

THE UNION PRESS

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The endeavor of the Union Press-Courier is to sincerely and honestly represent Trade Union Workers in efforts to obtain economic freedom through organizations as advocated by the CIO and AFL, and we solicit the support of trade unions. Material for publication must be authorized by the organization it represents and signed by the President and secretary, and bear the seal.

The Union Press-Courier gives its advertisers the advantage of the combined circulation of the two largest circulated weeklies in Cambria County and has a reader coverage that blankets Patton and the major mining towns.

RANDOM THOUGHT

According to the news stories, and from other advices there appears to be a strike of store clerks in the Industrial Stores impending. Perhaps arbitration wouldn't be a bad suggestion for the parties involved. Some five hundred workers in four counties would be affected by the strike. The Store Clerks Union is an affiliate of the CIO, and most of the establishments are located in mining towns in a four county area.

Congress has again tried to dodge the No. 1 problem confronting the United States. Between eleven and twelve million Americans are unemployed. Their plight affects millions more. It is a graving misery that feeds upon itself and keeps the whole nation in depression. The Democratic party, now in power, promised constructive work at prevailing wages for the unemployed. The WPA program was a step, though still an inadequate one, in this direction. But the present congress has not carried on until the job was done. It has not adopted a single measure to put the unemployed to work. On the contrary, tory Democrats, repudiating their party's pledge, have joined with tory Republicans in passing a bill which will throw a million unemployed off WPA jobs. The organized protest of progressive labor, as represented and mobilized by the CIO, prevented an even worse blow being inflicted on the unemployed.

Good news for some folks who have kept their cars in the garage since the first of the year. Auto licenses will be issued at half price August 1st. And they will be good until April 1, 1940, under the new licensing law. Quarter price on plates will be effective November 1st. When the new registration goes into effect in 1940, half fees will be effective October 1st and quarter fees on January 1st.

Don't tack your advertising matter along the highways. A drive to remove illegal highway signs on the right-of-way is now in force. In fact, the advantageous points on the highways are not at all worth the while when the state department of highways finishes its deadly work on scenic marriag. Candidates are advised to keep their display cards well off the right of way.

The state has gone into the advertising proposition. Last week they bought \$50,000 worth of space to sell tourists the idea that Pennsylvania is the state to visit. At this time, all this advertising will be placed in out of the state newspapers and a number of magazines. Later, it is promised, home state mediums will be used. We hope this is more than a promise. Aside from our Pennsylvania newspapers needing the money, the state can do well advertising itself to its own people. There are thousands of our residents who canter off to visit adjacent states, and pass up greater scenic beauties and greater points of historical interest here at home. Perhaps the folks don't always appreciate the things they have at home.

Only four political parties will be accorded places on the September primary ballot in Cambria County, the county commissioners have informed the secretary of the commonwealth. The parties which will be given listings are Republican, Democratic, Prohibition and Socialist. The election code provides for the survival of those parties only which poll at least five per cent of

the highest vote cast at general elections within a two-year period for county purposes and at least two per cent of the county vote on a statewide basis. The Republican and the Democratic parties were the only ones which polled the necessary five per cent of the total highest vote cast in 1938, but the Prohibition and Socialist parties received the required percentage of votes in 1937 and will, therefore, remain on the ballot.

Pennsylvania's new anti-fireworks law last week conclusively demonstrated its worth in its initial test. Only 5 minor injuries throughout the state were reported on July 4th, in contrast to 8 deaths, 10 blindings, and 1626 injuries last year. Considering that the fire works law still permits cap pistols, which can cause dangerous wounds, and regulated fireworks displays, these results were amazing. The most of Pennsylvania's neighbors do not have a ban on fireworks. Under those circumstances a certain amount of bootlegging was anticipated. But, apparently, there was very little. A thousand state motor police kept a vigilant eye out for violations but found few. It was, in every respect, the safest and sanest Fourth of July this Commonwealth has ever known.

Considering the results, one wonders now why the legislature took so long to get around to this ban. Medical and civic groups have been advocating it for years. In other states it has repeatedly demonstrated its value. Yet, the last Democratic legislature rejected the ban, although specifically requested by Governor Earle to enact it. And for a time it looked as though the small but apparently potent fireworks manufacturers' lobby, which made exaggerated claims about how many people the industry employed, would succeed again this year. The law, however, finally went through and Governor James approved it. After the acid test, we predict that it will never be repealed. For, if ever a law justified itself in one short day, the anti-fireworks act did. It is only to be regretted that it wasn't on the statute books years ago.

Newspaper editors do not always have smooth sailing. Our own experiences over the past twenty years have placed us "on the spot" many a time. In looking backward, some of these predicaments now are amusing, but they were not so at the time of occurrence. Generally we have been up-raided either by some article published that was not fact, by some article that was fact, but not pleasing to the party or parties affected, or by some sin of voluntary or involuntary omission. Folks many the time solicited us to publish matter that concerned them personally and perhaps took a slam at some neighbor whom they didn't like. And we've even had quite a time in

convincing them that we were not interested in personal problems or in personalities. Other people have had thoughts and theories that they have tried to have us publish in the paper, but didn't want any responsibility for such publication themselves. This crowd is legion. It's funny how many folks would like to have the editor be the goat and dodge all the brickbats themselves. Only a few weeks ago, a man came into our office and wanted us to "say something" about the underhanded way another man was supposed to have copped his job—but he didn't want to be implicated in such publication at all—even though we would have agreed with him. 'Tis, funny, too, how some folks will condemn us for publication of paid legal notices—and we have even caught the deuce for advertising a property for sale by the sheriff in a regularly advertised and paid for sheriff's list. Since entering the labor field, we have constantly to be on guard, and withdraw from many theories, and personalities some of our labor readers want to put across. Once we published the story of a wedding, handed us by the girl who was supposed to be the bride, and had quite a time keeping the irate "groom" from giving us a beating. At another time, we unconsciously left some rather libelous advertising matter slip in our columns during a local political campaign, and are still trying to live that down. Particularly in politics, and at other times on our own thought we have taken drastic stands against certain groups or individuals, but this we have done "on our own" responsibility. If we were to have published everything folks wanted us to publish in this paper in the past twenty years we wouldn't have a friend left in this community, we likely would have been tarred and feathered years ago, and, maybe murdered.

It does seem queer in this modern day and age, that there are still people, friends of the editor, who think that because of that friendship, he should publish whatever is asked. In local politics we have always religiously avoided all issues. It never mattered to us whether the candidate was a Democrat or Republican. At home we felt all the people knew what was best to do. In county and state politics we have "yelled" what our conscience dictated, and we were always on hand to meet all comers. Hence, if matter appears in these columns this week, last week or last month, or in the future, of it is unsigned—we are responsible. If it appears over another's signature, you also know who is responsible. If it should appear as a legal advertisement, that is something over which we have no control, but are required by law to publish as a paid advertisement. There are some things over which the editor has control, and there are others over which he has not, but those things over which the

PROTECT WAGNER ACT, JOIN A UNION, PRIEST TELLS WORKERS

Washington—It is the duty of all Catholics both to join and help build the trade union movement, and to take part in the defense of the Wagner Act, the Rev. John P. Monaghan told listeners on the Catholic Hour network program last week.

Pointing to the number of workers still unorganized, Father Monaghan urged his listeners to join unions so that labor can become, as it should be, "one of the most vital organs in a democratic social order."

The employers are organized, he pointed out, and while their hostility to trade unions has kept many millions of workers from organizing for their

protection, the Wagner Act as it is now written, offers an opportunity to the workers to secure their "natural rights" under the protection of law.

"The company dominated union, the so-called independent union, labor spies, the discharge and the black list, are still too frequently the American industrialist's answer to a man's fundamental right to organize," he said.

"Since the law is designed to protect the natural right to organize and since, as Leo XIII insists, 'The Government must protect natural rights, not destroy them,' Catholics should rise to the defense of the law as an essential use of the government power."

EUGENE ECKENRODE DIES IN PITTSBURGH

Eugene Eckenrode, 68, a former resident of Carrolltown, died on Friday evening at his home in East Pittsburgh. Death terminated an illness of five years. Mr. Eckenrode was born in East Carroll Township, a son of Henry and Angeline (Byrnes) Eckenrode. He moved to East Pittsburgh many years ago. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Anna (Stewart) Eckenrode and two children: Robert Eckenrode, East Pittsburgh, and Mrs. A. P. Hasson, Bradock. He was a brother of Alphonse Eckenrode, of Salamanca, N. Y., and Matthew Eckenrode, Wilkinsburg. He also leaves these half-brothers and half-sisters: Vincent Eckenrode, Raymond Eckenrode, John Eckenrode and William Eckenrode, all of Carrolltown, and Mrs. Etta Karlheim, Chest Springs. Funeral services were conducted on Monday morning in East Pittsburgh and the body was brought to Carrolltown and interred in St. Benedict's cemetery.

Firemen Hurt.

Two Portage Firemen were injured on Saturday when a pumper on which they were riding skidded on the soft shoulder near Ashville. The two firemen were thrown from the vehicle. Those injured were John Price who suffered a fracture of the leg and Wm. Callahan, who suffered a painful injury of the thigh. The firemen were returning from a celebration held at Coalport at the time of the accident.

Lake Michigan lies entirely within the boundaries of the United States, and is the only one of the Great Lakes entirely within our domain.

editor has no control, are published matter that in themselves indicate the responsibility.

Bishop Confirms.

A class of approximately 120 boys and girls was confirmed Sunday afternoon in St. Thomas' Church in Ashville by Most Rev. Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle of Altoona.

Executor's Notice.

In the Estate of Isaac Strayer, late of Patton Borough, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the Estate of the said decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to:

Harry J. Nehrige, Executor. Patton, Pa. Reuel Somerville, Attorney, Patton, Pa.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Modern white enameled Cook Stove. Inquire of Sue Gill, at St. Lawrence. 3t

LOST—Sum of money on Saturday in Patton Borough; loose bills and a check. Reward. Return to Press-Courier office.

FOR RENT—Public address system can be had at any time. Inquire of Anthony A. Huber, 520 Russell Avenue, Patton. Phone 3001 and 3003 Patton.

FARM FOR SALE—70 acres, 5 of coal; one two-story nine room house and one cottage; new barn and other outbuildings. If interested write Geo. E. Swartz, Flinton, Pa. 6t

FOR SALE—1936 Dodge Sedan in first class condition; equipped with radio and heater; just 20,000 miles on speedometer. Inquire this office. 3tp

CONTROLLER IS AIM



Dennis L. Westrick of Elder Township has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Controller of Cambria County.

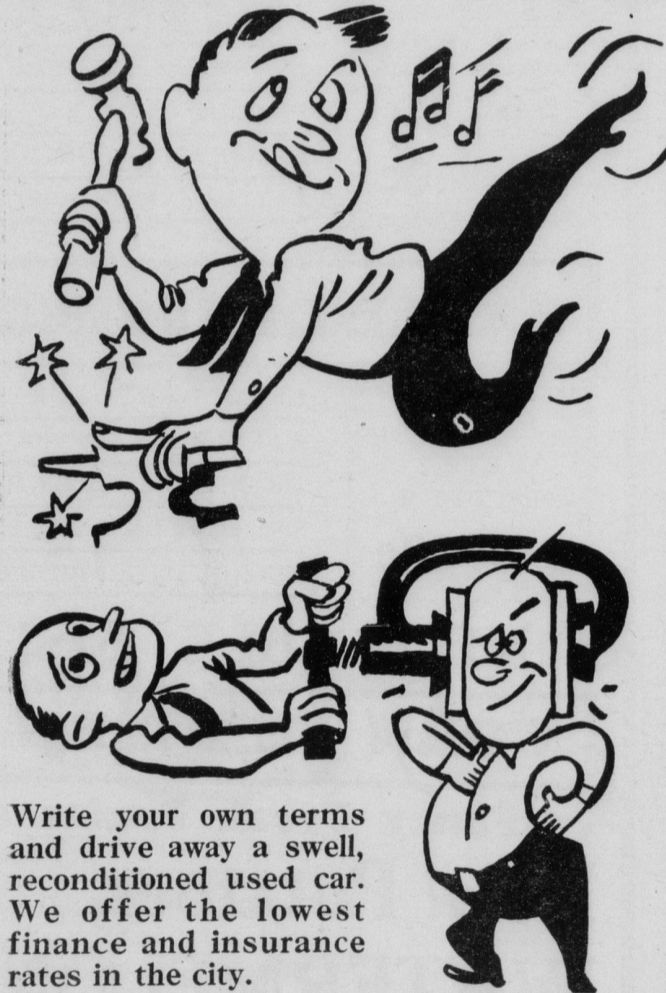
Mr. Westrick is in his fourth term as a member of the general assembly. After attending Indiana State Normal School he was granted a permanent certificate for teaching in 1909 and taught in Hastings and Elder township for 23 years. He was an auditor of Elder township for 20 years. He is popular in the north of the county and has, in his legislative career, attained a fine record.

JOE'S CUT-RATE STORE

- Mohawk Sheets ..... 77c
Griffins White Shoe Polish 8c
Men's Overall, no bibs ..... 69c
Men's Overalls, double knee and sat ..... 98c
Men's Work Shoes \$1.49
Men's Work Pants ..... 69c
Men's Work Shirts ..... 39c
Men's Dress Sox, 3 pairs 35c

JOE'S CUT-RATE STORE BARNESBORO . . . PENNA.

HERE'S PROOF WE'RE CRAZY



USED CAR PRICES SENSATIONALLY REDUCED

Everybody says we're crazy. Maybe we are, but we're going to sell our big stock of used cars now, regardless of how much money we lose.

HERE ARE SOME OUTSTANDING VALUES:

Table with 3 columns: Car Model, Price, and another Price. Includes models like 1937 PLYMOUTH SEDAN, 1937 DODGE Sport SEDAN, 1934 STUDEBAKER SEDAN, etc.

MAIN ST. GARAGE, Carrolltown