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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.

Now that there has been sufficient time to analyze the election returns of last week in Cambria county, there are a lot of things that even the so-called political experts can't exactly figure out. True, Democrats were most successful in election, but the diversity of votes between Democratic winners and the Democratic losers runs into thousands. The causes for all this may be varied, and many. But one thing the election does show is that voters are not tied down to straight party voting like they were some years ago. The county, all in all, will have a good set of officials. And that, of course, is what counts most.

Clearfield county, last week, filled its court house with Democrats for the first time in fifty years, only one Republican candidate, the prothonotary, landing, and he only by the scant margin of 58 votes. Roy Eaton Decker of the Curwensville Herald, states that "Last week was education week and some of the slick politicians of this county were certainly educated."

After a threatening feature sort of dies away, the fears of the human being is apt to become falsely secure, even though it is known that danger still exists and will continue to exist. Such seems to be the case of the burning mine at the northern outskirts of Patton, which again last Friday belched forth flame from a new surface opening in the middle of the highway, near the clay works. Patton borough officials have been trying to pull every string within their knowledge in securing county, state, and federal aid in combatting this menace, and again are putting forth the same efforts. Likely something of a helpful nature will be forthcoming. It is a problem that is far beyond the finances of our own community. It is deserving of concrete attention from state or federal authorities.

The chaps who keep the records tell us that the most dangerous months for automobile driving are October, November and December. In this last quarter of the year, the average number of accident fatalities throughout the country is 3,700 each month. The average of all other months is 2,840. This increase is attributable not only to icy conditions of the pavement but also to the fact there is a longer period of darkness. Most accidents occur at night. During the period from October to January the rate of highway fatalities is three times greater at night than during daylight hours. Motorists who recognize wintry conditions as a menace to safe driving and who take proper precautions will not contribute to the death total. The other kind would be doing themselves and the public a service if they put their cars in hock for the winter, says H. Andrews of the Johnstown Democrat.

Down at the Grand Theatre last Saturday morning, Rev. Father Bertrand McFadyen, was the principal speaker at an Armistice Day observance and he pointed out particularly the living monument of distress as evidenced by the disabled veterans of the war of 21 years ago, as a chief factor in keeping the United States out of any more wars in Europe. Rev. Thomas McQuillan, himself a veteran of the last war, and the chairman of the program, in complete agreement with the Rev. Father Bertrand, saw no reason for another war in which we are involved unless it were a war of invasion. The veterans of the last world war, every last one of them who sat in the Grand theatre, likely agreed in all detail with the speakers. The excitement of the war of 21 years ago all want the regular Armistice Day to continue as such, regardless of the never ending troubles of Europe, in which we have no business.

And the boys who were in the uniform on that Armistice day of 21 years ago are now graying a bit. They are in the middle years of life. They know from experience what another war would bring in suffering and in distress, in the aftermath that always brings a depressed economic situation. They know that the gains to this country in the last war were most all losses. They know that everyone loses in war. They hope that the good old United States of America won't cause itself to be put in a position where

they will feel that national pride demands another conflict, and least of all a conflict that takes the youth of the nation across seas to a foreign soil, whose inhabitants have always been fighting, and who will fight again in a couple of decades after the present controversy is over, regardless of who wins.

With Thanksgiving coming next Thursday, by proclamation of the President of the United States and by proclamation of the Governor of Pennsylvania, a week more will be added to the Christmas season, and perhaps it is not too early to start the old slogan of "Do your shopping early." There are a lot of us, and the writer is no exception, who feel that this slogan holds good only for others, and who are still shopping the day before Christmas. If we all reform, it will be more pleasant and more enjoyable for all concerned.

And this raises another issue. In order to insure the delivery of Christmas parcels on or before Christmas, postoffice patrons are requested to both shop early and mail early. Your attention is called to the fact Christmas parcels and mail may be marked, "do not open until Christmas." Early mailing relieves the congestion of the week before Christmas. If your parcels are ready, mark them "do not open until Christmas" and mail two weeks ahead of the desired time for delivery. By so doing you will avoid the rush as well as the crush and insure delivery in good condition before the appointed time. Mails for foreign delivery should be mailed four weeks before the holiday.

The annual drive for funds by the American Red Cross started last Saturday, Armistice Day, and is on this week. Patton has never fallen down on this worthy cause, that comes as heavenly relief to so many communities suffering disaster and distress. That such conditions have not been ours in the past, we have cause to be thankful. That something disastrous can come to us is, of course, possible—and if that should happen, we, too, would be thankful for the American Red Cross.

For the past few years this newspaper has been running weekly a religious and sometimes secular column, entitled "The Sower," written by the Rev. James A. Turner, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Patton. We have found that this column has been pretty generally read by our subscribers. The late Dick Gilbert, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, once told us that the Rev. Turner's thoughts coincided pretty generally with his thought, and he never missed reading it. Mr. Gilbert had never met Rev. Turner. This week we start a series of weekly articles, in which most all the county papers will co-operate under the heading of "Information," furnished us by the Third Order Secular of St. Francis, at Loretto, Pa., and which will give Catholic information not generally known to the lay public. Look for this new feature under "Information."

One thing has always struck us as extremely queer. That is the fact that about four of the leading cigarette manufacturers usually put on highly expensive weekly, or more frequent, radio programs, utilize a small fortune each month in colored magazine advertising, and all of it is bought and paid for by the folks who smoke cigarettes. Yet the same "big four" cigarette manufacturer's fight every move of organized labor, and the decent conditions that goes with those workers. We wonder why?

Time flies. Some twenty years ago the writer had two big events in his life. One was that he became the editor of the Patton Courier, the other was that he left the ranks of the single state of life and took unto himself a lifemate. By the time you read this, on the occasion of that latter event, in November, 1919, having a two-decade anniversary we two young people of 20 years ago (now not so young) will be on our way to the sunny southland for a nomadic pilgrimage—the first of any great length that has ever been ours. We're going down to Florida by easy stages, and we're coming back over another route, again by easy stages. If we're not back by the time the next paper comes off the press, and next week's paper proves better than usual, you'll know that the staff has been putting one over on the editor.

PATTON MUSIC CLUB HAD AN INTERESTING SESSION LAST WEEK

An enjoyable program was presented to a capacity crowd at the November meeting of the Patton Music Club held last week in their club rooms in the bank building. The program featured two French horn numbers by Norman Litzinger of Indiana, "Song of India" and the Brahms' Lullaby." Mr. Litzinger was accompanied by his sister, Miss Doris Litzinger.

Miss Eleanor Ratchford and Mrs. Bernadette Schroyer of Barnesboro gave a delightful program of vocal duets from Saint Saens, Mendelssohn, and other popular composers. Miss Martha Greenwood was their accompanist.

Miss Yvonne Yeger presided at the business session which included a report of the past presidents' conference by Mrs. John Barnard, a report of the dramatic club by Miss Louise Young, and the plans for the formation of a study club directed by Angelo Vespa and Mrs. Ralph Good.

The December meeting of the club will be held the first Tuesday in December.

End of Tiger Grid Star's Playing Career



Don Herring, inset, 21-year-old football and track star at Princeton university, is carried off the field after receiving an injury that resulted in the loss of his left leg. The youth, who aided in a 26 to 12 victory over Brown, was injured in the first quarter of the game. Examination revealed that ligaments below the knee were torn and three main arteries had been severed. The amputation was made necessary because of the danger of gangrene becoming acute.

CIO VINDICATED

In upholding the Labor Board order against the Republic Steel Corporation, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia has rendered a measure of justice to thousands of steel workers who were discharged for their union activities and who have been ordered reinstated with back pay.

It has vindicated the charges made by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee and the Board in regard to the coercive and intimidating anti-union tactics of Tom Girdler's corporation. More than this, it has upheld the contention of the Board that it was the company's flagrant and continued violations of the Wagner labor relations act that caused the 1937 strike.

In absolving the workers and the CIO of blame for the strike, and placing responsibility at the door of Republic Steel, CIO Counsel Lee Pressman points out the court has "knocked out the basis for the corporation's \$7,500,000 suit against the union and the CIO."

"Republic cannot continue to maintain that any damages are due to it under the Sherman Act or any other statute," he says, "since its own illegal actions account for the strike and all its by-products."

"But aside from the tagible advantages for the workers and the legal implications of the decision, there is a moral justification involved which will bring satisfaction and encouragement to all of labor."

In organizing the Workers the CIO seeks to improve their conditions through peaceful collective bargaining as provided for under the law. Where industrial conflict occurs, it is caused by the refusal of corporations to grant the workers their full collective bargaining rights.

The court decision in the Republic Steel case is supporting evidence for this CIO contention. It also serves notice that no corporation is so big as to be above the law.

LEGALITY OF NEW AMENDED LIQUOR ACT QUESTIONED

Declaring that the limitation in the amended state liquor control act, which provides that only one license can be granted for each 1,000 of population in any municipality, does not effect clubs. Attorney Harold Kaminsky Monday urged Judges McKenrick and Greer to order the State Liquor Control Board to grant a club liquor license to the Roosevelt Club in Cambria City.

Special Deputy Attorney General Ernest F. Walker, representing the Liquor Control Board, urged the court to uphold the state board, contending that an opinion by Attorney General Claude T. Reno and opinions of lower courts maintained that the amended act includes clubs in the limitation clause.

It is likely that the court will await a decision in a similar case now pending before the State Superior Court before handing down an opinion regarding the Cambria City Club.

Attorney Kaminsky asserted that the act was indefinite, that in one clause it excluded clubs from the provisions of the amended act while in another section it includes clubs. His principal contention, however, was based on the manner in which the population of any municipality is to be determined.

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Robins Build Nest On Top of Gas Pump

PORTLAND, ORE.—Squatter's rights were exercised by a robin couple, who set up housekeeping atop the gasoline pump of the service station operated by A. W. Archer. Unafraid as Archer pumped gasoline into customers' cars, the mother robin set quietly upon her eggs and refused to move.

If Rattler Takes S Curve, Look Out

Expert Says Most Popular Beliefs Are Fallacies.

MCGREGOR, IOWA.—Seven years of hunting snakes, during which he has caught as many as 100 a day, have taught Larry Kersten of McGregor that most popular beliefs about rattlesnakes are fallacies.

One such notion blasted by Kersten is that a rattler's age can be told by the number of buttons on the rattle.

The truth is, according to the reptile hunter, that rattlers grow a button every time they shed their skins and that is two or three times a year. Moreover, the buttons sometimes are lost.

Kersten just laughs at the belief that a rattler won't strike unless coiled. "The fact is," he said, "the snake assumes the shape of a letter S, then straightens out when it strikes."

Kersten began hunting snakes after an itinerant catcher who makes a profession of taking rattlesnakes alive for zoos, gave him a few pointers.

Early in the spring, preferably the first warm day, Kersten takes to the hills with a gunny-sack, heavy gloves and a pair of home-made tongs. He looks particularly for rock ledges or crevices, for it is there that the snakes come out to lie in the sun.

Spotting a basking snake, or sometimes an entire family, he moves cautiously ahead. With the tongs he seizes a rattler just back of the head, snips out the poisonous fangs while it thrashes madly about and maneuvers it into the sack.

"The snakes won't bite through the sack because they are all tangled up and confused," Kersten explained.

He often keeps them on his farm for weeks before turning them in for a bounty. He has collected as much as \$700 a year in this manner.

In captivity the snakes refuse to eat, sometimes existing for four or five months without food.

Kersten has kept no record of how many snakes he has captured, but he estimates the number to be in the thousands.

HOUSTON, TEXAS.—J. W. Peterman drove a factory truck without an accident for many years and was awarded a medal for it by the Texas State Safety association.

The driver was highly embarrassed, therefore, when his first accident occurred in his parked truck. He was cleaning the machine, slipped and fell to the pavement. Peterman's injuries included a fractured wrist and a gash on his forehead.

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FLYING CLUB ORGANIZED AT EBENSBURG

On November 11th, a group of pilots and students of the Keystone Airport at Ebensburg organized a flying club, the name of which will be "The Cambria Flying Club."

Officers were elected and a constitution was drawn up by a committee consisting of five members, as follows: William Kessler, of Ebensburg; Maynard Nuss of Patton; Beula Donnelly of Huntingdon; Paul Farabaugh of Carrolltown, and George Donnelly of Huntingdon.

The following officers were elected: Edward Burns of Nanty-Glo, president; Paul Farabaugh and Maynard Nuss, vice presidents; William Kessler, secretary and treasurer; Lois Turner and Beula Donnelly, publicity agents.

The purpose of this club is to promote aviation in Ebensburg and vicinity. The membership of the club at present is approximately 50 and it is the expectation of the group to double the membership by Spring, making it one of the largest clubs in the state.

NOVENA AT THE LORETTO CARMEL

The Novena in honor of St. Therese for the month of November will open at the Chapel of Carmel at Loretto on November 22nd, closing on November 30th. This Novena, coming at this season, is a splendid preparation for the Holy Season of Advent, soon to begin. The next Novena announced will be the one in honor of the Infant Jesus in union with the Novena in honor of the Little Flower. It is a befitting time for all to unite in fervent prayer for this war-stricken world and the great misery in consequence. All are

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