Jane Lee Anderson, at the foot of Cross Creek hill.

The wreck of the 'Faithful Steward'

From out of the past....



JANE LEE ANDERSON points to the remnants of the trough into which the spring emptied, at the site of the first log house of the Lee family of Cross Creek Township.



WILLIAM LEE AND his father, Hugh Lee II, built this brick home in 1836. It stands near the foot of the east side of Cross Creek hill, and under the shadow of Quaker Knob, the highest point in the immediate area. This point may be seen to the left of the house. Hugh Lee II died the year after the house was completed. The house is no longer owned by the Lees.

By Kathryn Campbell Siasor
For The Enterprise

The noble vessel of three hundred fifty tons burden and three hundred sixty plus passengers floated in all its grandeur on the surface of the deep. The weather was beautiful on that Sept. 1, 1785, and the journey had been delightful since setting sail from Londonderry on July 9. The wind had been favorable, and the happy passengers had long been anticipating a new life in a new world.

No more would the wicked landlords give them trouble, and demand more than their share of the proceeds of their toil. Now each man would be able to rest and worship under his own vine and fig tree. He would not be molested by having his humble cot torn from over the heads of his defenseless wife and little ones, if, on account of crop failures, he were unable to meet his rent bills. It was with such thoughts that collectively, they would leave all their troubles in Ireland and embark for America.

This move, however, was not done entirely without some fearful forebodings. The endless expanse of the sea could pose many problems. And at the end of the journey, troubles of other descriptions could beset them, in what would be an entirely strange land. The wilds of America awaited. When, by the end of August, land had not been sighted, Captain McCausland and some of the sailors became apprehensive.

However, life aboard ship continued as it had for nearly two months. On Sept. 1, a Mr. Gregg decided to celebrate his first wedding anniversary by throwing a party. He invited the captain, some of the mates and some of the passengers. Music, dancing and merry-making of all descriptions sounded forth throughout the ship, and the

thoughts of remaining sober were thrown to the winds. This was a time for celebrating!

By ten o'clock at night, all the revelry had ceased. Many sailors and passengers were asleep. The only officer on duty, the second mate, suddenly exclaimed loudly, "We are in four fathoms of water!" Someone woke the captain, who was in a state of drunken delirium. He cried out, "The man who takes my command, I will hang at Philadelphia!" The officer at the helm immediately turned the ship. It struck a bar and remained immovable. This sudden move of the ship sent a tremendous shock throughout, killing two children. This was only the beginning of the confusion that reigned beyond description.

The wind increased velocity to that of a hurricane. Waves were as mountains, causing sheer terror among both sailors and passengers. Shrieks, screams and cries were nearly lost in the roar of the winds and the waves. Thoughts of plunging overboard prevailed among many to escape the terrible sounds.

Morning finally came, so that the destruction could be surveyed. The ship was on its side, still taking on water and stranded on the bar, unable to move. Foaming billows still raged, and terror still reigned. Although land could be seen, conditions on board remained so that the thoughts of swimming the distance (some sources say one mile, others three hundred yards) were not too positive. Four sailors finally did venture out into the perilous deep, not only to save themselves, but to arouse the citizens on shore of their despair. They found a long boat that had been cut loose in the night as a means of escape, but which had been dashed away by the fierceness of the hurricane. The sailors again secured the boat by ropes, which were attached to the ship. Passengers then attempted to

bring the long boat closer and use it to escape to the shore. As the boat approached the ship, hundreds of passengers watched in hopes that they could be the first ones into the boat, and thus be the first ones saved. In painful solitude they watched and waited. When it was within a few rods of the ship, a sudden cry pierced the heavens, a cry that seemed to hush the roar of the vast ocean. The ropes had become untied, or broken. The boat was dashed away and with it, hopes of reaching shore.

Some were determined, however, not to go down without an attempt to save themselves. Many drowned in that attempt, as they strove to swim ashore.

This horrible shipwreck occurred near Cape Henlopen, in Delaware Bay, and, as stated before, Sept. 1 and 2 in the year 1785. Its impact has been felt down through the years, especially in the Cross Creek Country of Washington County, Pennsylvania. On board this proud sailing vessel, the "Faithful Steward," were the ancestors of the Lee families of this area. Sources differ as to the number of Lee individuals drowned, but the most widely accepted is

that between forty-two and forty-four members of the family lost their lives, and only four or five saved. Possibly only one of these saved was a Lee, the others being in-laws of the family.

Much of the above drama was gleaned in later years from one whose grandfather had been aboard the ship when a young man. The grandfather, James McEntire, who had survived the wreck, had been interviewed by a Rev. McMichael, and the result was published in 1831, later through another generation or so, in 1880. Mrs. Walter Forbes, a descendant of one of the Lee families, has researched and compiled a pamphlet on the subject. Mrs. Forbes resides in California.

Other local Lee descendants who have furnished material for this and succeeding stories include Mrs. Jane Lee Anderson and Mrs. Florence Lee, both of Cross Creek Village. The collection of articles by the late A.D. White has been invaluable. Next week, more about the shipwreck, in which three hundred passengers were lost, and of the local Lee families of today.

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THE YEAR 1958 IN REVIEW

As Printed in the Pages of the Burgettstown Enterprise

The year 1958, as reviewed by A. D. White 6-18-59, brought a number of important and outstanding stories.

A campaign to raise \$10,000 for a new addition to the First Presbyterian church was successfully promoted, and an effort brought a new physician into that area. The First Presbyterian church broke ground for a \$46,000 addition, and the new United Presbyterian church in Slovan was completed. Two area men were ordained into the priesthood.

The Climax Molybdenum Company merged with American Metals to form American Metals Climax, Inc. Doris Fox became the first girl to win the coveted Climax Scholarship. Atlasburg citizens were successful in stopping a proposed housing project for that community. Plans were announced for a million dollar center near Langeloth for the aged and orphans on a 70-acre tract donated by Gus Bartush.

Dr. James J. Finney was appointed Elementary Supervisor of the Burgettstown Area Schools, and Grant Sloan succeeded Harold Meighen as Supervising Principal at Hanover Township. Burgettstown Council removed all meters from Main street and opened another free public parking lot. A cold spell snapped a water line and kept Burgettstown "dry". Mellon Bank and local businesses announced Friday night hours.

David Lawrence was elected Governor of Pennsylvania, and our own Mike Bobb was honored with a "day" at the Langeloth Community Hall.

Twelve persons were killed locally in traffic accidents. Four were shot to death, one was beaten to death and one drowned. Four local merchants—Harold Horovitz, Patsy Raggi, Frank Pappas and Domenick Petrucci—passed away during 1958.

Six Midway area youths admitted parts in a burglary spree, and four from Burgettstown, R. D. 1, were accused of arson. Peter Alouise, 21, of Joffre, shot and killed his 18-year old wife. The frozen body of a baby was found in a refuse dump near Eldersville.

In sports, Union's wrestlers won the W.P.L.A.L. title, but their three representatives were defeated in the state tournament. The baseball team won section honors, and the football team won their last five games to finish with a 6-3 record. The Lions midget football team took Washington County's league championship and almost received a bid to the Milk Bowl. Emile (Chum) Robert was the first recipient of the James Lee McElhane Memorial Award.

The highlights of 1958 follow:

January 1—Smith Supervisors vetoed the Atlasburg housing project; J. H. Chasmar was named the new works manager at Climax; armed hoodlums robbed the Overlook Restaurant.

January 4—The merger of Climax Molybdenum Company and the American Metal Company was approved by stockholders of both companies; Paul Morgan was elected president of Burgettstown Council; Atlasburg Taxpayers Committee was assured in writing the Smith Township Supervisors were opposed to the housing project.

January 15—A new suburban school bus was totally damaged on the Bavington Road; Trinity's wrestling team edged Union, 22-20, before a record crowd in the U.H.S. gym.

January 23—Glenn Hughes, 31, father of 3 children of Georgetown R. D. 1, was killed in a head-on collision with a tractor trailer on Route 18 2.5 miles north of Florence; representative Michael R. Flynn told the Atlasburg group "housing is out"; the Raccoon Presbyterian church issued a call to Rev. John Shearer.

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January 20—Gus Repole was elected president of the Burgettstown Fire Department; Paul Ward won the Lions Club Tall Tale contest; the federal government approved the local planning commission's workable program for the elimination of slums and blight.

February 6—A petition was presented to Burgettstown Council asking for removal of meters from the parking lots; Ray Malone was hired as fulltime policeman.

February 13 — Stanley Hobrat 64, of Atlasburg, died in Washington hospital after being struck by a car on Route 18; the Burgettstown V.F.W. and the Raccoon Owls Club were ransacked by thieves; the West Penn Power Company and its utility workers met to discuss an emergency over-time work dispute; the frozen body of a baby, wrapped in a towel and placed in a box, was found in a refuse dump near Eldersville.

February 20 — Burgettstown went dry as freezing weather snapped a main water line; James Kline, 20, and Delbert Fullum, 19, of McDonald, admitted burglaries of the V.F.W. and the Owls Club; the Smith Township Property Owners Association was formed; the local school board purchased a new suburban bus; Joseph Abate resigned as Smith Township Wage Tax collector; three parked cars were hit in Midway.

February 27—Six Midway area youths admitted parts in a burglary spree. They were: James Klein, 20, Delbert Fullum, 19, Robert Gallo, 21, Benjamin F. Brown, 21, Gene R. Schwab, 19, and Edwin Cook, 21; another water line broke on Center Avenue; Justice of the Peace Charles Karns of Midway lost his shoes in the call of duty; it was announced that two area road projects were to be held in abeyance "until funds are available".

March 6—Three persons were killed and five injured in area auto accidents over the week end. Those fatally injured were Harriett Joan Phillips, 18, of Washington; Mrs. Mildred Ranovich, 38, of Atlasburg and Paul E. Hooper, 35, of Weirton, W. Va.; Mrs. Ranovich and Miss Phillips were killed in a head-on collision on Route 18; Hooper was killed on Route 22; fire destroyed the Harold Plance home in Florence; Burgettstown Council hired William Lewis as a part-time policeman; James Grosz of Oakdale was beaten and robbed of approximately \$300 after he had completed a business call in Midway.

March 13 — Union's wrestling team won the Section Three Tournament title; Terry Ann Malone of Hickory was selected to sing

with the State Chorus.

March 20—The wrestling team won the W.P.I.A.L. championship for the first time and produced three W.P.I.A.L. champions in Floyd Marshall, Bob Marshall and Jack Maroni. The trio qualified for the state tournament; Rev. Shearer was installed as pastor of the Raccoon Presbyterian church.

March 27—The Hellenic Orthodox Charitable Institution will build a million dollar center for the aged and orphans on a 70-acre tract given by Gus Barbush; three of the six youths connected with area robberies were given stiff sentences; the Raccoon Valley Golf Club was formed; Harold Horovitz, Slovak merchant, and Dr. Harden Clark, Midway dentist, died; the state wrestling tournament was postponed for a week due to heavy snow.

April 3—This was Easter Week in Burgettstown; our three wrestlers were defeated in the semi-finals of the state tournament; the Slovak Vets announced plans for a minstrel show in Union high school.

April 10—Rose Mary Marra and Lisa Stewart were winners in the American Legion essay contest; D. L. Malone was appointed Burgettstown Health Officer; Kuchersaska V.F.W. burned their mortgage; Edward Carsons, 32, of Avella, was injured in a 40-foot fall.

April 17—A barn owned by Nello Mungal of Hickory, R. D. 1, was destroyed by fire which raged out of control for 5 hours and caused damage of \$20,000; the school board accepted the James Lee McElhaney Memorial Award and floated a \$50,000 bond issue to be used for the purchase of seven new buses; Roy D. Greenfield 65, a retired policeman of Oakdale was found shot to death near the Model Wings Airport.

April 24—Frank Pappas, prominent local businessman, died at the age of 63; Saturday, five grass and field fires broke out within a span of five hours; a community meeting in Hanover Township resulted in plans to obtain a resident physician; Dave "Red" Ullom, resigned as football coach at Midway High to accept a similar position at Kittanning.

May 1—Burgettstown Vets announced plans for a marble tournament; Kathryn Culley received a state degree at a Future Homemakers of America rally; Rev. Thomas F. Conboy accepted a call to the Redstone Presbytery after three years at Cross Creek; Kathie Welsh was crowned queen at May Crowning exercises in St. Ann's church of Bulger.

May 3—Doris Fox of R. D. 2, Burgettstown, became the first girl to win the Climax Scholarship; Mrs. Buford Byrd, 42, of Lange-loth, was killed in Kentucky; Rev. Donan G. Goldbach of Burgettstown will be ordained a Carmelite priest May 31 by Bishop John F. Dearden.

May 15—Dennis Bertoni won the first V.F.W. marble tournament; two workmen, including Fred Kiss, 35, of Burgettstown, escaped death when they fell three stories after a roof and wall collapsed in Martins Ferry Ohio; Rev. Robert S. Lash resigned at the Eldersville Methodist church to accept a pastorate in Verona; John L. Brunner of Langeloth was admitted to the Washington County Bar; statewide offices held more interest than local in the primaries.

May 22—J. Wilbert Welch was honored in Union high school upon his retirement after 38 years in the teaching profession; contracts for the area master plan were signed; the Lawson and Dellaris bowling team captured the championship of the Women's Community Bowling League; Union's baseball team clinched the Section title.

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1958 IN REVIEW

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May 2—Rev. Norman C. Young was named pastor of the Eldersville Methodist Church, while Rev. Lawrence Svane resigned as pastor of the Center U. P. church, Midway; burglars broke into Diamond's Bar; Awards Day assembly was held in Union high school; Rev. Philip E. Baroni, a graduate of Avella high school, will be ordained into the priesthood; Union was defeated by Mt. Lebanon in the W.P.I.A.L. baseball tournament.

June 5—George Whalen, 14, of Burgettstown, was killed in a one-car accident, 2.3 miles west of Houston; Dr. James J. Tinney was named Elementary Supervisor at a special meeting of the school board; fire destroyed the Jack Cook home, Burgettstown, R. D. 1; Bell Avenue residents complained to Council on the Barney Snyder Junkyard; graduation exercises were scheduled for Union High school, Hanover Township and the Parochial school; Bob Marshall and Rose Bongiorno were selected king and queen of the Prom; the Community Park opened for 1958.

June 13—The W. W. Sutherland Lumber Company began production at their new all-electric powered saw mill; Willard Jackson was elected president of the Lions Club; Pete Blue of Atlasburg was injured in a freak accident.

June 19—Four area youths were accused of arson following a rash of fires which broke out in the Frankfort Springs area. They were Bobby J. Owings, 18, Ernest R. Reed, 19, Clifford E. Robertson, 18, and Robert L. Boyer, 18; Blue's Tavern in Atlasburg was hit by thieves; St. Ann's Church of Bulger held a bazaar; Lukon Meats team won the Men's Community League bowling title.

June 26—A drive to raise \$10,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance for Raccoon Valley was

initiated in Union high school; six youths admitted breaking and entering Coll Tires ware house; a three year Climax-Union contract was signed.

July 3—Ivan Paul Cumblidge, 19, of Burgettstown, R. D. 1, was killed in a motorcycle accident two miles west of Florence on Route 22; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Saxton moved to Michigan following his retirement from Harmon Creek Coal Corporation; 30,000 were expected at the state park for the Fourth of July; Joe Lauff was named football coach at Midway High school; Burgettstown's married men beat the bachelors, 5-4, at Hillman field.

July 10—John M. Frazier, a 73-year old Hickory squire, was found beaten to death in his home; Joseph Clark resigned as Burgettstown Councilman; Dave Mader won the Raccoon Valley Golfer's Tournament.

July 17—The ambulance drive formally began; Frank Piejack, 72, of Steubenville, was found dead in an isolated shack four miles west of Florence; William P. Miller cleared the last obstacle to his doctorate degree; the Eldersville church broke ground for a \$46,000 educational addition.

July 24—Juanita Margaret Southern, 35, of Florence, and Millie Thompson, 47, of West Bridgewater, were killed in a collision of cars about a mile west of Florence on Route 22; Arthur Sidney, 14, of St. Clair Village, drowned in Ravington Dam when two Boy Scouts disdained warnings of Allegheny Council officials; Paul Ward was elected president of the Little and PONY League; Bodie Nickstek was re-hired Union high school basketball coach following the resignation of Willard Fisher; the Cubs won the PONY League title.

July 31—First reports showed the ambulance fund with a total of \$5000; a chain link fence will be erected around Hillman Field; the Giants beat the Yankees to win the Little League championship.

August 7—Eugene Tucci was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Clark on Burgettstown Council. A lease agreement with the Gradison Bus Co. will give the public another free parking lot; a stolen car was found 30 foot over a high-wall at the Francis Mine tippie; plans were announced for a "Mike Robb Day" to be held in September.

August 14—Gary F. Nies, 21, of Midway, died when his motorcycle collided with a car in West Mifflin Township; Patsy Raggt, 68, a well known merchant of Slovan, died; Burgettstown's firemen were set to defend their County water-barry title; the PONY League all-stars were walloped by Washington, 18-0, and erased from tournament competition.

August 21—The new church in Slovan was nearing completion; the school board purchased a new driver training car; the Democrats planned a picnic on Labor Day at Langeloth; plans for the opening of school were announced.

August 28—Schools were scheduled to open September 2; the area school board hired two teachers, four cooks and three bus drivers; Harold W. Meighen resigned as Supervising Principal in Hanover Township; the residence of Okey Reed, near Hookstown, was destroyed by a \$15,000 fire; the S.N.-P.J. Club of Midway celebrated its 50th anniversary; Thomas Findlay, 22, of Toronto, Ohio, was killed in a traffic accident near Florence; a new office building will replace the old livery barn being torn down on Main street.

September 4—Grant E. Sloan was named the Hanover principal; Yukevich Motors and Delirate's were hit by burglaries; 2001 students were enrolled in the Burgettstown Area Schools.

September 11—Football made its debut as both Union high school and the Lions midgets began their 1958 campaigns; Council removed all meters from Main street and signed the free parking lot agree-

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ment; the Burgettstown firemen successfully defeated their county "Battle of the Barrel" title.

September 18—The ambulance fund neared its goal; 300 attended the "Mike Robb Day" dinner; Union lost 19-0, to Beth-Center; the midjets beat Marianna, 13-0.

September 25—Onward Dennis, 44, of Park, shot Mrs. Martha Shock, 29, and then killed himself in New Cumberland, W. Va.; an old frame house at the intersection of Route 18 and Bavington road will make way for a new K. & D. Body Shop; the Lions midjets trampled Avella, 30-0, and took over first place in the Washington County League.

October 2—The ambulance fund total went "over the top" with subscriptions amounting to \$10,232; the Mellon Bank and local stores announced Friday evening hours; the Burgettstown firemen began their annual fund campaign; Smith Township Water Authority strongly opposed stripping near the Dingsmore Watershed.

October 9—The Nick Hallahan home, Bulger, R. D. 1, was destroyed by fire; Carl Filipponi was declared season's champion of the Raccoon Valley Golf Club; the Lions racked up their fourth straight victory and kept their unscathed record intact; new Canevin high school will include children from St. Ann's parish, Bulger. One and a half million dollar drive began.

October 16—500 people attended a heavy machinery auction in Atlasburg; K. L. Tennant was named new assistant manager at Murphy's; the Lions lost to Parkinson while Union High edged California.

October 23—Domenick Petrucci, 78, the oldest merchant in Burgettstown, died; Gov. George Leader visited the town; Eastern Standard Time was ready to return; Union whipped Weirton Madonna as Johnny Ozimek scored 3 touchdowns.

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November 6—David L. Lawrence was elected the new governor of Pennsylvania and Hugh Scott was elected U. S. Senator; Burgettstown Borough reenacted the wage tax; an explosion at J. & L. Steel Corp. took two lives, including Frank Shalvis, 47, of Avella; the Lions beat Parkinson to tie for first place.

November 13—Craig Miller of Langloth, Bert Fox of Eldersville and John Zibritosky of R. D. 3, Burgettstown, were winners in Murphy's motel contest; Avella and West Greene were scheduled to meet for the Washington-Greene Conference grid title; Union slapped Cannonsburg, 33-12, to end a highly successful 6-3 season. They won their last five in a row.

November 20—Barney Snyder was found "not guilty" of charges by Bell Avenue residents of being a public nuisance; Dr. Thomas Harper was introduced as the new physician in Hanover Township; George Armstrong replaced Elwyn S. Radcliffe as the superintendent at Raccoon State Park; the Lions were ready to protest to league officials when it was discovered Parkinson used a player who was over-age; Avella whipped West Greene, 33-12, in the conference playoff.

November 27—Thanksgiving services were being announced in all local churches; the Canevin High total reached \$645,000; a training course in redevelopment was held in Washington, and local officials attended; the Lions were awarded the protest and were declared Washington County champions. It was hoped a Milk Bowl bid would come.

December 4—Council declared free parking for shoppers in Bur-

gettstown during Christmas week; Emil (Chum) Robert won the first James Lee McElhaney Memorial football award; deer hunters were proudly displaying their catches; Union's basketball team got off to a fine start with a 71-52 victory over Ambridge.

December 11—The Chamber of Commerce wrote to Governor Leader asking for the creation of a 2800 acre state park in the area between Florence and the Dingsmore reservoir; Christmas parties were being staged by local businesses; Union's cagers suffered their first loss in three games, 48-45, to Duquesne.

December 18—Carl Latella was elected president of the Burgettstown Area School Board; area school students were above all grade levels in achievement tests; T. W. Johnston succeeded C. L. Stotler as West Penn Power Company district manager; an Oklahoma team received the bid to the Milk Bowl.

December 25—Christmas, 1958; Peter Alouise, 21, of Joffre, was charged with murder in the shooting killing of his wife, Carol, 19. He claimed it was an accident; Milke Nixon was named the Washington Redskins head coach; the basketball team completed a successful exhibition campaign and prepared to meet Mt. Lebanon in their sectional bid-fighter.

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Events of the Long Ago From
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Mr. J. R. McNary, one of the good friends of the Enterprise, sends in to the office this week for use in the historical column, a short letter and a long poem, both of which are self-explanatory. The thanks of the editor are due Mr. McNary for a contribution that will be of interest to all readers of the Enterprise. Mr. McNary says in his note:

"On a blustering night in the month of March, 1870—sixty-one years ago—an 'Old Folks' Ball was given in the 'Old Home Hotel,' South Burgettstown, (the present site of the Erie Supply Co. building, adjoining the Leopold grocery store) that afforded much amusement for the young bloods of the village and caused the local poet to gush forth his ecstatic effusion in the columns of the Washington Observer under the caption, 'A High Old Time in Burgettstown.'" The "effusion" follows, omitting quotes:

Oh, say! Have you heard from old
Burgettstown?
Of the fine old people there settled
down?
Who occasionally get on a respectable
"bust,"
And after "good things" do wonder-
fully lust?
Well, on Friday night last,
Our town was alive—
(Just what was the matter was hard
to contrive)
For around the "Old Home" hung
A promiscuous crowd—
As promiscuous we fear,
As the law allowed;
Each one was anxious
So were the rest—
To get a good seat, and behave his
best.
We marched boldly in,
'Mongst the elite to be—
"An' faith," 'twas an honor,
don't you clearly see—
To attend an "Old Folks' Ball?
A trip to the dining room
Your reporter now took,
(His only excuse was to get
a good look)
And, Oh! what a sight
Met our wondering eye!
'Twas enough to make
Even a Stoic sigh.
For there, just before us,
Clearly in view,
Was a sumptuous repast—
I declare—'tis true—
While surrounding the same,
in splendid array,
Sat forty "Old Folks,"
Stowing chicken away!
With nimble fingers—
nimble thumbs;
Down went puddings, peaches,
Plums, nuts, candy, cakes and pie—
Golly, boys, who wouldn't sigh—
To partake at the "Old Folks' Ball?
Thus passed the hilarious night,
(for ere we were aware,
'Twas plumb daylight)
While the "Old Folks" scattered,
Farmers, mechanics and all—
Thus ending the "Old Folks' Ball."
The "young bloods" of the town
Were "muchly" amused,
(For seeing such sights
they were rather unused)
So they all united, one accord,
In asking the "Old Folks
If they could afford
To grant them another
entertainment at night?
For they solemnly declare,
'Twas the prettiest sight
To see the "Old Folks" dance on
last Friday night!
Oh! of all the excitement
Since Adam's fall,
Just give us another
"Old Folks" Ball!

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From the files of the Enterprise of January, 1881, the following paragraphs have been selected, without particular reference to subject matter:

In Burgett's meadow, near where an old oak tree now stands, was a salt lick nearly a hundred years ago, and there are citizens yet living in this town who have heard Andrew Burgett say he had killed many a deer there.

I. M. Griffith of Hickory has a spotted adder, a blue racer, a horned toad and a tarantula preserved in alcohol. These reptiles would be seen by scores of people every day if they were placed in the bottle in which we have our pickled alligator incarcerated.

Mrs John S. Johnston of this township, a few weeks ago, one morning, while taking out ashes, her dress caught fire and was in a blaze before she knew it, and had it not been for a neighbor lady who happened to be there that day, who extinguished the fire with a bucket of water, the accident would certainly have proved fatal.

The types play havoc, sometimes. We can butcher a cow or skin a muskrat, but correcting or proof-reading requires skill. The rhyme in last paper, in speaking of the Band, said, "The wretches many deep, discordant note," etc., should have read, "They wrench, etc." Ever since the last paper went out we have been thinking up an apology for the purpose of healing the trouble the nasty types made for us, and this is our best lick.

M. R. Allen owns a beautiful building lot here on Washington avenue. Some time since he would have taken five hundred dollars for it. Now we understand he wants a thousand. Oil!

This is our mid-winter number. It will go to hundreds of families and thousands of people will read it. If you have resolved to subscribe, now is the time to do it, as our book is about full.

Miss Ella Burgett, daughter of B. G. Burgett of this place, and great-granddaughter of the founder of Burgettstown, who has been suffering from consumption for several months, died December 11th, aged 26 years. She was kind, genial and beautiful, and hosts of friends deeply sympathize with her parents and relatives.

We had an oil excitement here about twenty years ago. A company was formed, tools and tackle procured, a derrick built, with the intention of sinking a well across the creek opposite the grist mill, with power from the mill engine. But the derrick was never raised—the project, for lack of enterprise, fell through and the company broke up.

The beautiful gilt sign recently placed on this station says Burgettstown is 27½ from Pittsburgh. It is only 25 by the Walker's Mills road.

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The following items are from an issue of the Enterprise of January 1881.

Numerous applications have been made for the fly-trap advertised in our last paper. One from a subscriber in Oregon, asking that it be sent C O D with privilege of examination before paying for it. It cost us seventy-five cents when new, three years ago. See what a valuable advertising medium the Enterprise is.

The miners in McFadyean's Coal Works went out on strike the other day. Some misunderstanding in regard to weight was the cause which was compromised and the men were in. Neal Noah, the former pit boss, was reduced to the ranks.

While shassaying around for news not long since on the evening of a social party in this neighborhood, we overheard this conversation: "Mother, which dress will I wear, my new one, my blue one, or the one I wore last?" "The one you wore last, you fool you, it's all you've got" was the answer that came ringing down stairs."

The Niagara Oil Company of Buffalo, New York, have opened an office in Burgettstown. They have already leased over twenty-five hundred acres in this new oil territory. The President of the Company, Mr. W. D. Oldfield, visited this office the other day and left a copy of their latest revised lease, which may be examined by any of our farmer patrons.

Our shooting gallery man will present a bronze dog—a setter to the most skillful marksman on Christmas; and a pointer to the genius who rings the most bells in a possible nineteen, on New Year's day. The fee for the premium is fifty cents; five entries to fill the class.

Rev. Marcus Ormond, of this place, has just returned from a trip through the eastern counties of Pennsylvania. He reports business brisk everywhere. His health is improving.

Miss Clara Keys, of this township, who is teaching at Venice, while on her way to a singing the other night, the horses ran off and she was thrown out of the sleigh, sustaining a comminuted fracture of an arm.

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The following paragraphs are taken from the 11th number of the second volume of the Enterprise, dated January, 1881, the day not appearing. There is nothing in the paper to indicate who the editor or publisher was at the time. Some of the thoughts of the editor, as recorded fifty years ago, are quite interesting and somewhat amusing:

Some time since we said that Thomas Ackleson of Robinson township kept a flock of sheep in a rented field near Raccoon bridge and that a spark from a locomotive set the fence on fire, burned a gap through which the sheep wandered on the track and were killed. Mr. Ackleson, believing the Company responsible for the loss, petitioned for damages. Since which time we learn by letter from Superintendent Felton that the matter has been thoroughly investigated and found that the sheep were killed at 7 a. m. the gap not having been burned till 10, and that the sheep could have stepped over the fence almost anywhere, anyhow. The farm belongs to Dr. Donnan of Burgettstown, and we suppose the fence was built the same year the old windlass in his well was invented—early in the sixteenth century.

It is believed that the quality of oil underlyng these northern townships is of the thick, lubricating variety which requires no refining, and worth about six dollars a barrel at the well. Yet, with this vast wealth almost in sight, some people will let their subscription expire and forget to renew. Just think, if you should only strike a one-hundred barrel well it would be worth six hundred dollars a day, and the subscription price of his paper is only fifty cents a year.

Politics seem to have caused the present trouble in our Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Mr. Fredericks has been the pastor for nearly a quarter of a century. He has preached the funeral discourse of many of their deceased friends and none but he can so well sympathize with grief-stricken relatives, or say words that sink deeper into the heart on such occasions. He is an honest man and a good preacher.

Dr. Ing Donnan formerly of this place, who practised on the Eldersville people for five or six years now the South Side, Pittsburgh, Poor Physician, is married. Miss Lucy Hoffman, a well-known and highly respected young lady, of that city, is the happy girl. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Loirch at the residence of the Doctor, on Bingham street. The Doctor is an awful fellow to snore, and his accomplished wife has our sympathy.

Wm. Brockman, night operator at this station, some months ago was thought guilty of letting two freight trains run together, and discharged. The other day the company thoroughly investigated the matter and found him guiltless. They found the accident to have been caused by the recklessness of an intemperate engineer. Brockman was at once restored to good favor and offered a position on the road.

It has been said by two men in this neighborhood that our reputation for truth and veracity is not very good. We acknowledge to having heretofore shielded the schemes and villainy of these men but thanks be to the Grace of Heaven, we are not dead yet. It don't always do to tell unbiased truth about some people.

Our friend, Dr. Bradley, brings us a peculiar specimen of varigated corn. Down to the middle of the ear, all around in a kind of dove-tailed shape the grains are red as blood; the balance white. Nature painted it.

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The following are a few items from the Enterprise of January, 1881, that were left over from paragraphs selected for previous inclusion in this series:

A grand costume party took place at the house of Mrs. Rankin, Dec. 14. Miss May McCormick the hostess, was dressed in old time costume. The thirty young ladies of this town who were present, were dressed to represent nuns, quakers, Swiss servant girls, Sara Bernhart, Dame Trot, Lady Jane Gray, Lady Washington, Mrs. Partington, Dutch and country girls, Scotch Lady, Pocohontas, Mother Hubbard, Peasant Girl of Naples, and a Baby. It was a huge affair and new, and we are only sorry that no gentlemen were invited to help enjoy the fun.

The Rev. McIlyar, who lectured here some weeks ago for the Odd Fellows, gave a plain, straightforward history of the Order. He stated how it had ministered to the sick, relieved the distressed, buried the dead and educated the orphan, and urged good honest, intelligent, sober young men to join the Burgettstown Lodge.

John Conley, Jr., of Dinsmore, who is breaking on a freight, while lying on top of a car in a tunnel near Cadiz the other day, an icicle fell, striking him on the head, cutting it fearfully.

Rev. Hickman, our former Methodist minister, is now located at Pleasant Valley, Pa. Rev. W. Johnston, whose residence is Bulger, is now on this circuit.

It was stormy in this office shortly after the paper went out. There are many ways by which to relieve the awful monotony, but this Enterprise is the best thing we ever struck.

A. B. Lee having secured the services of A. Adams who has spent the greater part of his life in stores of general merchandise, he is able to guarantee prompt and polite waiting on all his customers.

It is thought that at least one man in every ten of the citizens of Washington county will be a candidate next fall.

Squire Wood has imported a span of heavy draft mules from Ohio to use on his farm.

The wife of the Rev. John Todd of this place is lying dangerously ill.

R. T. C. Stephenson of this place was the delegate of Masons here to a meeting of the Grand Philadelphia recently.

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In the last issue of the Enterprise for the month of January, 1881, fifty years ago, the following advertisements appeared:

B. F. McClure & Bro., Hall building, hardware; J. W. Pry, dry goods, groceries and notions, post office corner; R. K. Scott, Black Top sheep; J. S. McCluskey, insurance; H. Conrad, Tinner; Dr. Joseph Bell, dentist, Florence; W. P. Vance, hardware; J. A. Rogers, photographer; J. W. Aiken, lumber; J. P. Donnan, Enterprise printing; T. L. McClelland, pianos and organs, D. C. Watson, house and sign painter; D. M. Pry, "Checkered Front," clothing and notions; C. M. Elder, merchant tailor.

Larger advertisements were run by W. H. Witherspoon & Co., dry goods and notions; W. L. McElhaney, furniture, and William Brimmer, dry goods and groceries. Other ads were run by Alex. Russell, H. B. McMurra, R. T. Chetile, the Burgettstown National Bank, H. Janowitz, watch maker; G. M. Miller, McFadyean & Co., Daniel Hoffman, W. C. Forsythe & son, J. F. Buxton and the Star Hotel, Perrine Richey, proprietor.

According to this old copy of the Enterprise there were more stores in town at the time than there are present. Practically every merchant carried practically everything from mouse traps to farm machinery. The big bids for trade were made by those who were engaged in the buggy and wagon business. Horse blankets and harness were largely advertised. Newton and Meek were the local agents for a newly invented wringer, which was the nearest approach to a washing machine known fifty years ago. The ad was headed in big type: "Save your wife." and showed a picture of a lady in full dress operating a hand wringer.

The ads in the Enterprise of January, 1881, were of great importance to their time. Today they look odd and curious, but they speak of the time as eloquently as does the text of the news columns running with them.

The series covering the January, 1881, issues has now been completed and future reminiscences will have to be abstracted from papers of later date as files are incomplete.

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The following is a report of a reunion held by the Florence Blues on November 18, 1880, as given in the Burgettstown Enterprise of January 18, 1881:

At the Hotel in Florence, on November 18, 1880, the surviving members of the Volunteer Company, Florence Blues, held a reunion, Capt. John S. Duncan of Cross Creek village presiding and John W. Duncan of Florence as secretary. A committee previously appointed to correspond with members read several letters expressing regrets of the writers on account of their inability to attend, after which those present partook of a sumptuous repast.

The afternoon was spent in a most pleasant social way, recounting the many pleasant reminiscences of the past, of the time when those present were young men, many now bearing the honored insignia of age, and rehearsing many pleasant and amusing incidents of their life as volunteer military men.

Dr. Thomas W. Bradley of Cardville and James A. Proudfit, Esq., of Florence were present as invited guests and responded to calls for addresses in very neat and fitting speeches in which they gave vivid historical descriptions of "events in the fifties."

A committee consisting of Marion Jackson, Esq. and Levi J. Cully, Esq. to draft resolutions concerning deceased members, was then appointed. Also a committee of arrangements concerning a future reunion after which they adjourned, subject to the call of the said committee.

The following preamble and resolutions were reported and adopted as read:

Whereas, in the dispensation of Divine Providence, He has seen fit to remove by death our esteemed comrades, Henry Fullerton William Crawford, John Cully, Jr., Thomas Mathews, Robert Mercer, William Criswell, James Nash, Samuel Amspoker and Ross Scott.

From the esteem in which we hold these, who long associated with us and from the affection we bear their memories, be it

Resolved, First, that we bow in submission to an overruling Providence, remembering that "He doeth all things well."

Resolved, Second, that, although our earthly ties are severed and we look back with affection to the memory of the departed, yet it becomes us to look forward to the grand "muster day" that we may all be prepared to answer when the final roll is called.

Resolved, Third that these resolutions be published in the Washington papers and the Burgettstown Enterprise.

Marion Jackson,
Levi C. Cully,
Committee.

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Following paragraphs are from the Enterprise of January 25, 1881, when J. P. Donnan was editor. It is interesting to note at that time the town was called Burgettstown station and the postoffice was Carville:

The ice this winter freezes with the slippery side up. The other morning John S. Vance's son Frank fell and broke his arm.

C. W. Hazzard is the Noble Grand or the Worthy Chief Templar or the Brigadier General of the G. A. R. of this district.

The Washing Machine and Wringer men are in town. They sell the best device for the purpose we ever saw. Headquarters at Burgettstown hotel.

Miss Hellen, daughter of John Riddle of Jefferson township, died Nov. 23rd of consumption. She was born the night their house was burned 24 years ago.

Craig Lee, of Cross Creek, has made a re-survey of the borough, the plot of which is artistically drawn, and the petition will shortly be presented to Court.

The Keystone Coal Works at Hanlin report business improving. They are shipping ten cars a day, and will erect a number of tenement houses in the spring.

The Canonsburg Notes says its a very bad thing to get rich too rapidly. That's a new idea. Now here's another danger for us to worry about and strive to guard against.

An exchange says, and we doubt it not that, "The man who loves his family will always take his local paper, and the man who respects his family will always pay for it in advance."

Now let's have lively fight for Justice of the Peace. The office is worth less than \$900 a year, but it will do to raise a rookery over if items are scarce in the spring.

Ed Cherry of Cherry Valley, who has been hunting in the mountains for the past few weeks, returned the other day with the hide and antlers of a large buck deer.

The Literary Society at Hickory is said to be one of the best in the county. Miss Lulu Buffington, of Burgettstown, teacher in the Union school there, is Secretary. It meets every Friday evening.

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In the review of local history this week, the incorporation of Burgettstown as a borough is partly covered. Also a brief biographical sketch of the pioneer medical practitioner is given:

At a meeting of the citizens of Burgettstown, held pursuant to notice, at the town hall in March, 1877, for the purpose of taking measures for the erection of the borough of Burgettstown, to be composed of Old Burgettstown and Cardville, D. S. Walker was chosen chairman and F. McFarland secretary. After discussion, Finley Patterson, J. L. Patterson and M. W. McMurray were appointed a committee to take the initiatory steps to procure the incorporation of the proposed borough.

This committee never reported, no meeting was called, and the subject was held in abeyance till July, 1880, when another meeting was called, and J. L. Patterson, J. L. Proudfoot, S. J. Ghrist, William Melvin, J. P. Donnan, H. B. McMurray and M. R. Allen were appointed to secure a survey and present the proper petition to the court.

This committee performed their duties, and on the 8th of December, 1880, gave notice that application would be made to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Washington county at the January term, 1881, "to incorporate the village of Burgettstown, including that portion thereof which lies at and around Burgettstown Station." The grand jury passed favorably upon the petition on the 12th January, 1881, and the court confirmed the action on the 23d of March following, and further provided that a special election be held at the town hall, April 5, 1881, for the election of borough officers, at which time the following were elected:

Burgess, C. M. Elder; councilmen, Dr. W. V. Riddle, B. F. McClure, S. J. Ghrist, W. H. Witherspoon, J. P. Donnan and W. S. Fulton; school directors, R. T. C. Stephenson, W. P. Vance, William Melvin, James Carnahan and William Blair; auditor, T. L. McClelland; assessor and constable, W. M. McMurray.

Upon the organization of council, J. P. Donnan was chosen president, and the following appointments were made: M. R. Allen, clerk; J. L. Patterson, treasurer; John Hemphill, street commissioner; W. M. McMurray, collector.

The first practitioner of medicine in this section of the county of whom anything is known was Dr. Ebenezer Jennings, a son of the Rev. Jacob Jennings. He was a descendent of the Pilgrims, but a native of New Jersey, where his father lived and practiced as a physician until he was licensed by the Reformed Dutch church and received by the Presbytery of Redstone April 17, 1792, at which time the Rev. Jacob Jennings removed to Dantap's Creek, Fayette county; his two sons, Obediah Jennings (later known both as a lawyer and divine) and Ebenezer, the one above mentioned coming with him.

He studied and practiced medicine in the east, and soon after coming to this county settled in Smith township, and resided at the house of Judge James Edgar for some years. Upon his marriage he purchased a small farm about two miles east of Burgettstown, from where he continued to practice until his death.

He was elected a member of the General Assembly in 1806-7, and during the first year of his residence at the capitol he became interested in the treatise of Dr. Jenner on vaccination, and at the close of the term visited Philadelphia, obtained some virus, and on his return vaccinated his own children and others. On his return to the legislature in session, by arduous labors he procured the passage of a bill providing for the vaccination of the poor. His health became impaired by his exertions, and although renominated for another term he declined, and on the 21st of November, 1808, he died, aged thirty-three years, beloved and respected by all.

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Burgettstown Incorporation

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The following historical data with regard to the Center U. P. Church is taken from the Burgettstown Herald of April 21, 1909. All references are as of that date:

This church edifice is situated in the southeastern corner of Smith township. It was organized in May, 1859, by Rev. J. C. Campbell, who was appointed for the purpose by Chartiers Presbytery. The elders elected at the organization were Jacob George, Thomas Stevenson, John M. Campbell and John D. Reed. The first trustees were Robert McBurney, Jacob George and John Campbell. At the organization there were 58 members, 53 being received on certificate and five on examination.

They held their services for a time in John Campbell's barn, but soon prepared for building a church. At a cost of \$2,500 they built a frame edifice 46 by 60 feet, which was finished and occupied the first time on the third Sunday of February, 1860. On the 28th of January, 1862, they called D. S. Kennedy to become their pastor. He was ordained and installed on the 4th of September, 1862. This relationship continued 10 years and six months, closing on the 13th of October, 1872.

On the 10th of June, 1861, Robert McBurney and William Keys were ordained and installed as ruling elders. James McCalmont was added to the dership on January 23, 1863. Fourteen persons in all have been elders here. At present (1909) there are six: William Berry, James McCalmont, W. C. Aiken, J. G. Wilson, William A. Dickson and J. S. Epsey.

The present pastor, J. B. Waddell, is the second whom the congregation has had. He preached his first sermon at Center on the first Sabbath of January, 1873, and took charge of the congregation May 1, 1873.

The congregation now (1909) numbers 153 members; has a Sabbath school of 100 scholars and owns a parsonage with 10 acres of land that is worth \$4,000.

The original ground for church and cemetery was donated by John Campbell. His son, William C. Campbell, afterward gave some additional land for the graveyard, but this, too, is now filled with graves, and the trustees have recently bought more land from W. C. Campbell.

Readers are invited to correct any errors which may occur in the foregoing sketch.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Center U.P. Church
*As taken from the
Burgettstown Herald
April 21, 1909*

Burgettstown Enterprise
1931 Edition

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Events of the Long Ago From
Enterprise Files and
Other Sources

In the review last week an account of the pioneer medical practitioner of the community was given, and this week a brief sketch of other physicians is given. At present it is impracticable to cover the entire history of the men whose names are mentioned, but complete biographies will be attempted at a later time. In the present survey only the initial activities of the persons named are contemplated:

Dr. Thomas Hershey advertised in the Washington Reporter under date February 10, 1812, that he "offers his professional services to the people of Burgettstown." He delivered an oration on the 4th of July the same year, a celebration held in the town. How long he remained here is not known.

Dr. Samuel J. Perry was a resident of the town before 1821, as in that year he was postmaster, but little is known of him. At one time he lived where Dr. Harper had resided. He died about 1838.

Dr. Stephen Smith came to Burgettstown about 1826. He succeeded David Bruce as postmaster in 1830. About 1832 he went to Florida, remained there till about 1840, and moved to Virginia. As a physician he was well and favorably known, and had a wide practice in the vicinity.

Dr. Mossman was a resident of the town five years prior to 1837, and in the spring of that year removed to Peoria, Ill., where he lived for several years.

Dr. Joseph Campbell kept a drug store in the old Bruce building in South Burgettstown. This place is located near the machine shop of Malone & Nicholls and is owned by Mrs. John Moore.

Dr. William Donnan, a son of the Rev. Alexander Donnan, born in Scotland, came to this country with his father in 1818, and in the next year settled at Hickory. He studied medicine with Dr. Stephenson in Canonsburg, and Dr. Hewitson, of St. Clairsville, Ohio; attended lectures at Jefferson Medical college under Profs. McClelland, Pattison, Woods and Reeves; commenced practice at Burgettstown in 1837, and was actively engaged in the duties of his profession here a number of years.

Dr. T. W. Bradley studied medicine with Dr. P. H. McCullough, of Rumley, Ohio; graduated at Sterling Medical college, Ohio, commenced practice in Florence in 1884, before graduation; came to Burgettstown in 1856, and was in practice here a number of years.

Dr. G. W. Bell studied medicine with Dr. W. L. Wilson, of Beallsville; attended the lectures in 1853 at Jefferson Medical college in Philadelphia; graduated in March, 1858; commenced practice in Burgettstown in 1854.

Dr. W. V. Riddile studied medicine with T. W. Bradley. In the winter of 1863-64 he attended lectures at Ann Arbor, Michigan; commenced practice at Candor in 1864; remained there about 5 years, and in 1869 removed to Pittsburgh. About one year later he removed to Burgettstown, where he commenced practice April 1, 1870.

Dr. W. T. Miller was a medical student with Dr. M. R. Banks, at Livermore, Westmoreland county, Pa., graduated at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1881, and in that year commenced practice in Burgettstown.

This Week in History
Brief Sketch of Other Pioneer Medical Practitioner
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 25, 1931 Edition

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Events of the Long Ago Selected
From Files of the Enterprise and
From Other Sources

Following paragraphs are taken from the Burgettstown Call of January 13, 1887—44 years ago:

According to a list made by Samuel Allen, the following interments were made in Cross Creek cemetery during the year 1886: January 21, Abram Russell, aged 83; February 7, Samuel, son of Lowry and Julia Curry, aged 3; February 16, Mrs. Mary McFee, aged 83; February 19, Hampton Kerr, son of Dr. Thomas and Annie Stockton, aged 3; March 3, Miss Nannie Perrine, aged 16; March 25, William Lyle, aged 61; April 6, Charles Smith, aged 50; July 16, Mrs. Elizabeth Boyles, aged 79; October 24, Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, age not given; December 2, Miss Samantha Russell, aged 78; December 14, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, aged 83.

The following jurors were drawn from the Burgettstown district: Grand jury, E. H. Jackson, Joseph Marquis, David C. Ross, John Wilson, S. S. Hanlin, John Holmes, John Witherpoon and W. G. White. Traverse jury, Alexander Hayes, William Proudfit, J. H. Pollock, James Savage, S. G. Cunningham, J. W. Sutherland, W. C. Clark, William Dunbar, A. C. Proudfit and Matthew M. Welch.

The Rev. Ross Stevenson, D. D., of Washington held communion services in the Burgettstown First Presbyterian church. Nine new members were received into the church at the time.

Five passenger trains daily and one Sunday train on the Panhandle division of the P. C. C. & St. L. railroad stopped at Burgettstown between the hours of 5:33 a. m., and 8:49 p. m.

Mrs. Matthew Moore, aged 40 years, wife of John M. Moore, died at her home in Smith township. She was a daughter of the late J. L. Proudfit.

Mrs. James McPherson of Cecil township weighs 322 pounds. She is probably the largest individual in Washington county.

Postmaster Stevenson reported that during the month of December, 1886, 19,985 letters and 13,653 packages passed through the local postoffice.

This Week in History

Events of Long Ago Selected from the File of the Enterprise and From Other Sources
Burgettstown Call- January 13, 1887 Edition

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Events of the Long Ago From
Enterprise Files and
Other Sources

FIRST U. P. CHURCH

The congregation now known as the United Presbyterian church of Burgettstown, belonged originally to the Associate Presbyterian branch of that church. It is now impossible to fix the date of its organization, if indeed it was ever formally organized. But it first appears as a congregation about the year 1800, at which time it was supplied with preaching, in connection with the congregation of Hickory, by the Associate presbytery of Chartiers. The Rev. Dr. William C. Brownlee took charge of it in connection with Hickory about the year 1800. This pastorate continued about three and one-half years, when he left for Philadelphia, and afterwards removed to New York, where he united with the Dutch Reformed church. The next pastor was Rev. Alexander Donnan, from Ireland, who had charge of it in connection with the congregation of Hickory at a salary of \$500 from June 1, 1818, to June 6, 1840. He relinquished at that time the charge of Burgettstown to give his whole time to Hickory. The congregation continued without a pastor until 1845, when the Rev. Robert J. Hammond, who had been settled in Albany, N. Y. became their pastor, at a salary of \$350, which was afterwards increased to \$400. He resigned and was released in the year 1857. The Rev. S. H. Graham, the next pastor, commenced his labors among them in April, 1862, and was ordained and installed their pastor August 12th of that year. In 1868, Mr. Graham accepted a call from a congregation in New York and was released. In the same year the Rev. John Hood accepted their call and became their pastor. The pastorate continued until April, 1878, when he resigned and was released. The Rev. D. W. Carson was installed in October, 1878.

The first elders whose names appear on the roll of the session (though without record of the time of their election or installation) are John Coventry, William Bailey, from York county, Pa., Joseph Philles, William Donaldson from, Ireland, Nathan Porter, William Smith, James Brown, James Leech and James Keys. In 1819, John McBurney, A. Hunter and Robert Harvey were ordained as elders. In 1837, Joseph McNary, William Wilson, Samuel Livingston and Joshua Pyles. In 1839, William Galbraith, Sr., William Caldwell and James McCalmont. In 1851, Samuel B. Shillito and John Ferguson. In 1863, Robert Scott and James McNary, who were received from the congregation of Mount Vernon at its dissolution, were chosen and installed, together with John Keys, William Witherspoon, M. R. Welsh and W. R. Galbraith, who were also ordained at the same time.

The earliest roll of members extant though it is without date, numbered sixty-two members, with the following family names: Andrews, Brown, Cavert, Coventry, Donaldson, Ferguson, Keys, Leech, Nelson, Philles and Smith. The roll of members in 1876 numbered two hundred and twenty. In consequence of some difficulties in which the congregation became involved through a heavy debt contracted in building a new house of worship, quite a number of members left about that time. These difficulties were also the occasion of the resignation and release of Mr. Hood in 1878. The first house of worship, like that of all the churches in the same region at that time, was a cabin of unhewed logs seated with slabs. During the summer season the congregation usually worshiped in the open air, a wooden tent serving as a pulpit for the minister. On the 13th of October, 1826, Robert Coventry, Robert Tenan and Thomas Philles, trustees of Associate congregation of Burgettstown, purchased one acre and one hundred and twelve perches of land of James Miller, it being the ground on which the church was erected. In 1845, the date of Mr. Hammond's settlement, a neat and substantial frame building 54x44 feet and 16 feet in height, was erected at a cost of \$1040 in money, besides the lumber from the old building. This building was located about half a mile east of the village. In 1873 the present house was erected, at a cost of about \$27,000.

First U. P. Church

This Week in History

Events of the Long Ago From Enterprise Files and Other Sources

Burgettstown Enterprise-July 9, 1931 Edition

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Events of the Long Ago Selected
From Files of the Enterprise and
From Other Sources

The following items are from an issue of the Enterprise of January 1881.

Numerous applications have been made for the fly-trap advertised in our last paper. One from a subscriber in Oregon, asking that it be sent C O D with privilege of examination before paying for it. It cost us seventy-five cents when new, three years ago. See what a valuable advertising medium the Enterprise is.

The miners in McFadyean's Coal Works went out on strike the other day. Some misunderstanding in regard to weight was the cause which was compromised and the men withdrawn. Neal Noah, the former pit boss, was reduced to the ranks.

While shassaying around for news not long since on the evening of a social party in this neighborhood, we overheard this conversation: "Mother, which dress will I wear, my new one, my blue one, or the one I wore last?" "The one you wore last, you fool you, it's all you've got" was the answer that came ringing down stairs."

The Niagara Oil Company of Buffalo, New York, have opened an office in Burgettstown. They have already leased over twenty-five hundred acres in this new oil territory. The President of the Company, Mr. W. D. Oldfield, visited this office the other day and left a copy of their latest revised lease, which may be examined by any of our farmer patrons.

Our shooting gallery man will present a bronze dog—a setter to the most skillful marksman on Christmas; and a pointer to the genius who rings the most bells in a possible nineteen, on New Year's day. The fee for the premium is fifty cents; five entries to fill the class.

Rev. Marcus Ormond, of this place, has just returned from a trip through the eastern counties of Pennsylvania. He reports business brisk everywhere. His health is improving.

Miss Clara Keys, of this township, who is teaching at Venice, while on her way to a singing the other night, the horses ran off and she was thrown out of the sleigh, sustaining a comminuted fracture of an arm.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Events of the Long Ago From
Enterprise Files and
Other Sources

The following is a report of a reunion held by the Florence Blues on November 18, 1880, as given in the Burgettstown Enterprise of January 18, 1881:

At the Hotel in Florence, on November 18, 1880, the surviving members of the Volunteer Company, Florence Blues, held a reunion, Capt. John S. Duncan of Cross Creek village presiding and John W. Duncan of Florence as secretary. A committee previously appointed to correspond with members read several letters expressing regrets of the writers on account of their inability to attend, after which those present partook of a sumptuous repast.

The afternoon was spent in a most pleasant social way, recounting the many pleasant reminiscences of the past, of the time when those present were young men, many now bearing the honored insignia of age, and rehearsing many pleasant and amusing incidents of their life as volunteer military men.

Dr. Thomas W. Bradley of Cardville and James A. Proudfit, Esq., of Florence were present as invited guests and responded to calls for addresses in very neat and fitting speeches in which they gave vivid historical descriptions of "events in the fifties."

A committee consisting of Marion Jackson, Esq. and Levi J. Culley, Esq. to draft resolutions concerning deceased members, was then appointed. Also a committee of arrangements concerning a future reunion after which they adjourned, subject to the call of the said committee.

The following preamble and resolutions were reported and adopted as read:

Whereas, in the dispensation of Divine Providence, He has seen fit to remove by death our esteemed comrades, Henry Fullerton, William Crawford, John Culley, Jr., Thomas Mathews, Robert Mercer, William Criswell, James Nash, Samuel Amspoker and Ross Scott.

From the esteem in which we hold these, who long associated with us and from the affection we bear their memories, be it

Resolved, First, that we bow in submission to an overruling Providence, remembering that "He doeth all things well."

Resolved, Second, that, although our earthly ties are severed and we look back with affection to the memory of the departed, yet it becomes us to look forward to the grand "muster day" that we may all be prepared to answer when the final roll is called.

Resolved, Third that these resolutions be published in the Washington papers and the Burgettstown Enterprise.

Marion Jackson,
Levi C. Cully,
Committee.

This Week in History

Burgettstown Enterprise-July 23, 1931 Edition

THIS WEEK INVARIETY

Viewing Events of the Week
From the Street's Sunny Side
Where Grins Grow

Said the editor to the office boy: "Here, George, are a lot of directions from correspondents on how the paper ought to be conducted. See that they are carried out." And George carried them out to the rubbish heap.

A new arrival in town asked one of our handsome and polite cops if a man would have to see a doctor to get a little lick. The cop said: "No, but you will want to see one soon afterward."

"The short story is getting popular again," said a fellow who had been trying to borrow some cash. "Every feller I struck for a loan gave me a story of how short he was."

A resident of one of the nearby townships, who is said to inherit his thriftiness from Scotch ancestry, recently sold his Ford because the springs gave too much.

A young couple of Clinton went into a Woodlawn restaurant and asked for a lobster. The pretty waitress did not exactly know what was meant, but brought in the boss.

Seersucker coats are again coming into vogue, but according to a pessimistic citizen of Burgettstown so many suckers are to be found around they would not wear them for fear of pointing a moral.

Peanut politicians are plentiful in Burgettstown, and they are expert acrobats. Carrying water and whiskey on both shoulders, straddling issues and performing intellectual flip-flops are their specialties.

The sage of Sassafrack Flats brought a supply of horseradish to town this week. He says Burgettstown people are so hard-hearted he doubts if even horseradish would make 'em weep.

A motorist in a city police court the other night said it was useless to try to economize, for what he saved in battery expenses he had to pay out in fines for parking without lights.

Rastus Rizzerby went into a dry goods store on Main street for a supply of dried beef and crackers. He was told such merchandise was not sold in dry goods stores. "Whaffor?" inquired Rastus. "Ain't dry beef and biskits dry goods?"

THIS WEEK IN VARIETY

Viewing Events of the Week
From the Street's Sunny Side
Where Grins Grow

Public ownership is all right, but there is a sort of a mysterious question mark connected with it somewhere. A steamship agency, advertising "go to Europe on your own ship," interested me to the extent of just what there is to this "own ship" business. I found I should have to pay the same fare on my own boat that a ride on a Swede ship would cost. Hence the interrogation.—Old Reader.

A Pittsburgh paper says: "Perhaps you didn't realize it before, but if you are a citizen of Pennsylvania you are also one of approximately 9,000,000 stockholders in a great State Forests scattered over about 12 counties in the central part of the state." The writer of this drivel would be glad to dispose of his stock for two bits.

Forty years ago there was a military organization of some kind formed in Burgettstown. For the government of the outfit two by-laws were enacted, as follows: 1—This company shall be known as "The Burgettstown Rifles;" 2—In case of war this company shall immediately disband.

The fat contributor brought a poem to the editor the other day and asked to be directed to some one who could revise it. The boss said there was no one in the office competent to perform the operation, but suggested the poet might find a chiropodist, who could fix the effusion up.

Sassafrack Flats, according to the sage has a boarding house where sawdust is served as a remedy for dyspepsia. The sage says he don't know how efficacious it is, but it is unquestionably very fine board.

A commuter living away up on the hill wants Council to install moving sidewalks, something after the kind of escalators used in some stores on the principal streets between the railroad station and the upper avenue. He contends this mode of street transportation must come eventually, and inquires, "Why not now?"

A headline in the Enterprise of last week says "It is Hard to Overestimate the Importance of Paint." A man who does not read his paper very closely asked what variety of paint was meant—house paint, face paint or nose paint.

Last week some Cross Creek people saw a white robin. This week a Burgettstown man saw a blue canary with boots on. One more drink of that Geof alley moony would have put mittens also on the canary.

Two members of the Kalsomine Klub quit the organization flat the other night because Hen Pinfizzer was elected president, being as Hen is fernenst home brew. Otherwise the Klub is still flourishing.

THIS WEEK IN VARIETY

Viewing Events of the Week
From the Street's Sunny Side
Where Grins Grow

According to a resident who has lately been traveling through the country once known as the Indian territory, an Osage Indian made rich by oil does nothing but lament his experience: "Hotel heap bunk. Town heap bunk. Everything heap bunk. Injun no like being rich. Oil well good for white man. Heap bunk for Injun. Long time Injun happy. Bimeby oil come. White man come, say, 'Here, take money.' He bring money, money, money. Injun go town, drink booze, play cards. Money too plenty. No can spend him. At last get tired. Buy motor car. Come big city, but no happy. Heap grief. Injun like tepee, squaw, papoose, pony, dog. Instead have income tax, oil well, motor car, hotel bills. Life heap bunk."

A member of a local business firm says he stopped out in the townships the other day and walked through an old cemetery, noting many queer epitaphs on the ancient tombstones. One in particular attracted his attention, and he copied it for his scrap book collection of oddities: "Sacred to the memory of Eben Harvey, who departed this life suddenly by a cow kicking him in the back lot on September 15, 1843. Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

A man of town, who took offense at something in the Enterprise which he thought was a slam at him, although as a matter of fact it was nothing of the sort, wrote to the publisher as follows: "If by any unfortunate chance I am a subscriber to your old paper, take my name off the list." A bill for two year's subscription was mailed him.

A break-down occurred to the train on which the linotype operator of the Enterprise office was traveling 'way down south' last week. After a long delay the conductor of the train entered the coach and inquired: "Hev eny of youse gents got a bit of string about ye? Our ingine is broke down."

Friend iceman the other morning carried a chunk of ice up three flights of stairs to a flat and found the refrigerator would not hold all of it. The young housekeeper asked the iceman if he would not take a small bit of ice from the box and allow her for the difference. He replied he would be glad to do so but he could not sell second-hand ice.

The soap box orator was declaiming to an admiring crowd on Elm street the other evening. "I am the architect of my own fortune," he asserted. Some one in the rear of the assemblage snapped out: "It is pretty well evident there were no building inspectors around when you were doing the job!"

A young couple living down on one of the lower avenues have been scrapping for a long time about what kind of a car to buy. The husband wanted a sport roadster and the better half insisted upon a sedan. Last Saturday they compromised by purchasing a baby buggy.

A local physician says he learned at a recent banquet of his college class what causes baldness. According to the M. D. when hair grows into gray matter the hair turns gray; when there is no gray matter for the hair to touch, it falls out.

The Ancient Mariner says: "When I married my wife she had 12 buttons on her glove and none on her waist. Ho, hum! Styles do some remarkable changing."

"The Nutshell" was the name given a roadhouse out Broadhead Road way, but the proprietor changed the name when tourists began inquiring if the "kernel" was in.



KEITH HODAN | TRIBUNE-REVIEW

John and Deborah Alouise's mangled minivan rests on a rural Washington County road on Friday after a head-on collision with a Mustang driven by 18-year-old Aaron Herriott, killing all three.

3 killed, 1 hurt in head-on crash

Teen's speeding Mustang careens into couple's van; police think he was late for school on prom day

BY RICK WILLS
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

All three had extraordinary days planned on Friday.

John and Deborah Alouise planned to pick up their daughter from college. Aaron Herriott, just weeks from graduation, planned to attend Burgettstown Area Middle/High School's prom last night.

But the day with perfect weather turned

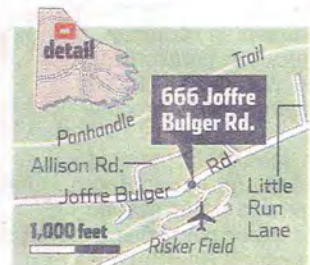
tragic when Herriott, 18, who police suspect was late for school, drove his speeding red Mustang into the Alouises' oncoming silver minivan on a rural Washington County road. All three died instantly, police said.

The couple's son, Scott Alouise, a front-seat passenger in his 20s, was flown to Allegheny General Hospital in the North Side with injuries. The couple was driving him to work at Giant Eagle in McDonald.

"This has just devastated me," said Veronica Barnum, who grew up next door to John Alouise on Station Street in the

Deadly scene

Three people died Friday at this rural Washington County location.



JASON LANZA | TRIBUNE-REVIEW

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3 killed, 1 hurt in head-on crash in Washington County

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rural community of Smith. She described him and his wife as devoted parents. "I can't imagine what their kids are going through."

The crash occurred at 7:45 a.m. on Joffre-Bulger Road, said Smith police Chief Bernie LaRue. The Alouises were headed to Westminster College in New Wilmington to pick up daughter Marah, 21, who attends school there and is a member of student government.

John Alouise, 62, who retired after more than 35 years at Weirton Steel, was driving. His wife, 51, sat in the back seat.

Police said Herriott was going at least 70 mph in a 40 mph zone when his car crossed the center line. They measured 160 feet of skid marks.

"You could hear the car coming down the road and then the tires squeaking, and I knew what was going to happen. Then there was this big bang," said Deb Risker, whose home of 25 years faces the crash site.

It's the second fatal crash she remembers at the same



KEITH HODAN | TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Joanna Lazzara, 27, of Burgettstown says a prayer at the scene of the accident in Washington County. Lazzara grew up near the Alouise family. John and Debbie Alouise died in the crash, while their son, Scott, was flown to Allegheny General Hospital.

spot, which has a curve more dangerous than it looks, she said, especially if a driver is going too fast.

Herriott lived in Smith's Midway neighborhood. John Alouise recently moved back into his boyhood home in the Joffre section with his family

after his mother died.

"He was a good guy. He was very helpful when I first got married. He was a skilled carpenter and helped me renovate my house when I got married," said Jarod Stewart, John Alouise's nephew.

The couple's youngest

daughter, Alyssa, 19, graduated last year from Burgettstown.

News of the crash spread quickly in the small town that residents say has changed little over many decades.

It was an especially hard day at the middle and high

schools, said Kordell Walsen, 14, an eighth-grader.

"Everyone was crying. They were all crying, even the boys," he said.

Herriott has three younger siblings — Elijah, a middle-school student; and a sister, Faith, and a brother, Dalton, both in elementary school.

School administrators had to make the hard decision about whether last night's prom should go on. Herriott planned to attend the event with a junior date, said Deborah Jackson, superintendent of the Burgettstown Area School District.

"Kids want to be together with friends when a tragedy happens. That is why we are having the prom," Jackson said.

"This is gut-wrenching for everyone. Many times, teachers are as emotional as their students," she said.

A late afternoon promenade at the school started with a moment of silence, and the two American flags were low-

ered to half-staff.

Herriott spent half his school day at Burgettstown and the other half at the Western Area Career and Technical Center in Canonsburg, studying auto mechanics. He also worked part time.

Jackson said students and teachers all described Herriott as "a really great kid."

"He was hardworking and serious and knew what he wanted to do," said David Palmer, principal of the middle/high school.

Herriott is the second of his siblings to die as a teenager, said his cousin Lindsay Herriott, of South Field. Herriott's brother Brandon died from a lung ailment at 16, about six years ago, she said. Lindsay was the first to place flowers where Aaron Herriott lost his life.

"I just love him, and I miss him really bad. I feel really sorry for his mother," she said.

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Alouise



Herriott



SCOTT BEVERIDGE / OBSERVER-REPORTER

A photograph of husband and wife John J. and Debbie Alouise, who were killed in a car accident Friday, can be seen attached to a utility pole on Joffre-Bulger Road Saturday.

Roadside memorials commemorate three killed in Smith crash

Survivor in stable condition at hospital

By SCOTT BEVERIDGE, Staff writer
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BULGER – Separate roadside memorials took shape Saturday along a country road in Smith Township, where three people were killed a day earlier in a vehicle collision.

A photograph appeared on a utility pole at the site of the accident on Joffre-Bulger Road of John J. Alouise, 62, and his wife, Debbie, 51, of Smith, posing with

a daughter in her cheerleader outfit. Three bouquets of yellow, white and pink daisies rested on the ground at the base of the pole in a makeshift memorial to the couple.

Across the street amid shattered windshield glass on the grass rested three white roses and a bouquet of orange silk roses memorializing Aaron River Herriott, 18, of Bulger, who was to attend his high

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school from the day of the crash. Inside the clear plastic surrounding the orange roses someone placed a copy of the 2012 prom program from Burgettstown High School, where Herriott was a senior.

The lone survivor of the accident, the Alouises' son, Scott, remained in stable condition Saturday at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, a hospital spokeswoman said.

He was a passenger in a van driven by his father when the vehicle collided head-on about 7:45 a.m. with a car driven by Herriott. Smith police said Herriott, who was driving to school, was traveling too fast when his car crossed the center lane into the path of the van.

To sing with Barry Manilow

Patty Couch-Fetcko, a graduate of Union High School, will perform with Barry Manilow at Star Lake Amphitheater on Wednesday, July 14.

Patty is a member of St. Patrick Church choir in Canonsburg. The choir, which consists of about 30 members, was asked to perform with Manilow for two songs.

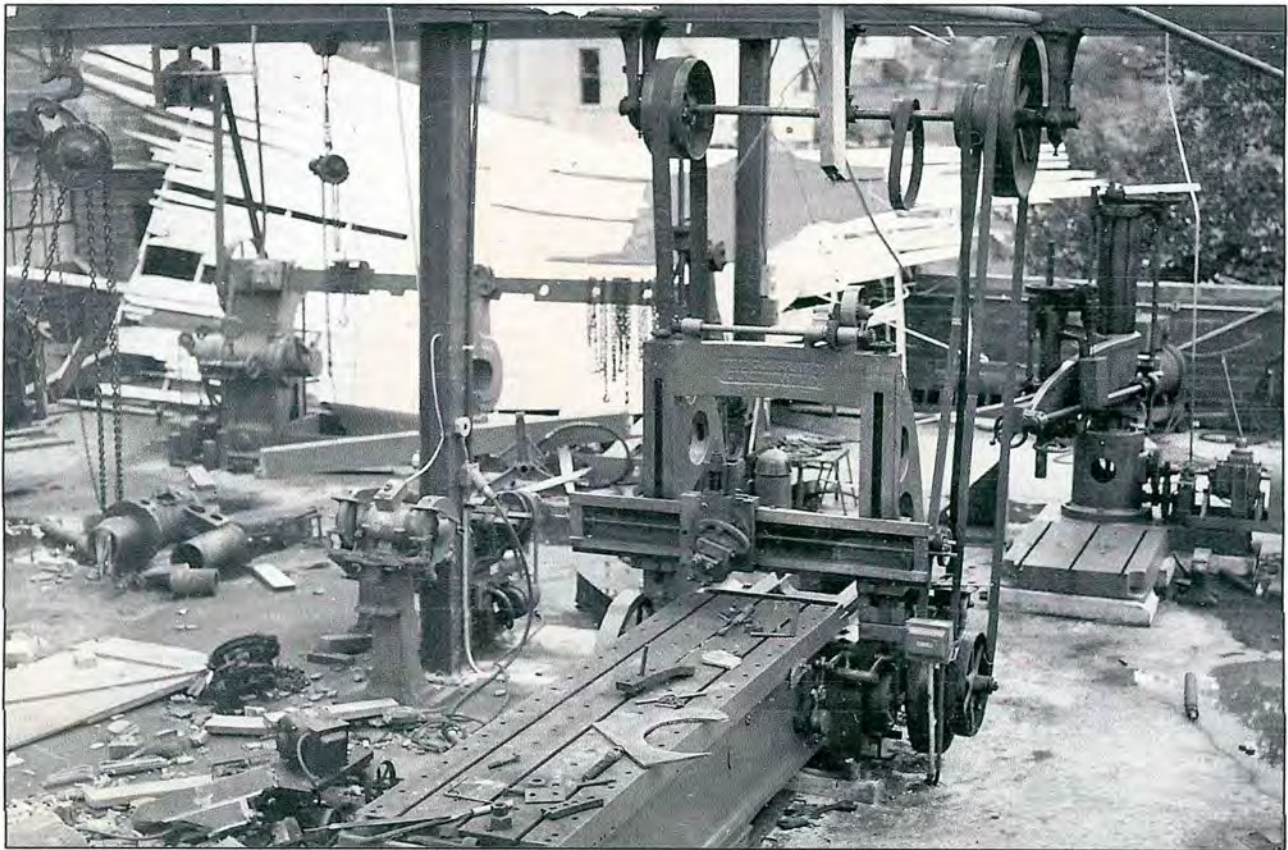
The choir also performed with Andy Williams at the A.J. Palumbo Center, Pittsburgh, for his Christmas show in 1991.

Twelve of the 30 members, including Patty, also performed at Star Lake with Michael Bolton in 1991, and were asked to sing again with Bolton for his encore performance in 1992.

Patty and her husband, Tom, reside in Canonsburg with their three children, Frank and Jaime Roberts and Katie Fetcko.

The choir also has entertained at the Burgettstown Senior Citizen Center, where Patty's mother, Edna Jean Couch, is president.

Patty Couch-Fetcko to Sing with Barry Manilow
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Glenn Nichols Machine Shop

Located on Race Street, Burgettstown, PA. It was located behind today's car dealer, Star Lake Ford. The building was destroyed by a tornado in September 1947.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Tremors sway

By **DAVE GOSSETT**
and **PAUL GIANNAMORE**
For The Weirton Daily Times

STEUBENVILLE — The Jefferson County Courthouse re-opened for business today after it was ordered closed Wednesday afternoon when tremors from an earthquake centered in Canada caused several buildings in the downtown business district to sway back and

forth.

Jefferson County Engineer James Branagan joined Jefferson County Commissioner Thomas Graham for an interior inspection of the building early today.

Branagan inspected the exterior of the courthouse Wednesday afternoon two hours after Graham ordered the structure evacuated when employees reported pictures falling from the walls and the floors moving.

area buildings

The earthquake, which measured a magnitude of 5 and was centered near the Ontario-Quebec border, was reported at 1:41 p.m.

"The employees called me to say they felt the building moving, and I immediately called for the courthouse to be evacuated. We weren't sure what had happened at first, but I felt the safe course was to get everyone out of the building until we knew what was hap-

pening," said Graham.

The tremors in Jefferson County appeared to be felt mainly in the tall buildings in the downtown area.

Jefferson County 911 Center Director Rob Herrington said no telephone calls about the tremors were received at the emergency offices.

An unidentified woman appeared

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skeptical when Graham informed her the courthouse had been closed because of an earthquake.

"No really, why are you closed?" she asked Graham a second time.

"We had an earthquake and the courthouse started moving so we evacuated the building," Graham responded.

"I can't believe it," the woman said before leaving.

Donna Balzano, working in her fourth floor county auditor's office, said she started getting nervous, "when pictures started falling off the wall. I picked up my purse and several us left immediately."

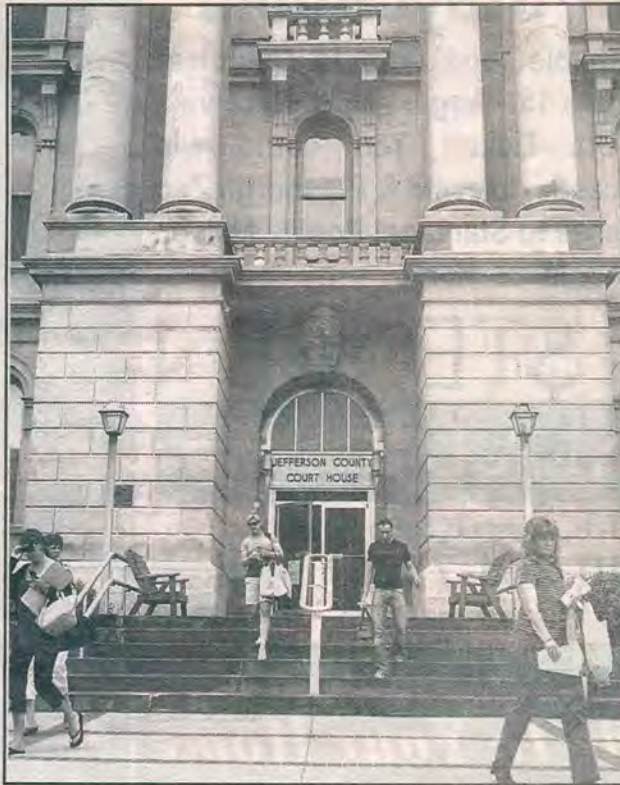
Her co-worker, Vickie Winski, described the nearly one-minute experience, "as the floor rolling back and forth."

Third-floor auditor's office employee Jack Humphreys said he felt the courthouse, "moving back and forth and it definitely made me feel woozy."

"I was sitting in my chair and felt it shaking. I went to see if other people were feeling it as well on the fourth floor. It was a pretty wild feeling," reported Joe Boni, county data processing director.

Jefferson County Treasurer Ray Agresta said employees in his first floor office said they felt, "slight movement".

Jefferson County Sheriff Fred Abdalla said the tremors were also felt on the Jefferson County Justice Center's fourth, fifth



Paul Giannamore

COURTHOUSE CLOSED — Employees and visitors leave the Jefferson County Courthouse after it closed about two hours early Wednesday afternoon when the building shook during an earthquake that was centered in Canada. Workers on the upper floors of the building, which dates to the 1800s, reported feeling the floors shake and said pictures fell from the walls. Workers in other multi-story downtown buildings also reported feeling the shaking on upper floors.

and sixth floors.

Annette Stewart of the Jefferson County Health Department was in her seventh-floor office in the Ohio Valley Towers on Market Street, "and I started feeling sick. Then I noticed my chair was moving. Our receptionist, Jamie Louk, was walking toward the copy machine when the building started moving and it threw her off balance and she bumped into the wall."

Workers in the nearby Sinclair Building on North Fourth Street also said they felt the effects of the Canadian quake.

Attorney Robert D'Anniballe Jr. said he and the staff in the law offices at Pietragallo, Boscic and Gordon on the 10th floor of the Sinclair Building felt the shaking.

"We heard a train sound at the same time, but this didn't feel like it was the same kind of intensity that

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would be caused by a train," he said. "It lasted less than a minute, but it was a noticeable, sustained shaking."

And Attorney Sam Pate said his office on the seventh floor of the Sinclair Building also shook.

Pate said he was out when the tremor hit, but his secretary, Susan Lamp, reported feeling the shaking.

"Then, we looked outside and the courthouse was emptying out," he said.

Scott Dressel was attending a meeting at the Historic Fort Steuben Visitors Center when he felt, "a slight movement."

"We were in the middle of a serious discussion when I felt it. No one else said anything so I didn't realize at the time what had happened," said Dressel.

Employees in the Steubenville City Hall said they had no idea earthquake tremors had been felt in nearby buildings.

"It is business as usual for us. We didn't feel anything here and the building never moved," City Manager Cathy Davison said.

The tremors were felt at several buildings in downtown Wheeling as well as the Marshall County Courthouse in West Virginia.

The U.S. Geological Survey received reports from people who felt the earthquake across Ohio, as well as areas of West-ern Pennsylvania.

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**

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Items From The Enterprise, Published
at Burgettstown (Cardville P. O.)
a Score or More Years Ago.

[For a time we will reprint under this heading
a few items from our old files. We believe that
our readers will find it interesting to have these
events of the misty past recalled to mind.]

ISSUE OF NOVEMBER 1, 1882.

John Shipley, one of the ENTERPRISE
"devils," is laid up with the grip.

President Arthur has appointed Thurs-
day, November 30, as a day of national
Thanksgiving.

McDowell & Co. have exchanged their
planing mill in this place for the planing
mill of J. B. May in Canonsburg, the
change to take effect January 1, 1883.

Rev. Fredericks requests us to ask the
party who milks his cow every morning
before daylight to lay off for a couple of
mornings in the week or else to come
and hire the cow.

NOVEMBER 8, 1882.

An award of \$13,000 was made to the
heirs of Noah Smith, who was killed
some time since on the Panhandle R. R.

About the first coal bank opened in
Jefferson township was on the farm on
which John Riddle resides. It is owned
by Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, of this place.

One day last week J. O. Lee happened
to be in the neighborhood of Falconer's
slaughter house with a shot gun, and
espying a lot of rats, shot at them. At
the first shot he killed five, and empty-
ing the other barrel of his gun, succeed-
ed in laying out another one before they
got into their holes.

NOVEMBER 15, 1882.

The first snow of the season came on
Monday, November 13.

Frank Cain left for Jacksonville, Flor-
ida, on Tuesday evening, where he will
spend the winter.

John Falconer says Orr Lee may be
some on shooting rats, but that he can't
hit a beef ten feet away.

A musical institute is in progress in
the town hall under the direction of
W. W. Porter, of Lawrence county.

Joe Richey says he intends to get some
carbon oil and a corn cob and have a
bonfire over the result of the election.

J. B. May, of Canonsburg, has bought
ground from J. W. Aiken near the Pres-
byterian church and has begun the erec-
tion of a dwelling house.

NOVEMBER 22, 1882.

Died.—On Tuesday, November 21, in
Cross Creek Village, Israel Bebout.

The Florence correspondent says J. B.
Bruce is talking of going west this fall.

Died.—On Tuesday, November 21, in
Burgettstown, William McNary, aged 78
years.

C. B. McFarland, one of the employes
of this office, is confined to the house by
sickness.

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One Year Ago This Week
1945

HEADLINES

Okinawa Recreation Center Named for Thad M. Dodds.

Evelyn Strongosky Wins National Award in Scholastic Literary Contest

Harmon Creek School Buys \$3623 in bonds and stamps.

\$800,000 to be Raised for Presbyterian Home for the Aged.

James Mazzier Reported Killed March 19.

BIRTHS

May 29 Charles Joseph Wilkens

May 30 Jane Evon Fliton

DEATHS

May 31 Mrs. Martha W. Lewellyn.

Five Years Ago This Week
1941

HEADLINES

A. J. Nairn Presents Largest Class at U. H. S. with Diplomas

Legionnaires to March in Memorial Day Parade

Dr. I. C. Kellar of the English Department at California State Teachers' College to Speak at Senior Vesper Service

Father James Carroll, Dean of Duquesne Gives Baccalaureate year, he completed the course be-

Borough Play Ground to Open Monday, June 2 with J. R. Canning and Virginia Forsythe as co-directors

BIRTHS

May 26 Twin sons to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Shearson

Elizabeth Ann Martin

May 27 Mary Beth Henwood

Peggy Joyce Watlet

Eight Years Ago This Week
1938

HEADLINES

Anna and Stella Fennyck Killed in Auto Crash Near Kent, O., May 28.

Union Agricultural Board Plans Big Harvest Season Fair, Sept. 8, 9, 10.

Burgettstown Boys Pile Up Baseball Wins

Slovan Grade School Holds Commencement at Croatian Hall

Ninety-five Pupils in Grades Achieve Perfect Attendance Score

DEATHS

May 26 Frank Malanskanko

May 28 Charles N. Cunningham

May 30 John M. Lantz.

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One Year Ago This Week
1946

HEADLINES

Record Holiday Travel Will Pack Nations' Highways. Urge Caution; Greatest Mileage Predicted July 4 By National Safety Council.

Plenty of Produce Available To Meet County Food Needs.

Motor Fatalities Increase Noted By AAA Manager Articles of Resolution.

Russell Grant Held In County Jail For Theater Break.

Harry Boris and Walter Mitchell Join U. S. Army.

Additional Enrolles In Swim Classes.

Local Scouters Meet At Hickory June 27.

State Approves \$7,700 To District Schools.

County Gets \$61,484.08 Liquid Fuels Taxes.

Italian Bride Welcomed At Perkins Home.

Slovan's First Foreign Bride Is French Lass.

Mrs. F. G. Pope Is Installed As President of Friday Club. Announces '47 Committees.

100 Years of Railroad Along The Panhandle Is Recalled By District Pennsylvania Railroad Employees.

Legion Endorses Army Recruit Drive.

Scouts Camp At Amity Reservation.

Keith Will Award New 1946 Pontiac To Show Patron.

BIRTHS

June 29 George Cephas Grimes.
July 1 a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James McGrogan.

July 2 Christine Dudeck.
July 3 Carol Ann Smiley.

MARRIAGES

June 29 Dolores Vierheller and Henry Charles Colteryahn.

June 29 Tillie Kapustynski and Leo Koraido.

June 29 Patricia Ann Westlake and Richard Buxton.

June 29 Lois Brownlee and Clarence Power.

June 29 Mildred Jean Stewart and Dale L. Roberts.

June 29 Kathleen Hayes and Abe Smart.

July 1 Mary Kliach and Jimmy Repole.

July 1 Thelma Wagner and George Russell.

July 3 Anna Kleer and William Kirsopp.

July 3 Jennie Karp and Charles Melnyk.

July 5 Pauline Melvin and Michael Brady.

Five Years Ago This Week
1942

HEADLINES

Slovan Fire Department Dedicates Service Flag, July 4.

Ladies' Night At Lions Club on July 13.

Patrick Fagan Speaks At Francis Mine Dedication July 8.

Large Class For First Communion At Catholic Church.

Local Boy Scouts Are Registered At Camp Amity.

Volunteers Are Needed To Man Observation Posts.

Donald and Leonard LeCouvre Are Missing In Action in Pacific.

MARRIAGES

June 30, Mary Glass and Carl Campbell; Emma Didiot and Ralph Williamson.

July 1, Helen Halulko and Edward F. Guna.

Eight Years Ago This Week
1939

HEADLINES

County Treasurer Postpones Tax Sales To November 1st.

Alex McConnell In Song Recital At Union High School, June 29.

Bicycle Mishap Claims Life Of William McClelland.

Florence Bible School Closes.
250 Attend Stag Dinner Of Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department.

Mary Ola Parham Is June Graduate Of Penn State College.

Pennsylvania Railroad Wives Are Party Guests of Mrs. H. H. Sonnhalter.

Eldersville I.O.O.F. Entertains Visitors.

Langeloth Bible School Program Friday, June 30.

Presbytery Meeting At Langeloth June 27.

Fortune smiles on those who make a habit of reading Enterprise Want Ads.

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Burgettstown Enterprise-July 3, 1947 Edition

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One Year Ago This Week
1946

HEADLINES

Smith Township School Board Authorizes Dues Check-Off For BSTE.A.

V. G. Critchlow Is Elected Prexy of BSTE.A.

Pietro Gavazzi Instantly Killed In Langeloth Mine, October 17.

New Officers Installed By Rebekah Lodge, October 22.

W. J. Whalen To Direct County USO Drive.

Local Men Kill 3 Elk In Idaho.

Hallowe'en Celebration Moves To Hill Stadium, Thursday, October 31. Dozens of Valuable Prizes Donated by Merchants For Masqueraders.

Amoco Club Organizes To Curb Delinquency.

Library Friends Are Invited To "Open House" Saturday, October 26. Junior Woman's Club To Conduct Tag Day On Main Streets.

UHS To Hold Pep Rally And Bonfire, October 24.

Free Chest X-Rays For County Teachers During Annual Institute.

Auxiliary Installs Mrs. Harbaugh As President For 46-47.

Alberta Anzlovar Opens Beauty Shop In Slovan.

Rev. "Don" McClure, Sudan Missionary, To Speak Here, October 26.

Musical Conference At Hanover U. P. Church, October 29-November 7.

BIRTHS

October 19 Patricia Ann Edwards; Linda Kay Thomas and Suzanne Carolyn Suica.

October 20, Maria Milvern Perkins.

October 22, Gloria Jean Ervin and Veronica Jean Januliewicz.

October 25, Ronald Lee Cunningham.

DEATHS

October 22-Paul Wheatley.

Five Years Ago This Week
1942

HEADLINES

Florence Sportsmen Seek New Members.

No Food Permitted In Xmas Packages For Overseas Men.

No Hallowe'en Celebration This Year Because of War.

Bert Russell Is Named Member of Draft Board No. 6.

Charles Mester Was Officer On the Wasp.

"Funzapoppin" With Local Cast Opens Thursday.

Gabriel Sharkey Wounded In Solomons Is In California Hospital.

First Presbyterians To Dedicate Flags On Sunday Morning.

Praise Local Bank In War Bonds Sales.

Panhandle District of Boy Scouts Elect Officers.

Seaman Al Hook and Soldier Carl Filipponi Guests At Lions Club, October 26.

BIRTHS

October 20, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Morrow.

October 21, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Welch; and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Racioppi.

October 22, William Gilmore Morrison; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Little.

October 24, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Clair Axtell.

MARRIAGES

October 24, Mary Wilson and Ralph Dold.

Eight Years Ago This Week
1939

HEADLINES

Friday Club Members Hear Book Review October 20.

Union Victor Over Trinity Hi-13-12.

Langeloth P.T.A. To Hold Party, October 26.

Canning Men To Play Turtle Creek, Saturday, October 28.

Committee Plans Entertainment for Hallowe'en Mummies. Many Prizes Will Be Awarded.

BIRTHS

October 21-a twin son and daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner.

October 22-a son to Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Curtis.

MARRIAGES

October 19-Martha Richards and John Certier.

DEATHS

October 19-William J. Edwards

October 20-Frank M. Criss and W. W. Lane.

October 24-James Clark Bable.

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Burgettstown Enterprise-October 23, 1947 Edition

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From Enterprise

30 YEARS AGO — 1932

A report from Washington hospital stated the institution was handicapped by restricted funds with which to operate. Some statistics were, patients admitted the past year, 3,093. Patients discharged, 3,099.

Millage was reduced by borough council at a recent meeting. Mills were set at 14, a reduction of one mill. Councilmen were Oscar Jackson, L. E. Foster, E. C. Caldwell, George Hanna, with secretary C. W. Davidson and solicitor I. C. Bloom.

Butler Food store listed the price of sausage as two pounds for 25 cents.

20 YEARS AGO — 1942

Richard Holt, several years a member of the Burgettstown grade school staff, resigned to accept a position at Climax.

A first aid class for the Red Cross was to be taught by Richard Johnson.

Charlie's Wallpaper, Paint, and Linoleum Store was opened next door to the Keith Theatre with Charles J. Amdur, manager. The store was to be decorated in modern fashion, with a display of wall paper visible from a 30-foot rack.

Wives and mothers of members of the American Legion were asked to meet for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary to the Burgettstown Post.

Coll Tire Shop was installing machinery to provide a complete service for re-treading tires.

10 YEARS AGO — 1952

Father Joseph A. Wank, for three years pastor of St. Ann's church, Bulger, was transferred to St. Joseph's church, Brad-dock. Father Wank organized the Young Ladies' Sodality and the Ladies' Altar Society.

Council holds to 15 mill tax levy for 1952.

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30 YEARS AGO — 1932

The Burgettstown Rifle Club was formed by a number of gunners in the area.

Alden Miller, of Bancroft farms, sold a valuable race horse named Don Directum. The horse was entered in the Burgettstown races the previous fall.

Butler's advertised whole pork shoulder for 9 cents a pound.

20 YEARS AGO — 1942

Stanley A. Wonsevicz was honored at a farewell party before entering service.

The heaviest snowfall of the winter caused closing of local schools for two days.

Rev. W. Bruce Wilson conducted Evangelistic services at the First United Presbyterian church.

10 YEARS AGO — 1952

Fire Department asked Council to build an addition to boro building for fire equipment.

Prospects were bright for a new 10-room brick school at Joffre, to replace two obsolete wooden buildings.

Mothers of the area demand kindergarten for pre-school children.

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30 YEARS AGO — 1932

A large force of workmen have been busy in the interior of the Haines building, which would soon be occupied by the Burgettstown Hardware. Lowering of floors and more modern equipment were some of the improvements.

Rev. P. S. Sprague of the Westminster church resigned his charge.

The Enterprise reported 66 degree temperatures existed daily in the area the past week, instead of the usually cold and biting wind of January.

Scott Service announced the new Chevrolet Six, at the price of \$475. It boasted 60 horsepower and would run on a long stretch of road at the speed of 65 to 70 miles per hour.

20 YEARS AGO — 1942

C. R. Fullerton was among the prize winners at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. Mr. Fullerton won several prizes for lambs he displayed.

Hundreds attended the funeral services for Rev. Ralph Carman, for 12 years pastor of Hillcrest church, Burgettstown.

10 YEARS AGO — 1952

Future Homemakers of America of Union high school were awarded recognition and acclaim at the State Farm Show in Harrisburg.

"Cuba" was the topic of discussion at the American Legion with Mrs. Michael Beharry and Mrs. Edward Sciamanna program chairmen.

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30 YEARS AGO — 1932

Sixty men representing 2500 unemployed of Burgettstown, Slovan and Avella mines met with County Commissioners and made demands for free food, rent, fuel, and cash for paying debts. The request was referred to the Directors of the Poor for investigation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Aten were pleasantly surprised on their birthdays when 75 of their friends called. The evening was spent in dancing and a luncheon was served.

20 YEARS AGO — 1942

Chief of Police Sam Powell and Assistant Officer Scott were determined to enforce the parking laws of the boro. They reminded motorists that one hour parking on main street was the limit.

Rationing boards were set up all over the country for the purpose of rationing drastically limited tires for motor vehicles. On the local board were John M. Scott, W. K. Allison and John Farrar.

Scoutmaster Richard Holt aided the scouts in collecting old newspapers and bundling them for donations to the Red Cross.

10 YEARS AGO — 1952

The Post Office Department has advised patrons that a charge of two cents is now made for postal cards instead of one cent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gardner of Eldersville, observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

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30 YEARS AGO — MARCH 29
1932

An Easter cantata entitled "Our Risen Lord and King" was presented at the United Presbyterian church under the direction of J. J. Charlier.

Washington County Sportsmen's League met and elected Wayne M. Culley, president; Jerry McKisson, vice president; and Dr. R. E. Davidson, secretary-treasurer.

20 YEARS AGO — MARCH 29
1942

Sam Broida, oldest merchant in Burgettstown in point of establishment, entertained kiddies of the area with a party at the Keith theatre, on his birthday.

Engineers viewed proposed site near Harmon Creek for emergency landing field. Charles Scott was chairman of the Aeronautics committee.

The names of 43 local women appeared on the charter of the Ladies Auxiliary to the American Legion.

The "Purl Harders" of Bulger knitted 28 sweaters for boys in service.

The Baptist church of Burgettstown held a mortgage burning ceremony.

Ralph Fulton purchased the A. A. Haines hardware business.

10 YEARS AGO — MARCH 29
1952

Margaret Ihnat won the alto solo contest at Hickory high school and was rated superior.

William A. Bell died in a train mishap at Weirton.

Sixty Eldersville Boy and Girl Scouts held a party and learned to square dance.

Darla Bish was selected "Miss Easter Seal."

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30 Years Ago - 1931

The town of Burgettstown was growing in appearance and value as three new buildings were in the process of being erected, in the heart of town. The "modern and handsome" structures are known as the Broida, Panconi and Bloom buildings. It was the general opinion of the people of the town that they would add to dignity of the street and would represent a great improvement to the town.

(The Broida building is now being used as a warehouse for Coll Furniture and Appliances, and was the former site of the A & P Store, located just above the Pennsylvania railroad tracks. The Bloom building is occupied by Kitty's Appliances, the State Liquor Store, Johnny's Bar and Butler's Food Market. The Panconi building is now occupied by the G. C. Murphy Company).

The Presbyterian Men's Union was organized at a meeting in Washington.

Contracts were let for the construction of Robinson school, an eight-room structure for the consolidated school district. General contract was for \$22,997, with the wiring contract being awarded to Earl Farnor of Burgettstown for \$1,050. The plumbing contract was also given to a local concern, W. E. Inglefield and Son, for \$1,900. Heating contract was for \$5,890.

An item on the Cross Creek Grange program was a discussion by A. Livonia Reed and A. D. White. Topic - "Should Married Women Be Excluded as Teachers in Public Schools?"

George Pyle, rural mail carrier for route 2 took a 10-day vacation, with Wilbert Welch acting as substitute.

The J. D. Doumont news and variety store on Main street advertised a Stock Reducing Sale. Some of the items on sale were cooking pots and pans, water pails, oil lamps, bread raisers, paper baskets, crocks (1 to 13 gallon capacity), grass hooks and fruit jars. All items were "cut 25%".

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From the Enterprise Files

30 Years Ago-1931

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From Enterprise Files

30 YEARS AGO — 1931

A joyous time has been planned by residents of the town for the Hallowe'en holiday. Earl Petrucci has been busy gathering gifts from merchants to be distributed among children participating in the festivities. The event will be held in the public parking lot near the post office. Burgess R. C. Cassidy warned all mischief makers that no foolishness would be tolerated.

Steve Shearson of Bulger was injured while at work when he was caught between two coal cars in the mine.

The first frost of the season was recorded this week.

Bertha Mine No. 2 resumed operations, as a pick mine, to employ 50 to 100 additional miners.

Pennsylvania Railroad advertised a round trip to Detroit for \$6.55.

20 YEARS AGO — 1941

In order to boost interest in attendance at Grange meetings, Paris Grange conducted an attendance contest. Captains of the two teams were Mrs. John Cool and Mrs. Minnie Wilson. Losers were to serve an oyster supper to the winners.

10 YEARS AGO — 1951

Union High Freshman Leroy Barish was killed instantly in an auto accident.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cassidy observed their golden wedding anniversary.

The Junior class of Union high attended the funeral of a classmate, Philip Prado, who died after a lingering illness.

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From Enterprise Files

30 YEARS AGO — 1932

The Peoples National Bank of Burgettstown re-opened its doors after being closed because of heavy withdrawals. It was opened under the receivership of Harry G. Wilson, and patrons were permitted access to safety deposit boxes, and limited business was carried on.

Announcement was made that the free parking lot near the postoffice was well patronized, making more room on the streets for short time parking. Parking in the lot was permitted for as long as desired.

20 YEARS AGO — 1942

Music lovers of the area showed interest in 11-year-old Richard Henry Gerero, violinist from Weirton. The youthful musician appeared in a concert with the Slovan Volunteer Fire Department in UHS and with various music groups in the tri-state area.

Squire and Mrs. W. B. Culley observed their golden wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Beck, of Eldersville church were transferred to Westview, Pittsburgh.

The "Purl Harder" knitting club of Bulger was formed with 30 members, who would meet regularly to knit for the Red Cross.

10 YEARS AGO — 1952

A federal grant of \$296,000 was received by the area for flood control in Burgettstown and Smith township. Flood control committee were Joseph Cunningham, Edward Sciamanna and Owen McGivern.

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**UNTAXED LIQUOR
LANDS ATLASBURG
MAN IN CO. JAIL**

Failing to destroy the evidence in a whirlwind ax smashing jamboree that spread it upon the clothing of raiding officers, Stanley Gibson, 55, of Atlasburg is now reposing in the County Hoosgow to await court action.

Officers Robb and Powell descended on the Gibson house in Atlasburg on Monday night looking for untaxed moonshine. They arrested Gibson on a charge of unlawful possession of five gallons of untaxed moonshine and following a hearing before Squire Nicksick remanded him to the county jail. When the officers appeared at the Gibson home, a woman there, attempted to destroy the evidence by smashing open the containers, however the officers succeeded in saving enough for evidence.

USDA: Cost to raise child up slightly to \$245,340

WASHINGTON (AP) – A message for new parents: get ready for sticker shock.

A child born in 2013 will cost a middle-income American family an average of \$245,340 until he or she reaches the age of 18, with families living in the Northeast taking on a greater burden, according to a report out Monday. And that doesn't include college—or expenses if a child lives at home after age 17.

Those costs that are included – food, housing, child care and education – rose 1.8 percent over the previous year, the Agriculture Department's new "Expenditures on Children and Families" report said. As in the past, families in the urban Northeast will spend more than families in the urban South and rural parts of the United States, or roughly \$282,480.

When adjusting for projected inflation, the report found a child born last year could cost a middle-income family an average of about \$304,480.

The USDA's annual report, based on the government's Consumer Expenditure Survey, found families were consistent in how they spent their money across all categories from 2012 to 2013. The costs associated with pregnancy or expenses accumulated after a child becomes an adult, such as college tuition, were not included.

In 1960, the first year the report was issued, a middle-income family could spend about \$25,230, equivalent to \$198,560 in 2013 dollars, to raise a child until the age of 18. Housing costs remain the greatest child-rearing expense, as they did in the 1960s, although current-day costs like childcare were negligible back then.

USDA: Cost to Raise Child up Slightly to \$245,340
Observer-Reporter-August 19, 2014 Edition

VALENTINE PARTY

A Valentine Party was held at Ethel's Beauty Salon, 117 South McDonald street on Friday evening, February 7. The evening was spent in dancing and games. Lunch was served by the hostesses Ethel Morrison and Dorothy Souleret.

The guests present from Burgettstown were John Gelester, Marco Kern, Carl Zabetakis, Carmen Folgio and Ralph Bable.

The VanEman Family

G. S. VanEman, of Oklahoma City Oklahoma, is visiting his sisters and other friends in this neighborhood. The fact is, Mr. VanEman has been here for more than a week but he kept so quiet that the Call man learned of his presence only a few days ago.

Mr. VanEman, who is in the 77th year of his age, is visiting four sisters whose average age is 88 years, all living within the bounds of the Burgettstown postoffice. They are: Rebecca, widow of Samuel Dunbar, in her 95th year; Miss Margaret H. VanEman, in her 88th year; Isabelle D., widow of William Dunbar, in her 86th year, and Hannah Park Stevenson, widow of James M. Stevenson, in her 84th year. Hugh Lee VanEman, a brother, is living in Michigan Bluffs, Cal., in his 82d year. The following brother and sisters are deceased: James Adams VanEman, born 1817; Mrs. Amelia Riddle, born 1822; Mrs. Rachel Duncan, born 1824; Mrs. Mary Jane Shipley, born 1835. They are children of Garrett and Rachel Logan Van Eman. The father died at the age of 63 years and the mother at the age of 48.

Violent Wind And Rain Storm Knocks Out Power Service

A violent wind storm accompanied by torrential rains and heavy snow hit the district late last Saturday afternoon, causing considerable damage to power and telephone lines. Trees were uprooted and poles were broken off, snapping lines and cables.

T. W. Johnston, District Manager of West Penn Power states "Authorities are calling the storm a twister. The big problem was, the effected areas were so wide-spread, that we just couldn't get to them fast enough. We had all available manpower working around the clock to restore service to our customers."

The major source of trouble occurred outside the substation on Main street. Main distribution lines were blown down. Power was off in Burgettstown for about five hours.

Officials of the Bell Telephone Company report about 90 lines in the Burgettstown area were affected by snapped cables. Excessive moisture caused by torrential rains accompanied the wind causing cables to crack, knocking out many telephones in the area. All phone service was restored by Sunday night with repair men working day and night.

The most serious damage occurred a mile and a half south of Bulger, when the home of the Washallen Readie family was destroyed by high winds. The roof was ripped off, leaving furniture a pile of debris. One of the Readie girls was cut by flying glass and a neighbor, Charles Robertson, who tried to assist the family after the storm, suffered a stroke and was taken to Mercy hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Readie and their three children had resided in their new home the past two years. He is employed by the H. J. Heinz plant, Pittsburgh. The family returned to Pittsburgh where they hope to find a suitable place to live.

**Violent Wind and Rain Storms
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 2, 1961 Edition**

VISIT "GAY PAREE."

The Burgettstown fair offers a grist of good attractions in the way of amusements, and of course visitors want to see the big show. While doing the fair don't overlook "Gay Paree," said to be the greatest attraction of the bunch. This aggregation has been the greatest drawing card at all county expositions throughout the country and if you want to get your money's worth stop here. You will see the seven Shy Ann girls; the big vaudeville acts; the Princess Julia burlesque; the French and acrobatic toe dancer; pretty girls; beautiful costumes and hear catchy, up-to-date music. In fact you'll find "Gay Paree" decidedly one of the most interesting and entertaining attractions on the fair grounds. Don't miss it. 40p1

**Burgettstown Fair-Visit Gay Paree
The Enterprise-October 2, 1907 Edition**

Visiting Exposition.

John L. Hill, telegrapher at the local P. R. R. tower, accompanied by his wife, left Tuesday for a visit of a few days to the exposition at Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hill Visit Exposition
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 13, 1936 Edition

Vorhes Family Has Double Celebration

A family reunion and birthday party was held July 4 in honor of S. W. Vorhes at his home near West Middletown. Almost 50 members of his family, including his five children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were in attendance. The group played ball, badminton and other games, and enjoyed conversation during the afternoon and evening. A picnic dinner was served on the lawn and an outdoor barbecue was held for the evening meal. Mr. Vorhes' birthday was July 5.

Present were Mrs. Otto Miller and Mrs. Harold Brownlee and children, Pamela, and Dougie, Toledo, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brownlee and children, Mary, Faith, Tammy, and Stevie, Williamston, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brownlee and children, Terry and Wally, Falls Church, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brownlee and sons, David, Danny, and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Phillips and

W. H. WITHERSPOON

W. H. Witherspoon, a member of the first Borough Council, was a wool and grain merchant in Burgettstown. His business was located across the railroad tracks from the station. He was born August 3, 1831, in Robinson Township. In 1854 he married Mary Hood. He lived for seven years in Robinson Township and six years in Hanover Township before moving to Burgettstown. He first opened a general store here but later specialized in wool. He served on the building committee for the United Presbyterian Church (Westminster).

Buys Pyle Farm

Independence, March 23.—Wade Wolf, of Beaver Falls, has purchased the W. S. Pyle farm two miles west of this place in Brooke county, West Virginia. He expects to move to the farm. Mr. Pyle expects to continue farming. He is from Jefferson county, Ohio, but was formerly a resident of this county. Six or seven years ago he purchased the Robert Hunter farm near here.

Wade Wolf buys Pyle Farm
The Burgettstown Call-March 29, 1917 Edition

**BOARD ISSUES STATEMENT
ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

The Washington County Board of Trustees of the Old Age Assistance Fund announces that, at the present time, Old Age Assistance is being paid to more than 800 beneficiaries. The monthly grants range from five to thirty dollars, depending upon the need of the applicant. Due to congestion in the state office, the September payroll, in the amount of \$18,256.42, has not yet been paid, but payment will be brought up to date as rapidly as possible.

The present payroll completely exhausts the monthly allocation to Washington county. There are 1,625 applicants on the waiting list, for whom there is no money available at the present time. All of the present beneficiaries applied by November 9, 1934, and those who applied since that time will not be visited until their turn on the waiting list is reached and money is available for the addition of new names on the payroll. Applicants are considered according to the date the application blanks reached the Old Age Assistance office. Additional funds become available only through the removal of names of persons from the present payroll, for one reason or another.

The Board of Trustees wishes to stress the fact that unless applicants have received a formal notice of rejection their names will be held on the waiting list.

**Board Issues Statement on Old Age Assistance
Burgettstown Enterprise—October 16, 1935 Edition**



The interior of Washington County Courthouse

Lights, camera, action

Washington County Courthouse to be on TV show

By BARBARA S. MILLER
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The Washington County Courthouse will be one of five featured this year as part of the Pennsylvania Cable Network television channel's "Historic Courthouses" series this year.

Filming will be done during one day between late April and late May. The show's air date has not been determined.

Chief Clerk Mary Helicke submitted a three-page application in January explaining why Washington County's

fourth courthouse should receive statewide exposure.

In the overview of local history, she noted the current courthouse, construction of which began in 1898, was designed by Frederick J. Osterling at a cost of \$1 million. It was dedicated Nov. 17, 1900, with speeches and tours given under the stained-glass dome. At the time, sculptures of Justice and Liberty stood on the corners of the roof facing Main Street. The distance from the basement to the top of the dome measures 150 feet.

The chief clerk notified Gary Bertosh, director of

buildings and grounds, that Washington County had made the cut so he "will make sure the courthouse is in its finest condition to make us proud."

The building can't look spiffy without constant maintenance, and the most recent round of courthouse renovations, completed in spring 2013, cost \$809,000.

For those who don't have access to cable TV or a satellite dish, PCN also places shows online.

"PCN has had great success with the last two series so in addition to this year's schedule of airings, there

will be an additional three weeks of programming where (the channel runs) the series with all 16 courthouses that we will have filmed by year's end," wrote Debra S. Tingley, director of communications for the Harrisburg-based County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, to the county commissioners in an email.

Chosen along with Washington to air in 2014 were Centre, Franklin, Wyoming and Berks county courthouses. Slated for

2015 were courthouses in Westmoreland, Cambria and Cumberland counties.

Washington County Courthouse to be on TV Show
Observer-Reporter-March 14, 2014 Edition

Washington Fair Officers.

The Washington County Agricultural Society held a meeting in the Town Hall Tuesday afternoon, and elected the following officers: President, John McDowell; Vice President, John H. Ewing, Julius LeMoynes, J. C. McNary. Secretary and Treasurer, A. G. Happer; Corresponding Secretary, John Aiken; board of managers, Duning Hart, James Glass, Robert Wylie, William Paull, James F. Gabby, R. D. Wylie, W. M. Dinsmore, Harry Shirls, John Vance, James McClelland, R. M. Fitzwilliams, J. C. French, There has been some opposition to the sale of the grounds, and a vote on the subject was taken. By a vote of 51 to 24 it was decided the grounds must go.

WE FOUND ONE



Bob Donaldson/Post-Gazette

The Davidson family of Burgettstown parades its just-cut Christmas tree Sunday from the fields at Hozak Farms in Hanover, Beaver County. Pictured from left, Catie, 16; dad, Dan; mom, Tori; Cole, 11; and Casey, 18. The Hozak family has been growing Christmas trees since 1949.

Dan and Tori Davidson Family
Pittsburgh Post Gazette-December 1, 2015 Edition

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

The 44th Wedding Anniversary of a Well Known Bridgewater Couple Celebrated.

On the 10th day of February, 1848, John Hineman and Mary Hartford, as happy a young couple as ever grew up in the thrifty Scotch-Irish settlement on the south side of the Ohio river, this county, were united in marriage.

Of the details of the happy event, but few at this late date can be given. It is known, however, that the affair was the occasion of quite a large gathering of the friends of the popular young couple, and that the wedding party did not travel in Pullman palace cars, electric cars or easy rolling carriages, but on horseback, and it is safe to add that few of the brides of to-day are competent to cut the graceful figure, when seated on a spirited horse, that the bride of 44 years ago presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Hineman were each 22 years old when they were married, both were brave and full of energy, and started out to battle with life full of hope.

They settled in Venango county, Pa., where they purchased a farm and went to work. Their labors were quite successful, and fortune favored them abundantly. In 1865 they sold their farm at a handsome figure to oil speculators and moved to Brighton township, this county, where they purchased two adjoining farms from the Phillis Bros. This gave them a fine tract of land, composed of 817 acres.

Mr. Hineman took an active hand in the work upon this farm until 1886, when he retired and moved to Bridgewater, his oldest sons, Oliver and Madison, taking charge of the farm

To-day the children of this couple, eight in number, together with their grand-children, celebrated the 44th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hineman in a most pleasant manner. There were present 88 persons, as follows:

Homer Stevens and wife, Oliver Hineman and wife, Brighton township; W. J. Newingham and wife, Latrobe, Pa.; Mattison Hineman and wife, Brighton township; J. Weston Hum and wife, C. H. McCready, Bridgewater. With the couples were their children. There were also present, Misses Sue and Belle Hineman, unmarried daughters, and Chas. Hineman an unmarried son, and the grand children, John and Ellwood Collins, of Delaware and Jack Engle and wife, of Industry township.

The party gathered at the residence of C. H. McCready in Bridgewater and at noon proceeded in a body to Mr. Hineman's. The latter and his wife had been kept in total ignorance of the intended celebration and were taken entirely by surprise.

The dinner was a very elaborate affair and was served by Charles Walters, the well known baker. A roasted pig weighing 26 pounds and two stuffed turkeys with all manner additional table luxuries, composed the spread.

The presents could not have been more appropriate, being two elegant easy chairs.

Mr. Hineman has voted the Democratic ticket steadily ever since arriving at his majority, and his sons have followed in his footsteps. More strange than this, however, is the fact that his son-in-laws are all Democrats.

The gathering to-day was a most happy family reunion, and will long be remembered as a pleasant event in the lives of all participants.

*Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Stephenson
request your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Elsie Bell,
to
Mr. Carroll A. McBride,
Wednesday evening, November sixteenth,
at seven o'clock.
Burgeltstown, Pa.*

A COPY OF the actual wedding invitation of Elsie Bell Stephenson and
Carrol A. McBride.

**Wedding Announcement
Elsie Bell Stephenson and Carroll Mc Bride
November 16, 1898**

Courtesy of Tawna Brown

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?

In answer to our query, "What do you remember?" one of our readers has sent in an account of a disastrous Burgettstown fire which occurred fifty years ago, November 29, 1895. The fire completely destroyed a series of buildings on the western end of Railroad street in the location of Culley's Tailor Shop, the library, Western Auto, and the parking lot.

According to an account in the Burgettstown Enterprise at the time of the disaster, the fire originated in W. E. Lowe's barber shop (on the site of Culley's Tailor Shop). "How it started is not definitely known," said the town paper, "Mr. Lowe left a gas jet burning the evening before, as was his custom, and the gas was also burning in the stove, but from all the information we can get neither was turned on very

strong, and the ceiling was protected from the jet by a tin shield. At about 4:45 a. m., J. G. Shane, who watches and keep up fires in the Burgettstown accommodation at night passed the barber shop on his way to wake the crew of the accommodation. He noticed nothing unusual. Returning 15 minutes later he discovered the room full of flames and smoke. The blaze was too strong for him to subdue, and he immediately ran to his engine and gave the alarm by blowing the whistle . . . From the barber shop the fire communicated to the harness shop of Cyrus McCreary on the western side under the same roof. These shops belonged to the Burgettstown National Bank. . . both shops were a mass of ruins, and the Masonic Hall on the west side, belonging to J. L. Patterson, and the old bank building on the east side, belonging to the Burgettstown Bank were on fire. The Hall was occupied on the first floor by A. E. McCabe, grocer; Thos. Forsythe, merchant tailor, and J. A. McKenzie, musical instruments; on the second floor by Richard Vaux Lodge 454, F. & A. M., the Burgettstown Council Jr., O. U. A. M., and Joseph Armstrong, insurance agent. The bank building was occupied by Isaac Fleming as a dwelling and restaurant. It was soon seen that neither of these buildings could be saved, and the volunteer fire brigade, which by that time numbered several hundred, devoted itself to trying to save adjoining buildings and the property contained in them. A bucket line was formed to the creek, people carried water from neighboring wells and cisterns, and others stationed themselves on the threatened buildings covering the exposed surfaces with salt and blankets, and throwing water on them. The next building to go was Dr. W. V. Riddile's stable, then his coal house, and then his office caught fire. . . within 15 minutes after the Hall caught fire, a volume of flames rolled across the 3 foot street on the west side and enveloped the long frame building of B. F. McClure & Bro, occupied by them on the first floor as a hardware and implement store, and on the second floor by the Enterprise Call. It was soon a mass of flames and the heat was intense."

Both men and women fought with "an energy born of desperation," the reporter writes. "If the fire had broken out on the east or south side, it would have meant the probable destruction of all that portion of the town between the railroad and the creek.

"Dr. Riddile's residence and office, McClures' stable, Armor & Linn's warehouse and J. C. Fulton's feed store were all badly scorched. The old frame building of A. S. Berryhill, occupied by Thos. Rosso, was in great danger, and the fact that the old bank building was of brick saved it, and consequently that whole end of town. A fire engine was sent for to Steubenville, but before it got here, the fire was under control and the order was countermanded. Several men had their faces and hands blistered and their clothing burned."

What do you Remember?

The Burgettstown Enterprise-December 13, 1945 Edition

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?

January 2, 1946

To the Editor
Burgettstown Enterprise
Burgettstown, Pennsylvania

Recently published letters by Reverend Walter Kennedy (we called him "Deacon") and C. H. Russell, under your "What do you remember?" column have stirred recollections to the point of submitting my contribution.

The reference to Isaac Fleming's liberality with candy reminds me of the assortment of penny candies that were displayed in and on the showcase that occupied the space immediately to the left, after passing through the entrance to Henry McMurray's drug store. On top of the show case there were fish bowl jars of small licorice (cylindrical shapes about 1-8 x 12) and red drops, served in little glass cylinders, hardly large enough to hold an English walnut; also Boston Baked Beans (small peanuts covered with a glaze of brown candy) served from a receptacle shaped like a bean pot; then a jar of mixed (peppermint) and pink (wintergreen) lozengers. The last mentioned was the candy which my father always carried in the coat tail pocket of his Sunday coat, and stealthily distributed to the family during church service, sometime before the benediction - pink to the women and children, and tongue-stinging peppermint to the men.

Inside the drug store case there were: "chicken feed" (buttercorn); licorice "shoe lace"; coconut drops (3 for a cent); marshmallow bananas; nigger babies, and larger chocolate covered cream dolls, in whose "tummy" you might find a penny carefully wrapped in wax paper - and get your money back!

How hard these pennies were to earn! For an empty pint bottle, if immaculately clean, Mr. McMurray would pay three cents. Many such bottles we retrieved from spots like the narrow space between "Math Scott's furniture and "Pat" Vance's hardware stores, and if of old vintage perhaps, painstakingly cleaned with water, soap, and shot.

Mr. Russell's mention of the whittled box (honor seat over the cellar door) in front of the drug store, recreated that object very vividly in my memory; also the steps outside the building, to the room upstairs where Annie Vance for a time taught Number 1 Grade

Our class (1905 - graduating Estelle Patterson, Jennie Pettibone, Clara Hill, Clara Johnson, Shirley Bruce, Bill Fitzgibbon, and myself) witnessed from Grade 2 of the old school building, which faced south and occupied the north half of the present campus, the completion of the new building (present grade school). The front of the new and the east side of the old were naturally in very close proximity for a while, before the old was finally removed. From my desk in Room 2, there was the ever present distraction of watching through the windows, the carpenters at work, and I well recall the day Bill Smith (the "Cabbage" of Mr. Russell's list of nicknames) returned my smile with a "wink". Then in that old building, upstairs in Mr. Baker's room, after classes had been dismissed for the day, I had the satisfaction of seeing the red-headed Shirley boy (the "Copper" of Mr. Russell's list) receive retribution for the black eye he gave me in settling my quarrel with brother Clark Shipley.

Reverting to the box in front of the drug store, I am reminded of the old building across the street, which housed the "walking machine," and the spot where Bill Nesbit (deceased) and I found an old mowing machine which we sold to a junk dealer for the astounding price of \$1.00. Can anyone tell us what that building housed and furnish the details of the "walking machine" story? My information is that the principles of that invention now find a counterpart in the latest designs of mining shovels and dredges.

Respectfully yours,
Paul W. "Grinnie" Lyon
8 Bae Mar Place
Wheeling, West Virginia.

What do you remember?
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 2, 1946

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?

Harrisburg, Pa.

Editor Vosburg:

Darn it, you've got me at it. Your letters from Charlie Russell, Walter Kennedy, et al., have been so interesting and aroused such poignant memories that I have an irresistible urge to "take my pen in hand." Some of my memories may go back to the period when Charley and Walter were sucking their thumbs or peacefully sleeping in their cribs while I, a very homesick lad from the "sticks," was wishing with all my heart that I were back in my little old tumble-bed in Indiana County. Old-timers like John Hill, Ed McGregor and Clark Cook may join me in letting our minds drift back to those days of the "gay nineties" while waiting for our last spare artery to harden.

It was in September, 1892, that I went to Burgettstown to take a "post-graduate" course in Prof. Simon Baker's Union Academy (I had already got "upstairs" in the little school back home) and to pick up a few tips about the "art preservative" from my brother, J. Howard Cramer, who was then editor of the Burgettstown Enterprise. It was through no fault of Prof. Baker that I was unable to absorb the curriculum and garner an education that would have been helpful to me in my life's work, but after all these years I can think of but one accomplishment and that was in learning that there were two "I's in "woolly." I might add that I came by this knowledge without any special mental effort on my part, the conclusion being forced upon me when Mr. Baker turned thumbs down on Clark Cook's idea of using only one when called upon during a spelling lesson. I often meant to tell "Twit" that I would have backed him up if he had seen fit to argue the point and carry the case to a higher tribunal, for no little word like that is entitled to two doubles.

If memory serves me right the previous census had credited Burgettstown with a population of 728. So far as I was able to discover the only change my coming made on the town was to boost the population to 729. As intimated in an earlier paragraph, I was so homesick that I didn't care much who lived there or what they did. But gradually my nostalgia wore down to the point where I could raise my head and take note of things, and one of the things I noticed was that those Burgettstown girls had charm and a certain thing which I later discovered Mr. Webster in his little book had termed pulchritude. I also discovered that most of the boys were pretty good fellows, and I gradually worked myself into the social life.

In those days we didn't have the ready-to-serve pleasures of the present age and had to make our own, but we didn't do bad at all, what with hay-rides, bugging, skating and the different functions held by church and school. Many of our social contacts originated through the Y. W. C. T. U., spon-

sored by those able adversaries of John Barleycorn — Mrs. J. Cook White and Miss Mary Bingham and other good temperance workers. The "Y" girls were allowed to invite their boy friends in for the social hour. And what a time we had playing "Jolly Miller", "Drop the Handkerchief," etc.

Among the boys with whom I first became acquainted were "Mitch" Dowden, "Jap" Melvin, Ed. Abel, "Sock" McGregor, John Hill, "Kraut" Ringler, Bill Hill, "Fort" Reed, "Twit" Cook, Det. Forsythe, "Skimmer" Davies, "Radish" Smith, "Jock" Fredericks, Sam Pyle, Fred Harper, Bill McCabe, Wilmon and Charles Culley, Jack Lowry, Bert MacFarland, Tim Lee and Ed. McCabe. On the distaff side were Belle Stephenson, Hattie and Mae Nicholls, Margaret Hayden, Mary McCluskey, Hattie McCabe, Bess and Bella Ringler, Ophelia Bebout, Mary Riddle, Bertha Abel, Carrie and Flora Parks, the Harper girls, Mary Stuart, the Pettibon girls, Lou Pyle, Grace Kerr and Carnahan sisters. Some of those named were in a different age bracket and were "either too young or too old" to join in the regular activities of our particular "set," but there was friendly fraternization all along the line. It wasn't long until I knew by name every man, woman and child who made up the other 728 of the citizenry. And what a splendid lot of people they were as a whole. So many of them have passed on to their reward; others are scattered throughout the land, and the few remaining in Burgettstown I see very infrequently. But always I will have happy memories of those companions of my youth and the friendships I made in my long residence there, adding to them as the population increased during the years.

When I first arrived in Burgettstown one of the first places I contacted was the eating and drinking emporium conducted by Isaac Fleming and his wife "Venie." There it was that I tried to drown milkshakes which they served from their jet-propelled shaker-upper. Holding fast to the foamy beverage with one hand and trying to ward off a horde of houseflies with the other, I parted with many a hard-earned nickel.

Of the business concerns which were in existence when I went there, probably my most lively recollection is the shoe store of Pete Donnan, who admonished the people through the Enterprise and by word of mouth to visit his store and see the live alligator in the show window. And he really had one.

My mind has become quite fuzzy on a lot of things and I hesitate to put it to the test in naming the business concerns as they existed in those days, but during the first few years of my residence there the line-up was something like this: "Buffy" Cain, Henry McMurray and W. E. McCurdy operated the three drugstores. Then there were the hardware stores of

Pat Vance and McClure Bros.; the furniture store of Math Scott; general stores of Richard Hill, John D. McCabe, William Brimmer, Stevenson & Scott (later Stevenson & Huber), D. M. Pry and W. M. McMurray; grocery store of R. C. Cassidy, who later sold to Jim and Billy Gillespie; the William Cole, William Johnson and Hood Hotels; meat stores of Fred Manson and John A. Russell; feed store of John C. Fulton; lumber yard of Armor & Linn, succeeded by Linn Bros.; clothing stores of Elder & McFarland and Charley Bloom; tailoring establishments of Thomas Forsythe and Wilmon B. Culley; shoe store of John Morrow, with W. H. Wilson succeeding him; livery stables of George H. Wilson, W. A. Purdy and Purdy & Ewing; watch repairing by J. B. Bruce and Bert MacFarland; wagonmaker, Alex McClintock; undertaker, W. S. Lee and son Thomas V.

John W. Pry was postmaster in South Burgettstown and R. T. C. Stephenson presided at the main office. W. S. Fulton was station agent. Dentists were Doctors F. T. Harper and J. Z. McBride. Physicians were Doctors W. V. Riddle, L. C. Botkin and J. C. Nesbit. Bankers were J. L. Patterson and James Kelso (Burgettstown National) with A. H. Kerr coming in later. Barbers were "Shorty" Lowe, "Taffy" Miller, Frank Kirkman and others. Henry and John Leopold were stone masons and the Boyd brothers (John, Lawrence and Bill) were painters. Blacksmiths were James Carnahan and Shannon B. Lyon. I do not recall the earliest miller, but remember Bob Crane, Albert Fulton and Stevenson Bros. And who remembers "Fish" Cook and his restaurant? And who doesn't remember Theodore H. Wise, the photographer, and George W. Colwell, monument dealer? Ministers at that time were Dr. J. L. Weaver, of the First Presbyterian Church; Dr. David W. Carson, of the United Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Harry C. Nesbit, of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

I wouldn't make a good historian, for I know I have failed in giving an accurate account of things as they existed in those long years ago, and indeed I am equally sure that in mentioning the names of companions of my youth I have missed many whom on another occasion I would easily recall. But this reverie might recall to some of your readers other events and other personages and start them to looking back on those good old days.

One of Burgettstown's most memorable characters, to my mind, was Mrs. Eliza Bradley, widow of Doctor Bradley, who practiced there in earlier years, and for whose son the Sons of Veterans Post was named. She it was who took note of every marriage and presented the couple with a napkin ring or some other silver offering. And she didn't quit at that, but followed up with a gift to the kiddies as they came. Many a child who if he or she were not born with a silver spoon in the mouth found one awaiting them shortly

after their arrival with compliments of Mrs. Bradley.

I feel rather ashamed of this effort, it falls far short of what I should be able to write. Wherein I have failed to properly revive your reader's memories of the past, let them consult "Mitch" Dowden Robert C. Cassidy. They can tell it to you. And, by the way, Bob Cassidy didn't settle in Burgettstown as early as some of those I have mentioned but with the record he is making — and if he continues the same brand of vitamin pills — he will be the last to leave. More power to him and to all my good friends in Burgettstown.

Walter G. Cramer

Box 922
Harrisburg, Pa.

What do you remember?

Burgettstown Enterprise-January 2, 1946 Edition

JOTTINGS

Age is the quality of mind.
If you have left your dreams behind,
If hope is cold,
If you no longer look ahead,
If your ambitions' fires are dead,
Then you are old.
But if from life you take the best,
And if in life you keep the jest,
If love you hold;
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly—
You are not old.

—Rev. H. Samuel Fritsch.

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Mrs. Harriette Whipple of Hookstown was an interesting visitor in the Enterprise office last Saturday morning. Mrs. Whipple, who will celebrate her seventy-ninth birthday on May 24, and has lived in that district for the past fifty years, is the unofficial historian for Hanover township. She has kept a record of all obituaries, births and deaths, since 1904, and has completely filled one book with clippings and is nearing the end of her second volume.

Mrs. Whipple's hobby has served legal authorities in good stead more than once. On one occasion, she was asked to refer to her obituary record book to determine the birth or death of some former resident. In recent years, the Register of Beaver county appealed to her for information concerning the late Mrs. Margaret Ewing and not long ago she was asked by Postal authorities to determine the date of death of the late Miss Sadie Purdy.

Mrs. Whipple enjoys good health at her advanced age and is active with home duties and her hobbies. She reads the Bible daily, scans several newspapers for obituary clippings, works on quilts and hand sewing.

She recalls the time she was awarded a baby doll for securing subscriptions to the "Little Gem Magazine." That was when she was five years old, 74 years ago. Her prize was a beautiful doll with a wax head, one of the first of that type to be made, it's eyes open and close and it has lovely blonde curls. One of her most prized possessions, the doll now reposes on a seat of honor, under a glass case in Mrs. Whipple's parlor.

Since the death of her husband, the late H. A. Whipple in 1922, Mrs. Whipple has maintained the family homestead and farm near Frankfort with the aid of Emmaneul Patterson, who has lived on the farm for 41 years. She comes to Burgettstown regularly to stock up on provisions and to attend to her affairs at the local bank.

Keeping abreast of the times, Mrs. Whipple cares for her own home with the aid of electric household appliances.

She has been a regular reader of the Burgettstown Enterprise for about forty years, since the days of the Burgettstown Call.

Jottings

Burgettstown Enterprise-May 22, 1941

WHO'S WHO IN BURGETTSTOWN

Vance Peacock, Houston merchant who led the ticket in the Assembly race in Washington county and was the only Republican elected to office is the subject of an editorial in the Canonsburg Notes that is worthy of attention. Equal representation of this district in Harrisburg is assured with the selection of Mr. Peacock, Republican and Dr. A. O. Hindman of Burgettstown, Democrat.

Speaking of Mr. Peacock's election, the Notes makes the following comment:

PEACOCK—GOOD GOVERNMENT

Canonsburg and Houston people should feel justly proud of the success of Vance D. Peacock, who led the ticket for the general assembly



VANCE PEACOCK

and was the only Republican in the county to win.

His election was a manifestation of the power of public sentiment, once it is aroused in favor of an individual. It was not so much a victory over the men whom Mr. Peacock defeated as it was a victory for all that is clean, aggressive and progressive—a victory for the principle that business men, churchmen, men not schooled in political machinations,

**Vance D. Peacock and Dr. A.O. Hindman
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 17, 1938 Edition**

Wild West Rides Feature of Community Picnic This Weekend



Philip Arnone Band Concert, Water Show, Also Scheduled At Community Park Sun.

The Third Annual Community Picnic is scheduled at the Burgettstown Community Park this Sunday, August 16. Special events will begin at 1 p. m. while the picnic itself is set to start at 6 p. m. Those in the area can bring their baskets with them to the park and participate in the annual event.

Three features are on tap for Sunday--a water show in the pool, a concert near the pavilion, and Wild West wagon rides for the youngsters at the ball field.

CONESTOGA WAGON AND STAGE COACH HERE

A rare type of man is coming to Burgettstown with a company of ten people to provide the Wild West rides--both on Saturday and on Sunday from 1 p. m. to 7 p. m. on the ball field at the Park. He'll bring history and action into town by Conestoga wagon and stage coach. It will be pioneer America, led by a man who knows it backward and forward--Steve Tomasic, of Smithton.

Those who want to re-visit our rough-and-ready days and rides in the same kind of vehicles most hardy Americans rode in a century ago, can do so this weekend at the Community Park. It will also be your chance to meet the man with the most masterful pair of whiskers in all this world.

Where one person knows Steve Tomasic as a master mechanic, thousands know him as a showman--or rather, in one or another of his favorite characters of pioneer, prospector, trapper, woodsman, soldier, outlaw or sheriff, from the days when men were men and proved it by growing beards that would make you sit up and take notice.

WEARS BEARD WITH AUTHORITY

Those who have seen the fantastic Wild West parades featured at Kennywood Park won't need a program to know Steve Tomasic. Some of the other men have beards, but nobody else wears one with the authority he shows. After all, he has been wearing that beard for over 25 years, with a very few intervals of being clean-shaved.

Born in Wilmerding in 1911, he is the son of a blacksmith who had learned his trade in the service of Emperor Franz-Joseph of Austria, and from whom he inherited much of his mechanical ability. Steve came to Smithton in 1932 to start his repair business, and has been at it ever since, though not always in the same building.

He got the idea of playing parts back before World War II when he'd occasionally dress up for a Hallowe'en parade, or arrange a float, and would usually win first prize. It wasn't the fun, though, so much as

the lack of fun, that finally started him seriously into show business.

"There was something missing," he says, "Something people needed. You could see in their faces they were looking for it and not finding it." When he started playing his parts, people enjoyed it so much he kept it up.

POSSESSES MANY PROPERTIES

Through the years, Mr. Tomasic has gathered up a lot of properties for almost any kind of a parade. And it is all original. "I won't have copies or phonies," he says. "I've always been a kind of a critic, and want to see things just right." He has a stagecoach once used in Kansas and a beautiful coach said to have been used in Lincoln's funeral procession.

His house and barn are full of flintlock rifles and dueling pistols, and almost everything else imaginable. Most of them were given him by people who didn't want to throw them away, but didn't know what else to do with them. But they did know who would cherish them as a rare treasure--Steve Tomasic.

SWIM SHOW SCHEDULED IN POOL

At 4:30 p. m. Sunday, a swim show entitled "The Wrong Brothers Learn To Fly" will be presented in the pool. The show will feature an array of clowns, and will also include the appearance of local aquatic champions.

PHILIP ARNONE BAND CONCERT FEATURE

Preceding the water show, at 3 p. m., will be a one-hour concert, featuring Philip Arnone's concert band with musicians of Local Union 509 of Canonsburg.

The Arnone band is well known in western Pennsylvania, having taken first prizes in many local parades, including the Burgettstown Firemen's annual parade. The band won high honors at the American Legion convention parade in Pittsburgh last year.

Polkas, marches, mood, popular and classic music are on the program Sunday--one that should make every music lover in the Raccoon Valley happy. The complete program:

Barnum and Bailey's Favorite.....March by Karl L. King
Festa di Campagna (At the Country Fair)....G. Filippa
Liechtensteiner Polka.....Ed Kotscher and R. Lindt
Poet and Peasant Overture.....Franz von Suppe
Mexican Hat Dance.....F. A. Partichela
Java (popular).....Hal Leonard Arrangement
Deep Purple (modern mood music)....Peter DeRose
Hungarian Dance No. 6.....Johannes Brahms
Entrance and March of Peers (from Iolanthe)...Arthur Sullivan
Little Italy (medley of Italian tunes).....Louis Palange
Old Comrades (march).....Carl Tieke
Stars and Stripes Forever (march).....John P. Sousa

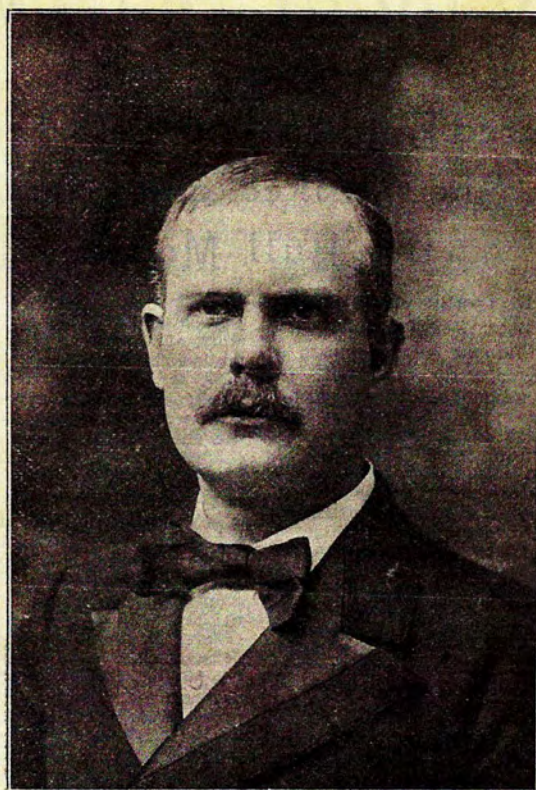
William Lee Archer

My name was William Lee Archer. I was born in Brooke County in the mid 1820s in the area known as Morton Hill. My father was Samuel Archer, the grandson of the first Samuel Archer to settle there. Ohio County court records show that on April 6, 1795, the first Samuel bought 202 acres of land high above the Ohio River on the heights that were to bear his name. That first Samuel was, of course, my great-grandfather. He had been born in Scotland and emigrated to Ireland because of religious persecution. He married Nancy Thompson about 1768.

By the fall of 1770, he and his family came to America, landing near Baltimore, Maryland. He then separated from his brothers and moved to a tract of land near Carlisle, Pennsylvania. While building a cabin on his property, which was remote from the settlement, a blinding snow came up, filling the paths and making it impossible for him to find his way back. He was forced to remain all night in the woods, where his faithful dog lay down across his knees. His feet, however, were so badly frozen that it was necessary to amputate both of them above the ankles. It was two years before his limbs healed. By 1795, he had bought the Brooke County land where he planted and cultivated a nursery, walking forever on his knees.

His son, Ebenezer Archer, was my grandfather. He married Elizabeth Jordan, my grandmother, and had a dozen children, the oldest son, Samuel, being my father. My grandfather died at age 44, leaving grandmother to raise this large family. Two of these children died as boys and were buried beside grandfather in the old graveyard at the Tent Church."

My mother was Mary Lee Archer. Her father, William Lee, for whom I was named, was born in 1767 in County Donegal, Ireland. He came with his parents, Hugh and Mary Elliott Lee, to America about 1790 and settled in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. His father's parents were among the 42 members of the Lee family who drowned in the shipwreck of the Faithful Steward on September 1, 1785. The ship was within one mile of land when it ran aground on a sandbar, the Captain and First Mate being too drunk to bring it safely to shore. 360 persons died in that wreck including my great-grandfather's parents, 3 of his brothers, 2 sisters, 3 uncles, 3 aunts, and 29 cousins. Only five of the Lees on board survived that tragic affair. My great-grandfather was not on board that ship as he had remained behind in Ireland, planning to emigrate at a later date.



WILLIAM MARSHALL STEVENSON

The librarian of Carnegie Free Library, Allegheny, Pa., is now in the tenth year of his service in that institution, having been appointed May, 1890. He was born in Johnstown, Pa., but has passed most of his adult life in Pittsburg and Allegheny. Upon graduating from Washington and Jefferson college in 1876 he spent two years in teaching in California and two years in language study in Europe, chiefly at the universities of Leipzig and Paris. On his return in 1880 he was called to the chair of Greek and Latin in the Pittsburg High school, where he remained four years, when he resigned to enter the law and remained in that profession until his appointment as librarian. In 1897 he represented the library at the International Library Conference in London. He is a member of the American Library association, and was for two years president of the Library club of Western Pennsylvania. His sketch of "The Carnegie Libraries" has recently been published in pamphlet form. He was for a time on the staff of the Pittsburg "Commercial Gazette" and of the New York "Tribune."

William Marshall Stevenson
November 30, 1855-January 12, 1914

U.S., Consular Registration Certificates, 1907 - 1918 for William Marshall Stev

Record Index

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Birth Place: Johnstown, Penn
Residence: Genevam, Switzerland

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U. S. CONSUL GENERAL
 JAN 8 1908
 Geneva, Switzerland

(FORM NO. 210—CONSULAR.)
 (Established April 10, 1907.)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN.

I, Francis B. Kesne Consul of the United States of America at Geneva, Switzerland, hereby certify that William Marshall Stevenson is registered as an American citizen in this consulate. He was born November 30, 1855 at Johnstown, Penn. and is a citizen of the United States by birth ~~(or naturalization)~~. He arrived in Geneva, Switzerland on October 29, 1907 where he is now residing for the purpose of study at the University ~~he is~~ married to _____ who was born in _____ and resides at _____

He has the following children:

_____ born in _____ and residing at _____; and _____ born in _____ and residing at _____; and _____ born in _____ and residing at _____

His citizenship of the United States is established by passport issued by the American Embassy at Berlin, No 2596, January 19, 1905

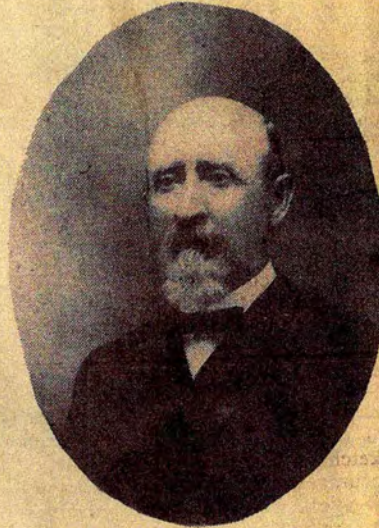
This certificate is not a passport and its validity expires 16 months after the date of expiration of the certificate issued.

The following is the signature of Francis B. Kesne

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal of office.

Francis B. Kesne
 American Consul

U. S.
 (NO FEE)



WILLIAM SCOTT FULTON

W. S. Fulton, member of the first Council in the Borough, was a freight and ticket agent on the Panhandle Division of the P.R.R. here. He was born December 16, 1841. He married Mary E. Gregory, who by a former marriage was the mother of the late Mrs. R. C. Cassidy. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton had a daughter, Edith. The Fulton residence is located on the corner of Whitaker Street and is presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Chal Mahoney. Mr. Fulton died April 21, 1927, and is buried in the Steubenville Cemetery.

WOMAN KILLED AN INTRUDER.

**Then She Held Eight Men at Bay with
a Gun for Ten Hours.**

Special to The New York Times.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 7.—After having blown the head off John Wintle with a shotgun, Mrs. Mary Henter, wife of James Henter, held eight men at bay for ten hours, refusing to allow them to either remove the body or to place her under arrest.

The Henters live at White Rock, a little hamlet near Burgettstown. Henter was called away from home last evening, and Wintle, who was a coal miner, saw him depart. Knowing that the woman would be alone, Wintle went to the house and tried to force an entrance. Mrs. Henter repulsed him, and when she found that he would eventually break in, she took down a shotgun. When Wintle broke down the door she fired. The entire charge struck him in the face.

The shot aroused several neighbors, and they rushed to the house. In the meantime Mrs. Henter had reloaded the gun and defied any one to enter the house. Constable Pyles of Burgettstown tried to place her under arrest, but she warned him to keep away. He sent for Constable Donnelly, but still the woman remained defiant. Six men neighbors joined the officers, but Mrs. Henter told them all that she would shoot down the first man who attempted to enter the house.

The tragedy happened at 9 o'clock last night. At 7 this morning the woman allowed them to remove the body, and later surrendered to the police.

Mary Henter Killed Intruder
New York Times-January 8, 1908 Edition

Woman Suffrage

Since England launched in 1847 the earliest known handbill for women's suffrage, the crusade for equal rights has circled the globe. The Woman's Rights convention at Worcester, Mass., in October, 1850, followed seven years later by the formation of England's Female Political association, strengthened a movement that continued to make history. Formation of the English organization resulted, after many vicissitudes, in conferring the franchise on women property owners in the Isle of Man about 1880. But not until 1918 was full suffrage granted to the women of England.

Woman Suffrage

Burgettstown Enterprise-September 6, 1933 Edition

WORDS OF KINDNESS FOR NEW ENTERPRISE

Old Friends in Newspaper Field
Extend Felicitations
East to West

During the past two or three weeks the new publisher has received many letters from old friends of the newspaper profession and from many who have been readers of his work for years. It happens that the new enterprise in which the present owner is adventuring is The Enterprise, and syntax becomes somewhat involved in the combination.

While it would be impossible to even list the names of the many who have sent in words of greeting and encouragement, occasion is taken to mention James B. Borland, managing editor of the Franklin-Oil City News-Herald, dean of Western Pennsylvania newspaper men, poet and famous author of nature stories. Mr. Borland is wintering at Harlingen, Texas, whence comes a long letter of splendid sentiment.

C. O. Graham, editor of the Ligonier Echo, a good friend of many years, writes in his paper in part, as follows:

"Mr. Maurey lived in Ligonier for a number of years and was employed by the Ligonier Valley Railroad as train dispatcher. About six years ago he accepted a position with the Coraopolis Record, which he held prior to purchasing the Burgettstown Enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. Maurey have moved to their new home at Burgettstown, where they will be at home to their many friends. Their Ligonier friends and "The Ligonier Echo" wish them success in their new Enterprise."

Then, from Osceola, Iowa, the country of wild jackasses, shirttail rebellions, two-necked jugs and cold-nosed vipers, comes this, taken from the editorial page of Dudley A. Reid's Osceola Tribune, one of the most unique and best newspapers published in America.

"After a long silence, Ed. B. Maurey has been located down at Burgettstown, Pa., where he recently purchased the "Burgettstown Enterprise."

"His "Rootin' Around" department appears on the front page, and is as full of pep and interest as ever.

"Indeed, the entire paper is newsy and entertaining—and it looks like Ed has fallen in good pastures.

"Anyhow, the people of Burgettstown are to be congratulated, as newspaper men of the stamp and genius of Ed. Maurey are few and far between.

"P. S. And the boys here in the "reservation" had better be lookin' out, too—as there are two of us now, and no lowdown son-of-a-gun, can run over both of us."

DRONES AND SHIRKERS SLATED FOR DISMISSAL

Lazy Men, Trouble Makers and all
Malcontents to be Fired from
WPA Working Projects

A drive to eliminate all inefficient and lazy employes on WPA projects throughout the Washington county district will be started within the next few days by Lyell L. Buttermore district WPA director. Buttermore announced the decision to clear the WPA roster of drones in conformity with a recent order of Harry L. Hopkins, national WPA administrator, insisting on greater efficiency on projects throughout the nation.

WPA officials said the firing would be "real punishment" to the drones, since they would be returned to relief rolls. Relief pays considerably less than the WPA "security wage."

"While nearly all those working for the WPA," Buttermore said, "are doing an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, there are some who are laboring under the impression that they do not have to exert themselves, since the government is paying the bill.

"In assuming this attitude they are heartily mistaken. The WPA is being operated on an efficient basis; projects undertaken are worth while, and we will insist that they be completed with efficiency. We have a responsibility, not only to the taxpayers a whole, but to the various municipalities and political sub-divisions as well."

Constant shirkers, chronic complainers and those who "soldier" on the job, are to be eliminated from the payroll. A complete investigation will be made on the employment record of each offender.

Disciplinary action will be taken only after a rigid probe, according to Director Buttermore.

20 Years Ago - 1941

The Langloth troop of the Boy Scouts held a Parents Night celebration. Madison Reasons was Scoutmaster.

Miss Mary Thome, Principal of Union high school, submitted her resignation, which was accepted by the School Board "with regrets." The board re-organized for the coming year with P. J. Sciamanna as President, Denny Scott as Secretary, and A. J. Nairn, Treasurer.

The Smith township school board was faced with financial problems, and seriously considered closing of the Cherry Valley school. Three teachers would have been eliminated in a drastic economy measure. A delegation of citizens, armed with petition signed by all voters of Cherry Valley stormed the school board meeting and pleaded with members to reverse their decision. Mission was accomplished, and the Cherry Valley school remained open. Spokesmen for the citizens were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bertovich and Eldon McConaughy.

A notice appeared in the Enterprise that enrollments would be accepted in the CCC in the Washington office for a period of six month enlistment.

Burgettstown's quota for aiding in the support of recreational facilities for the nation's armed forces was listed as \$566.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced that only one Thanksgiving Day would be observed this year.

Christy's Market listed a special on white naphtha soap, 10 bars for 39c. 1941

20 Years ago-1941

Burgettstown Enterprise 1961

10 Years Ago - 1951

1961
The American Legion and Auxiliary presented citizenship awards to several youngsters of the area. Committee making the awards was composed of Mrs. George Atherton, Mrs. P.J. McMahon, Mrs. Ernest Williams and Tom Lee.

Students receiving awards were Martha Dugas, Steve Shearson, Catherine Daske, Joe Haba, Janet Resnik and Bill Woods.

Vacation Bible School opened at Westminster Church with an enrollment of 63 children. Rev. Rev. Herbert Cruickshank was pastor.

A Bachelor of Science degree in Education was awarded Miss Jeanne Young of Langeloth, who made plans to open a kindergarten in the Langeloth Scout Hut, fee, \$3.00 per week.

Pfc. Robert Bender was one of our local boys who was in training with the Signal Corps

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Items From The Enterprise, Published
at Burgettstown (Cardville P. O.)
a Score or More Years Ago.

[For a time we will reprint under this heading
a few items from our old files. We believe that
our readers will find it interesting to have these
events of the misty past recalled to mind.]

ISSUE OF NOVEMBER 1, 1882.

John Shipley, one of the ENTERPRISE
"devils," is laid up with the grip.

President Arthur has appointed Thurs-
day, November 30, as a day of national
Thanksgiving.

McDowell & Co. have exchanged their
planing mill in this place for the planing
mill of J. B. May in Canonsburg, the
change to take effect January 1, 1883.

Rev. Fredericks requests us to ask the
party who milks his cow every morning
before daylight to lay off for a couple of
mornings in the week or else to come
and hire the cow.

NOVEMBER 8, 1882.

An award of \$13,000 was made to the
heirs of Noah Smith, who was killed
some time since on the Panhandle R. R.

About the first coal bank opened in
Jefferson township was on the farm on
which John Riddle resides. It is owned
by Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, of this place.

One day last week J. O. Lee happened
to be in the neighborhood of Falconer's
slaughter house with a shot gun, and
espying a lot of rats, shot at them. At
the first shot he killed five, and empty-
ing the other barrel of his gun, succeed-
ed, in laying out another one before they
got into their holes.

NOVEMBER 15, 1882.

The first snow of the season came on
Monday, November 13.

Frank Cain left for Jacksonville, Flor-
ida, on Tuesday evening, where he will
spend the winter.

John Falconer says Orr Lee may be
some on shooting rats, but that he can't
hit a beef ten feet away.

A musical institute is in progress in
the town hall under the direction of
W. W. Porter, of Lawrence county.

Joe Richey says he intends to get some
carbon oil and a corn cob and have a
bonfire over the result of the election.

J. B. May, of Canonsburg, has bought
ground from J. W. Aiken near the Pres-
byterian church and has begun the erec-
tion of a dwelling house.

NOVEMBER 22, 1882.

Died.—On Tuesday, November 21, in
Cross Creek Village, Israel Bebout.

The Florence correspondent says J. B.
Bruce is talking of going west this fall.

Died.—On Tuesday, November 21, in
Burgettstown, William McNary, aged 73
years.

C. B. McFarland, one of the employes
of this office, is confined to the house by
sickness.

YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE DEGREES

Four local young men received degrees at the 152nd Commencement Exercises of the University of Pittsburgh on Wednesday evening, June 11.

Robert Duncan Stottlemeyer of 15 Florence avenue, received his degree as a Bachelor of Science in petroleum engineering.

Michael A. Hanna of Joffre received the degree of Bachelor of Law.

Gina Filipponi of Slovan was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in the School of Education. Edward V. Sciamanna of Slovan was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Law.

Degrees were awarded to 1,312 students at the Commencement exercises. Largest group of candidates was from the Graduate school, with 279 advanced degrees.

Other candidates include: College, 245; Education, 172; Engineering and Mines, 153; Business Administration, 149; Applied Social Sciences, 88; Medicine, 55; Pharmacy, 52; Dentistry, 45; Law, 36; Research Bureau for Retail Training, 28; and Nursing, 10.

DEGREES AT STATE

Local young people receiving degrees from the Pennsylvania State College this week are:

Joseph S. Caplan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Caplan of Florence avenue, metallurgy.

Gertrude L. Hellmers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hellmers of Langeloth, health and physical education.

Clyde Burner Durst, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Durst of Langeloth, metallurgy.

DEGREE AT INDIANA

Miss Eleanor Kimberland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bimberland, received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education at State Teachers College, Indiana, Pa., on Monday, May 26. Eleanor is a graduate of Union high school. At Indiana, she was enrolled in the Elementary course specializing in kindergarten and primary.

During the four years at Indiana, Eleanor was active in Y.W.C.A., Leonard Literary Society, Elementary Club, Winter Sports' Club, Women's Athletic Association and Travel club.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Harper, of Highland avenue attended Commencement exercises at Westminster college on Monday, when Mrs. Harper's nephew, John H. Galbreath, was a member of the graduating class. Mr. Galbreath, who is the son of Robert F. Galbreath, president of Westminster college, was third high student in a class of 104 graduates. He will enter Princeton Seminary this fall to prepare himself for the Ministry.

Cadets Clarence Power of Archer Lane and Chester Melton of Slovan, earned scholastic honors for the semester at Wentworth Military Academy. Power earned a place on the Dean's Junior College honor roll and Melton was placed on the Junior College Special Distinction honor roll.

Yukevich Offers Cash For Theft Information

Local auto dealer Bill Yukevich is offering a \$2500 reward for information leading to the capture of the three masked men who beat and tortured him and his wife April 7.

Yukevich was robbed of approximately \$5000 in government bonds, money and jewelry about a month after a burglary of more than \$40,000. The pair was abused and kicked by the three thugs. and tied with a lamp cord. A crowbar was rammed into Yukevich's body. Before leaving, the thugs gagged and tied the pair and left them in a closet.

Reward posters request persons who know about the thugs to notify State Police at the Washington Barracks.

**Yukevich Offers Cash Reward for Theft Information
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 22, 1957 Edition**



Local policemen are pictured above inspecting loot taken from the home of "Zorro" after he was arrested Sunday, December 22, 1957. The above quartet was responsible for the arrest and confiscation of loot.

Included among the stolen property were five revolvers, ammunition, whiskey and a jest of toys. Left to right the policemen are: Burgettstown Chief of Police Henry Vega, and patrolman Ray Malone, Smith Township Chief Mike Robb and Patrolman Walter Lonick. State Police aided in the arrest.

**"Zorro" Loot is confiscated by Local Police
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 2, 1958 Edition**