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**RANDOM THOUGHT**

The world surely has changed in the past thirty to forty years ago. Transportation has been probably the biggest of the changes. When the writer was a boy a trip to Altoona and Johnstown, by train, was a sizeable journey. A trip to Pittsburgh was something to be checked up as a major event. Nowadays, a trip to the former towns in purely routine and a trip to Pittsburgh is incidental in only a very minor way. Last Sunday the writer and his family left Northern Cambria early in the morning, took in church services enroute, traveled to central Virginia, drove over the famed "Skyline Drive" and returned home in the early evening, covering a trip of about 500 miles, and thinking no more of it than another Sunday's outing completed. Back in the early 1900's a trip of that nature would have been something to talk about for a year, because it would have taken several days to complete it.

Every time a candidate runs for an office, he quite naturally seeks the support of everyone whom he can reach. Such is more particularly the case, when editors are sought after. As a general rule the editor seeks to keep his hands off at primaries—but sometimes he is obliged from a sense of honesty and of

decency on his part, to do otherwise. In connection with this newspaper, we have in the past taken up the interests and causes for better conditions for organized labor, and in it has led us into rather stiff newspaper arguments in primaries. Likewise, we have had those who helped the same cause in other years. They may be candidates now on their own initiative, and it is our decision that we do owe them our support. Hence, any part we take in the support of candidates in the primary election will be given freely to those whom we feel have merited our support.

Somehow or other the general attendance at both the New York World's Fair and the San Francisco offering—both conceded to be well worth while—has not been anywhere near the expectations of the promoters. In the past week the New York outfit have reduced admission prices and offered other inducements to bolster attendance is, is a matter of conjecture. What the cause of the slim attendance is, is a matter of conjecture. Perhaps nature has so much to offer the vacationist that brings more enjoyment than anything man-made can offer. Anyway, neither fair is diminishing to any very great extent the summer resorts and the places that have nature's offerings to give as inducements.

The basic voting strength of any political party in this country is made up of the hundreds of thousands of party job holders in municipal, state and federal governments. Political activity on the part of these job holders has often drawn criticism but neither party being out of office, has troubled too much about it's opponent's patronage, with an eye to the time when it will be back in office itself. Last week, however, a Congressional coalition of both Republicans and Democrats took a great step forward to curb political activity by government employees. Concerned only with the Federal jurisdiction the House by a vote of 242 to 133 passed the Hatch bill, prohibiting participation by Federal employees in national political activity; prohibiting making, job bartering, or intimidation; prohibiting use of the authority of federal officials to interfere with nominations or elections; prohibiting coercion of relief workers. The bill was sent back to the senate where it originated, for ironing out, and was passed on Friday and sped to the White House.

The bill is popular with both the press and public—and one wonders how it was accomplished.

Troublous Harlan, County, Kentucky.

scene of many a bloody battle between union coal miners and representatives of the mine owners, last week had reason to hope for peace. The United Mine Workers of America and the Harlan County Coal Operators' Association reached an agreement which represented major concessions on both sides. As important as the agreement itself, which seemed to assure peaceful operations until March 31, 1941, was the fact that the bitter enemies had reached the point of making concessions.

There was little in the history of the long controversy to indicate that either side would surrender on any important points. Therefore the agreement appeared to be more significant than a mere truce. While the miners on their part abandoned the "open shop" clause, they gained from the erstwhile bitterly militant mine operators a recognition as exclusive bargaining agent, agreed to dismiss eviction proceedings against striking miners, and waived a "strike penalty" clause which had been included in the contract that other Appalachian mine operators accepted in May.

Thus does "bloody" Harlan give a promise of peace, and a promise of a better treatment of the men who toil beneath the ground. May Harlan continue in peace in the years to come, and may its operators, by a different attitude toward organized labor, and the rights of the men who toil, be such that in the decades to come, only a dim memory of its once bloody traditions will be remembered.

The number of aged persons in our population is growing rapidly. This realization has produced a brisk demand in congress for larger pensions to those who want security in their declining days. Organized labor, particularly the CIO, has been urging "something better." Even the Townsend movement has had much to do with making Congress take a bit more thoughtful of the aged. Forty years ago, only four persons in a hundred of the American population were over 65 years of age. By 1930 this group had increased to a percentage of 5.4 and now it is estimated to have risen to 6.3 per cent, representing 8,200,000 persons as against 3,080,000 in 1900.

These figures alone would account for the pension drive that started many years ago, but which grew to amazing proportions in 1932 and the four or five succeeding years. While the fanfare of the national problem was directing national attention to the problem in the past three years, the broader pension movement was developing along firmer lines, and today the broader movement is having its inning in Congress.

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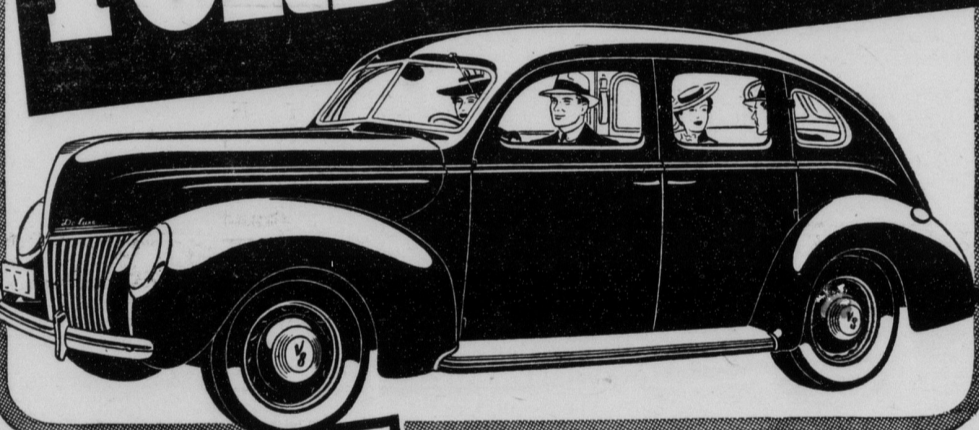
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If Governor Arthur H. James was making a bid for the Republican presidential nomination in his radio speeches of last week, the significance apparently had not impressed itself at Washington on his party's Pennsylvania congressmen. A half dozen Republican congressmen said they regarded the Governor's appearance on a nation-wide hook-up—as well as a state hook-up for a shorter period and another set of remarks—as solely a reply to the comments of Senator Guffey a bit previously. Suspicion that the James speeches had presidential significance was caused by the fact that the Republican National Committee distributed copies to newspapers in many states.

Throughout many, many years, one has heard from time to time the complaint that the north of Cambria county (meaning that section north of Ebensburg, has had no elected representation in county, or court house offices. And how very true it is. These complaints have come from voters of both parties—and likely it is the voters of both parties who have but themselves to blame. Scarcely a county primary, or election, goes by, but that there are candidates, or nominees for court house jobs from the north, but our own voters don't seem to concentrate on them. A balanced ticket by either party should, by all that's right and proper, give some thought to geographical locations—but it hasn't. At the present time the north of the county has one county officer—Patrick McDermott, the coroner, serving by appointment. Some years ago, we had a county commissioner, the late Meade B. Cowher, serving, also, by appointment. But it's pretty hard to remember when we had some one elected to office. And if we let the same condition prevail this year—both Republicans and Democrats—it's going to be our own fault.

The time for filing for the party primaries has closed. In looking over the lists there is some representation from Northern Cambria county. In loyalty to ourselves—at least ONCE in fifty years—we should give these candidates our earnest and wholehearted support, and not let the same old story again prevail, and then lament. By all that's fair and just, Northern Cambria county should be given representation in the County Commissioner's office. Folks from all over the county will agree to that—but the voters themselves never do anything about it. Usually, at primary elections, there are sufficient candidates from the north in the field to defeat themselves. This fall, in the commissioner's contest, on both tickets, this sit-

**SEEKS REELECTION**



FRANK P. HOLLERN.

County Commissioner Frank P. Hollern has announced that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for that office.

"I believe that I have successfully conducted the affairs of the people of Cambria County as a commissioner," Mr. Hollern said. "I will stand on the record I have made in that office. I have tried at all times to serve the best interests of the people and I believe that the record I have made is a worthy one."

uation DOES NOT prevail. Democrats and Republicans alike, have but a single candidate apiece from the North of the County. They are George C. Hoppel, Democrat, of Patton, and William R. Stich, Republican, of Spangler. If the old, old story of no representation is to be eliminated, it is up to us voters in the north to do the eliminating. We can do it by supporting our own candidates. If we don't do it—you can well rest assured no one else will.

In glancing over the list of candidates in the Democratic party, Dennis L. Westrick seems to have done pretty well by himself for County Controller. He will have no opposition for his party's nomination at the primaries, and, on the face of things, appears to have the edge, already, for the general election. And, Mr. Westrick is well qualified, capable and able to fill with credit to himself and his party the position to which he aspires.

From now on until September 12 political activity will hum in the county. Not alone will the candida-

ties of county aspirants take up the interest, but in every borough and township, there are local offices to be filled. Likely, because of this, a heavy vote will be polled. In most districts, too, these local contests become rather spirited. Sometimes they may get a bit bitter. But there's nothing forgotten so quickly as an election—until the next one comes along.

Barnesboro will be in gala attire next week when the annual convention of the Cambria County Volunteer Firemen's Association will be entertained by the members of the Hope Fire Company. For the firemen, the annual convention and tournament is always something to look forward to. The County organization has been growing in membership and in interest for quite a few years. The Barnesboro laddies promise this year's event will be the best of them all.

**Priest Assigned.**  
Rev. Father John A. Dekarski, formerly of Johnstown and more recently stationed at Boswell, has been named pastor of St. Stanislaus' church, Barnesboro, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Father Julius Trzetrzynski, who died last December.

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