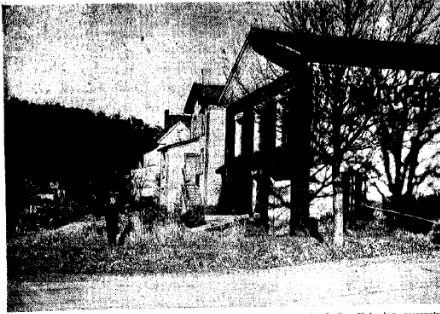


Borough Secretary Marks Limit Of Dam Reservoir Area



One section of the line determined by government engineers as the limit of the Mahoning reservoir waters under extreme conditions is pointed out by George Elshen, secretary of the borough, near the town of Smithsburg. In the picture farm and other buildings shown are not affected by the project which is striping the town of one-half its buildings.

No Papers To Deliver Here From Now On



No papers will be delivered from now on by Gazette newsboy Max Taylor at what was once the home of Hart Weston on Church street in Smithsburg. It was razed several weeks ago after purchase by agents of the federal government. Within several months little more than the stone steps or chimney of many other homes are expected to remain to mark the location a quiet residential section in the condemned part of the city community.

SERIAL STORY

MURDER IN PARADISE

BY MARGUERITE GAHAGAN

THE STORY: School teacher Mary O'Connor's heart goes out to young Joseph Morris left alone with a young boy and his mother. This and the earlier murder of Benjamin Herbert Cord, who had charged James for an automobile as a trap, began a series of events that have led to the present. The story continues in this serial.

DENNY AND MISS DIXON

CHAPTER XIII: A GAIN we had gone through an incident and again a jury had brought in a verdict of killed "by a person or persons unknown." And again Joseph Morris had been up there on the stand while tense and conscious of the future current in the room and the subtle twist of the questions asked her. It was funny what little things could take on an importance. James, for instance, was silent where she had been the night her aunt was slain and she said quietly that she had been at home.

I saw Mangle Dixon there in the room, still wearing black. This time it was a different dress, although out on the same general lines to show her curves to the best advantage. "Wouldn't you think that girl would get out?" Maudie said when we had returned home. "I know I wouldn't stay to attend a funeral. I suppose the only one she has is of Herbert Cord's bank book." "Maybe the police asked her to play," I pointed out. "That can't be done by any means." "No, it certainly isn't, and that way the police and Denny Flynn are handling it I don't see where it will be cleared." "Denny's not handling any case, Maudie. He's simply covering the story."

ONE HALF OF SMICKSBURG HOMES CONDEMNED BY NEW MAHONING DAM

Farm Center Will Become "Lop-Sided" When Federal Government Completes Razing Project in Northern Section

In truth, as Saint Paul wrote in his Epistle to the Hebrews, "We have here no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

In these words do the older and more religious-minded residents of Smithsburg take consolation when they reflect on what is happening as the present line to their little community located in the northern section of Indiana County.

Because of a wide-spread flood control program designed to eliminate any recurrence of tragic flood disasters, one half of Smithsburg is disappearing under the waters of a new reservoir covering an area of 1,370 acres in three western Pennsylvania counties.

NO RESSPASSING UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OFFENDERS WILL BE PROSECUTED

The reservoir will be created by the new Mahoning Creek Dam, now virtually completed at a total cost of \$6,500,000. Located 23 miles up the stream from the town of Smithsburg, 11 miles from the affected Smithsburg Borough, the Mahoning Dam is one of the largest designed to hold back flood waters on streams which have played a major part in causing extensive flood damage in the Ohio and Mississippi river basins.

Flood waters will probably not reach their maximum level in the Mahoning basin more than once every 25 years, engineers predict, but the Smithsburg community and other structures in that area which would be affected at that time have to be provided for in advance.

By next Monday, when bids will be received in the United States Engineers Office in Pittsburgh for the sale and removal of building and materials on 23 miles of property in that area, the task will be nearly completed and the settlement will be ready to adjust itself to a new limited area and increased population.

A similar problem was faced in Smithsburg, Pa., nearly a century ago, when 12 out of 24 properties were purchased by the government. Most of the structures there, however, have been moved across the tracks to higher ground and only a few buildings have moved away to other localities.

Smithsburg was chartered as a borough in 1862. In 1868 it was known as a progressive settlement, employing many men in its own foundry, machine shops, and other industries. In recent years the town has become a typical small town, depending primarily on the coal industry for its main support.

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FRENCH RACE IS THREATENED

Nazis Holding Vast Numbers of Young Men, Says Ambassador

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Walter E. Edge, former U. S. Ambassador to France, today charged that Germany was holding vast numbers of young Frenchmen as hostages so that the French race will wither and die. Edge said Hitler made elaborate promises that nearly 5,000,000 German-French troops would be allowed to return to their homes when the German-French truce was reached but that "according to my information fewer than 100,000 have come back to France, and of these the great majority are men who are wounded, and the rest just middle aged."

The former ambassador, who served from 1922 to 1923, dramatically handed his statement to newspapermen and did not read it himself, however. The statement was distributed into English newspapers by broadcast by speakers under supervision of Col. William T. Dennis, U. S. Consul-General in Paris.

WELL FED CANDIDATE

PITTSBURGH.—An Italian country political campaigner is in no danger of starving. Assistant County Solicitor John J. O'Connell, a judicial candidate, took \$1 a month, a \$1000 salary, a \$1000 gratuity and a \$1000 gratuity—total \$3100 a month.

Church Street Soon To Become A Deserted Thoroughfare



But the most beautiful thoroughfare in Smithsburg through Church street is soon to be deserted of all its residents with the completion of the purchase of all homes and property by federal government agents. Shaded by beautiful trees along the walks on both sides of the road, the street leads down from the center of the town to the Lutheran Church and the beautiful cemetery which adjoins it.

Sewer Pipes Removed From Deserted Street



Great Conrad, 71, descendant of one of the founders of Smithsburg, looks on regretfully as borough employees Joshua Lewis and G. L. Welsh remove the sewer pipes along Church street in preparation for the complete evacuation of one-half of the old farm town. The house, like nearly all those still standing in this section of town, is marked with the "No Trespassing" sign which indicates that it has already become U. S. government property.

Edward Habel, realtor and one of the first settlers of the community, the brothers have lived on the same ground all their lives and are naturally reluctant to sell their home and move to a new location.

Most of those who were forced to abandon their homes have moved or are planning to move to neighboring towns, Plamville, Foxcroft, Dayton, Georgetown, and Trade City. In particular, others, of course, will find other quarters in Smithsburg somewhere in their desire to remain in a community they have always called home.

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German Gains in Four Months of War



Russia enters her fifth month of war with Germany as Nazi tanks, troops and guns hammer at the gates of the Soviet capital. In the first month, Nazis swept over the Soviet "buffer" area. In the second, they pushed deep into the Ukraine. In the third, they ringed Leningrad and crossed the Dnieper; in the fourth, they captured Kiev and Odessa and launched a direct gigantic drive on Moscow.

At Maneuvers



Private First Class John Weaver, above, stationed at Fort Meade, Md., and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wood Weaver, of Plamville, is participating in maneuvers at the Camp Meade, Md. camp.