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Business is on the upswing. Work is becoming more plentiful day by day. The mining industry in Cambria county, and all over the field, is picking up. Things look bright for the most of us during the coming winter. Without doubt, the war in Europe is responsible for a lot of the apparent prosperity. However, in the coal fields, seasonal demands likewise have something to do with it. To those of us who remember the last war, there is a lot of glory taken out of our present bright outlook. Any re-employment that is based on artificial and uneconomic foundation usually has its aftermath. Now, our prime thought is to keep out of war ourselves—even if we do profit by it.

There is nothing more important to a community than its volunteer fire company—and Patton has been blessed for years with an active organization. Our local company is in need of funds for the purchase of needed equipment and shortly will solicit citizens for financial help. Perhaps the amount you will be able to donate will be small—but any amount will be gratefully accepted. The record of Patton Firemen has been an enviable one. Without a fire department, one can imagine what great losses would have occurred. Hardly a week passes by but that some alarm is answered. The local boys almost invariably nip the trouble in the bud. These volunteers, not only in Patton, but everywhere where volunteer fire companies exist, give of their time and energy, not to mention the inconvenience personally, and the damage done clothing, freely. There also is an element of danger in the duties of the volunteer fireman. Knockers of any fire company are never the community's best citizens. The life of the volunteer fireman is a thankless job—but it is an important one. Do your bit to assist when the solicitors come to see you!

The Democratic candidates at least are representative of most every section of Cambria county, a study of the nominees discloses. They live at northern, central and southern points. Republicans most all are from the south. Ebensburg is the farthest northern point they strike. Three of the candidates of the Democrats hail from the upper north county. They are John J. Haluska, nominee for county treasurer; Dennis L. Westrick, county controller nominee, and Patrick McDermott, for Coroner. Two others are from Ebensburg, another is from the south central area, one is from the main line district, and the balance are from the city area. From a geographical standpoint the Democrats have balanced things up pretty well.

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# Look at Them -

## Friday, October 6th

# THE NEW 1940 FORD V-8

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The American Legion has just finished another annual convention in Chicago, and while the usual fun and frolic prevailed, nevertheless at this particular convention the delegates were struck with a more serious environment than at any times since the formation of the organization. They had a lot of toll in framing a neutrality resolution acceptable to the Legion's vast membership. They found it in a demand that the country stay out of the present European war at any cost, and that it arm itself to the teeth to protect itself.

The aspects of the war in Europe are peculiar. Americans are beginning to look upon it as a rather "screwy" war, but can't tell you why. A state of war has been declared by Britain and France, yet there is no fighting of consequence. There is desultory artillery fire of sorts on the Western front, but it seems more experimental than business like. German submarines have attacked Allied and neutral shipping; German airplanes have made trial attacks on British warships; neither the Allies nor the Germans have attempted the much advertised air raids which were supposed to annihilate entire cities. Britain and France guaranteed to see to upkeep of Poland's independence and are persisting in their declarations that they will restore Poland, presumably by a long war of economic strangulation. The answer to the question as to why Britain and France did not save Poland is that it was geographically impossible to march into Germany. At the same time they were unwilling to be the ones to start bombing of German industries and cities, which would not have saved Poland anyhow from Germany's "lightning war." Now that the Central Powers have partitioned Poland, they will broach a peace offering. England and France say "nothing doing." Who knows what will happen?

Pennsylvania's pardon board should be relieved of parole case responsibility as a step toward "much needed improvement" in the commonwealth's parole system, Lieutenant Governor Samuel S. Lewis, says. But he hesitates to say what new method of procedure he would advocate for handing release of penitentiary and jail prisoners seeking freedom at expiration of minimum terms, but emphasized that duty was too heavy a burden for the four-member Pardon Board. Perhaps he is correct in this. All of the pardon board members have additional heavy duties to look after. The parolee is a problem. Some behave—but others don't, and additional crimes are chalked up against society, because if the mercy shown undeserving.

Not only county and state politics are holding interest of the United Mine Workers of America in District No. 2, but likewise an election of their very own will shortly take place, and here and there, candidates are declaring themselves. Autonomy in the district will be restored soon, for the offices of vice president, for International board member and for District Board Members. Likely in most all cases the present officials will stand for election.

And down at the district office of the mine workers in Clearfield, Edward J. Sweeney this week takes up his duties as the newly appointed secretary-treasurer of District 2. His work won't be easy, for a time, at least. Years and years of experience gave the late Dick Gilbert the ability to handle matters expeditiously. But everyone who knows Mr. Sweeney knows also that he will execute the job entrusted to him, honestly, capably and well.

The fact that Clerk of Courts James M. (Jimmy) Jones, has petitioned the court for name conformity on a Prohibition and a Socialist Party nomination for County Commissioner, indicates that he intends to carry on a candidacy at the general election, and likely is Sure Spot No. 1 in the Republican ranks that refuses to heal. There are other sore spots, too, and they occur in both parties. The general election just now, and despite any treaty the outcome will likely be pretty close in most contests.

Seeking to cut the cost of Pennsylvania's unemployment relief the Department of Public Assistance has ordered all county boards to deny aid to single persons who fail to take jobs when they are available. The direction is at single persons between 20 and 40

years of age who fail to give evidence of "actively seeking openings for self-support where there is evidence that suitable employment "exists." County boards were authorized to adopt local policies for determining the relief eligibility of single able bodied persons "designed to discover whether or not they avail themselves, as individuals, of employment or maintenance opportunities."

Hitler has conquered Poland, and Stalin and his Soviet bunch of hard hearted, cold blooded Soviets, has stepped in and taken the part of Poland that Hitler most needed. Hitler lost 65,000 men in the deal. Stalin didn't lose any. The chances are that Hitler, if he had it all to do over, would leave Poland alone. The Soviets are grabbing the countries just now, and despite any treaty they may have with Germany, they will break it just as freely and easily as Hitler has done with others in the past—and darn well does the Fureher know it. Russia has its eye on the Baltic—the apple of Hitler's eye. And so long as Russia eyes the Baltic, just so long will Hitler have to forget about it. And if Hitler now sues for peace, it will be because he has fallen all the way into the Russian well, and can't manage to ascend.

The spectacular victory of the CIO United Automobile Workers Union in the Chrysler Company election is a good omen for the whole of the CIO on the eve of its second national convention. The auto workers turned out by tens of thousands in the largest labor board election ever held, to register their preference for representation by the CIO union. The majority for the CIO as against the AFL was as much as 9 to 1. The Chrysler victory followed a whole series of CIO election victories in the Briggs, Packard Motor Products and other large automobile plants.

The miners have resumed their fight to "bust" H. D. Lehman and his AFL Drivers' Union No. 110, of Johnstown and up here in the north of the county, the beer distributors, sensing the trend, have affiliated their drivers with the UMWA local at Barnesboro. With mining the major industry in Cambria county, and with the United Mine Workers covering the field 100 per cent, the prime factor, to us, in the whole matter is the foolishness on the part of the AFL drivers in attempting to foster and support the Progressive Miner movement. After all, union men and women, are just that. When "Whitley" Lehman attempted to harass an industry manned by union labor, that to a great extent made his own union possible, he created for himself the situation he now has confronting him, and his punishment he can blame on himself.

### OLD MEMORIES

A Communication from Our Friend, Domenick Gelotte, Pertaining to An Old Friend of His.

To the Editor of the Press-Courier: An old time friend surprised me the other day, the distinguished visitor being Barney Rice, of DuBois, Pa., well known throughout central Pennsylvania, as especially so to union miners.

In opening our discussion, he told me that he "did not miss a single Xmas dinner for the past 79 years."

In the year 1889, Barney (as his friends call him), was elected president of District No. 2 U. M. W. of A., and served two terms. Later he served as National Board member and in other official capacities.

"At that time," Barney continued, "we were at a great disadvantage. The police, the courts, the Governors, and even most of the public, were all against us, and we certainly had hard battles," and then," he said, in a serious expression, "We used to have an election of all officers every year."

Being connected with the famous DuBois Brewing Company for the best part of his life, his mission was to assist Local Union 1388 U. M. W. of A., to pay for a splendid building they recently purchased, the miners appealing generally to their friends for financial aid, and the DuBois Brewery responded with a generous donation.

In discussing the present social life, my esteemed friend does appear to approve or agree with the present mode and tactics generally used nowadays, and, in indicating the material variations between the past and the present times, he said: "Why forty years ago, beer was five cents a glass and the lunch was free; eggs, 12 cents per doz-

en; butter, 10 cents per pound; milk, 6 cents per quart; the butcher gave away liver and treated the kids with bologna; women concealed their ankles, and did not paint and powder (in public), smoke, vote or play poker; and folks lived to a good ripe, old age. Today, everybody rides in automobiles or flies, at a great risk of their lives; play golf, shoot craps, play the piano with their feet, smoke cigarettes, and blame the high cost of living to their neighbors; going out every night; never go to bed the same day they get up, and thinking they have a hell of a good time!"

"Yes Barney," I exclaimed, "you are right. These are the days of high taxes; crimes; speed; nerves; and barbaric devastation without a spark of human feeling; and honesty and modesty, in a general way, are rapidly losing their virtues."

DOMENICK GELOTTE.  
Nanty-Glo, Pa.

### JACOB BOSTIC IS KILLED BY HIT AND RUN AUTO

Struck by a hit and run driver while walking along Barnesboro's main street Jacob Bostic, 64, Barnesboro garage man, was killed instantly on Friday night last.

He suffered a fracture of the skull, fracture of the left leg, a broken jaw and crushed chest.

The accident occurred at 10:55 P. M. and about fifteen minutes later Chief of Police J. D. Whited of Barnesboro, arrested Stephen Lusnak, of Alverda, Indiana county, as the driver of the hit and run car. Lusnak and John Mickey, also of Alverda, reported to have

been an occupant of the machine, were arrested.

Pvt. J. E. Port of the Ebensburg sub-station, State Motor Police, called to assist in the investigation, said he learned that the Lusnak machine skidded across the road, struck the man and overturned. He said the machine turned completely over and landed on its wheels.

Private Port said the driver sped away without getting out of the machine to examine the extent of damage. He reported that the automobile was badly damaged, but could be operated.

When arrested both Lusnak and Mickey admitted that the car overturned at the place where Bostic was killed, but emphatically denied they knew the car struck the man.

Private Port said Bostic's body was hurled 60 feet by the terrific impact. He said the victim's hat was found more than 60 feet from where the body was found.

Bostic was returning to his home after closing his gasoline station for the night and was almost in front of his home when struck.

Mr. and Mrs. Bostic had purchased a new home in Barnesboro the day of the accident and were planning to move within the next few days. Mr. Bostic was also planning to sell his service station and retire from active work.

The question of whether Democracy or dictatorship shall dominate and rule the world is now being fought out in Europe. And unless all signs fail, dictatorships are in for a walloping that they will never forget.

### ONE GUESS!

When the Congress adjourned a so-called labor paper at Quincy, Illinois, said in reference to relief spending.

"New Deal: Spend yourself prosperous theory. Born, April, 1933. Kept alive by repeated shots in the arm in 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938. Died August 1, 1939. Funeral November of 1940."

And in a second labor paper scanned five minutes later was this:

"Literally millions of destitute families look to our government through our chosen representatives for succor and aid. Private relief agencies have broken down and the pitiful wail of undernourished children and mothers are crying out for quick relief. The federal government alone has full power to command the vast resources of the nation to preserve the health and well being of its people."

"Too many men, women and children have been hungry in the midst of plenty for too long." Will it be a funeral, or funerals? Which would you choose?

### ORGANIZE.

A worker in Indiana applied for relief because, he said, he could not provide for his family on a wage of 18 cents an hour plus one meal paid by an Indiana corporation. In other words the taxpayers are being pilfered to help low-wage employers pile up fat profits. What the workers need in that plant is a militant labor union.—UMW Journal.

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