

**"JESSE JAMES" ANNOUNCED AS EPIC OF A LAWLESS ERA, A GREAT HIT**

**Technicolor Film Due at Grand Theatre on Sunday and Monday With Tyrone Power in the Lead.**

The most romantic outlaw in the history of America, the desperado whose daring colored a whole era and endowed it with the title of the "Serious Seventies,"—the man who invented bank holdups and introduced train robberies—has been brought to the screen at last in Darryl F. Zanuck's production, "Jesse James," the 20th Century-Fox technicolor epic, starring Tyrone Power, Henry Fonda, Nancy Kelly and Randolph Scott, which will be the attraction at the Grand Theatre, Patton, on Sunday and Monday next.

One of the most difficult problems facing producer Zanuck, who had already shown his good judgment by casting Tyrone Power in the title role was to ascertain a fairly accurate picture of what Jesse James was really like, and then to present that picture with as much authenticity as possible, taking care neither to whitewash nor blacken the character of the man.

Two years of research into the life and times of this fascinating character before the actual production of the film was begun.

Henry King, the distinguished director of such hits as "Lloyds of London," "In Old Chicago," and "Alexander's Ragtime Band," was entrusted with the megaphone, and made a trip into the Ozark region to select actual locales. The little town of Pineville, Mo., was finally chosen and it was here that a vast company, including besides Power, Fonda, Miss Kelly and Scott, Henry Hull, Slim Summerville, J. Edward Bromberg, Brian Donlevy, John Carradine, Donald Meek, John Russell and Jane Darwell, travelled to shoot this gripping photo play.

Nunnally Johnson, the author of some of the screen's greatest successes, was selected to weld this colorful mass of story material into a screen play that throbbled with life. Johnson also acted as associate producer on the production.

"Jesse James" opens with the introduction of the "Iron Horse" in its journey through the old west, cutting ruthlessly across the farms of the simple, hardy pioneers.

It shows how Jesse James and his equally notorious brother, Frank (Henry Fonda) began their career of crime as a direct result of the murder of their mother by an unscrupulous hireling of the St. Louis Midland Railroad, in the person of one Barshee, played by Brian Donlevy.

Jesse shoots Barshee and swears to avenge his mother's death. A murderer with an ever increasing price on his head, he goes from raid to raid.

Loves comes to Jesse in the person of Zerelda better known as Zee, and played by Nancy Kelly, a gentle nurtured girl, who gave up a life of ease to share the wild, reckless life of this hunted outlaw, as his wife, and to bear his son alone in the hills.

When Zee finally leaves him, Jesse becomes a cold and ruthless desperado, and the film follows his reckless deeds across five states, climaxing in his betrayal and death at the hands of Bob Ford, the "dirty little coward" of song and story, who sold him out to the law.

Perhaps the best picture of this good bad man is contained in the words of the mayor of his home town of Sedalia, uttered months after Jesse James had died in the arms of his beloved bride.

The occasion was the dedication of an obelisk on the old James farm.

**PLANS UNDER WAY TO REOPEN MINE OF THE LOGAN COAL COMPANY**

Beaverdale—Plans looking toward resumption of work in the pits of the Logan Coal Company, closed down for the past week, have been launched by the Johnstown Coal and Coke Company.

It was reported last week that if arrangements can be made with creditors of the company, operations probably would be resumed in the company's mines.

The Logan pits have been closed down since last Friday a week when miners refused to work in protest of non-payment of back wages. It was reported that the company is in financial straits and unable to make payment.

Andrew B. Crichton of the Johnstown Coal & Coke Company said that he has been working on a plan in an attempt to have work resumed at the local mines.

The company owned by W. J. Faux of Philadelphia, is understood to have an indebtedness of approximately one million dollars in taxes, mortgages and bank loans.

According to Crichton, attempts are being made to reach an agreement with creditors to permit resumption of work at the pits. He intimated that unless such an agreement is reached, the company may be forced into bankruptcy or receivership.

**ST. BENEDICT BOYS RIFLE THE POSTOFFICE**

Two youth charged with robbing the St. Benedict postoffice were lodged in Ebensburg jail last Friday night to await hearing before Justice of the Peace Charles P. Rowland of Ebensburg. The prisoners are John Malloy, 15, and Joseph Ohman, 16, both of St. Benedict.

Entrance to the postoffice, was effected through a coal bin attached to the building with a trapdoor to the basement. The two were arrested by Pvt. Leo Miller of the Ebensburg station of the State Motor Police and County Detective Charles Cowan. Loot from the postoffice included one dollar's worth of stamps and 50 pennies. Miss Rose McDivitt, postmistress, told police that one of the pennies was bent and a search for this coin resulted in the arrest of Malloy when he attempted to pass it at a St. Benedict store. Malloy admitted the robbery and implicated Ohman.

**PENNSYLVANIA IS SECOND IN NATION**

Pennsylvania stood second in the Nation in the amount of unemployment benefits received in November and December and first in the total for 1938, the Social Security Board reported last week.

The total for the year in Pennsylvania was \$71,589,690, almost twice as much as the \$39,908,987 paid out in Michigan. However, Michigan was first in both November and December payments. They totaled \$4,162,200 and \$6,404,694 as compared with Pennsylvania's \$3,584,677 and \$4,003,685.

The total paid in the Nation during December was \$22,066,740, a decrease of \$1,834,662 from November. This disbursement brought the total for 1938 to \$396,432,097.

"Jesse was an outlaw, a bandit, a criminal," said the Mayor, "but we aren't ashamed of him. Maybe its because we understand a little that he wasn't to blame for what his times made him. All I know is, he was the doggonedest, dadblamedest buckaroo that ever rode across the United States of America!"

**NO NUDE NUPTIALS FOR CAMBRIA COUNTY STATES JUDGE NELSON**

Any couple desiring to emulate the man and woman in Colorado who have announced their intention of being married, clothed only in their birthday suit, had better stay away from Cambria County.

Although an assistant attorney general of Colorado declared he could not find any law to prohibit such a marriage, Judge A. A. Nelson of the Cambria County Orphans Court last Friday declared that "law or no law in Pennsylvania, no such marriage would be permitted in this county by me."

"If some couple desires to take a chance of getting pneumonia by having their marriage ceremony performed while in the nude on top of Chickaree Mountain some cold day, they certainly will not be permitted to do so," Judge Nelson said.

"I would refuse to order Michael J. Hartnett, clerk of the orphans court, to issue a marriage license to persons desiring to make a show of themselves in this manner."

"There is nothing in the Pennsylvania statutes covering marriage licenses which specifically prohibits a couple entering a marriage ceremony without being garbed in any more than nature gave them. However, there is such a thing as public decency and while the would-be participants might not think it is indecent to be married in the nude I would most emphatically consider it so."

Mr. Hartnett declared that in the event any couple desired to get married while garbed as Adam and Eve, he, too, would refuse to issue the license. He agreed with Judge Nelson in the latter's position that any such ceremony would be a violation of public morals.

Judge Nelson also declared that even though the license were issued "there is not a minister of the gospel, an elderman or justice of the peace in Cambria County who would perform any such ceremony."

"I know that men in this county authorized to perform marriage ceremonies have a higher regard for public decency than to engage in any such affairs," Judge Nelson said.

It also was suggested that if any couple in "this neck of the woods" desires to have a "nude ceremony" they had better seek a warmer climate, at least at this time of the year.

**THREE HIGHWAY FATALITIES ARE LISTED IN OUR COUNTY IN JANUARY**

Twelve violent deaths, including three automobile fatalities, occurred in Cambria County during January, according to a report issued by Coroner Patrick McDermott.

As usual, fatalities in which automobiles figured led the list of violent deaths. Of the three car fatalities, one was recorded in Johnstown and the other two on highways outside the city. The January auto toll was an increase over the corresponding period in 1938 when two occurred.

There was one murder—listed as homicide in the coroner's records—during January. This was the first in more than 13 months, no murders having been committed last year in Cambria County.

Other deaths resulting from violent causes in the opening month of 1939 included one fatality each in mining, railroad and streetcar accidents, two suicides and one fatality each in accidents involving burns, suffocation, and falls.

All told, the coroner and his deputy investigated 51 accidents in the first 31 days of the current year. This total included 39 sudden natural deaths, in addition to 12 violent fatalities.

The majority of the natural deaths investigated resulted from heart attacks. There were 12 heart cases. Cerebral hemorrhages claimed the lives of four, while six expired from pneumonia. The officials held eight inquests and three post-mortems during January.

**GROUP AT PATTON APPROVES PROJECT**

Support of the move to construct a "fisherman's paradise" in Beaver valley near the Old Gates Dam, was voted by the Patton Sportsmen's Association at a meeting last Thursday evening after Boyd Troxell of Blandburg had spoken in the interest of the project.

George Hoppel was appointed chairman of a committee which will contact state legislators and Congressman Harve Tibbott to solicit their influence in advancing the plan.

The local sportsmen also adopted a resolution favoring an increase in the bounty on weasels to \$1, favoring the removal of all protection on skunks, favoring the placing of racoon on the game list and making hunting of racoon legal from sunset to sunrise, and approving hunting and digging for groundhogs during a season extending from July 1 to September 30.

Robert Miller, new president of the association, presided. The meeting was held in Moose Hall. Another session of the group will take place March 7.

**TWO TONS OF COAL YIELD TON OF OIL**

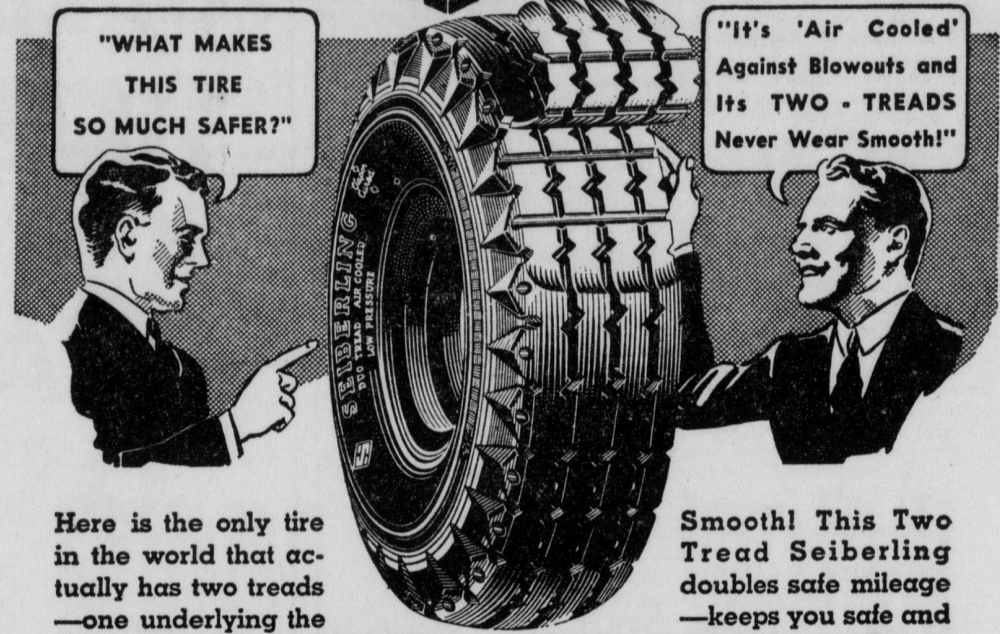
Pittsburgh—Reporting the extraction of a ton of oil from two tons of bituminous coal, a federal mines expert forswore the time when this district, known as "the workshop of the world," may also be the nation's oil capital.

The tremendous coal reserves of the area, a primary cause for the growth of Pittsburgh as a steel center, are best adapted for conversion into oil, according to Director John W. Finch of the United States Bureau of Mines.

He added, however, that present cost

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of the oil is prohibitive. In a report to the advisory board of the bureau Finch said the bureau's

Pittsburgh station had made rapid progress on new methods of converting coal into oil by hydrogenation, a pro-

cess now reported widely used in Germany to bolster that nation's campaign of self-sufficiency.

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