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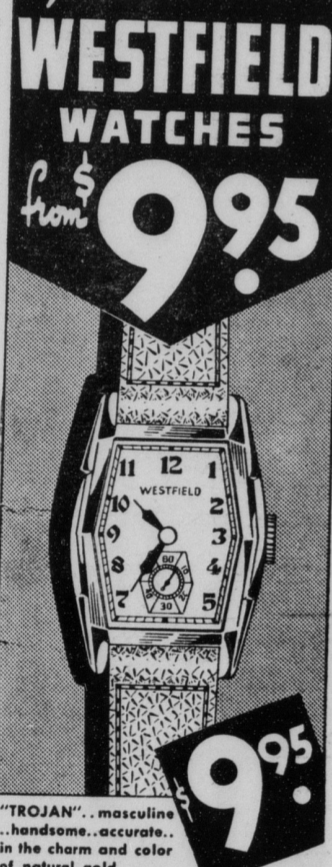
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There's just one thing about being away from one's desk in a newspaper office, and that's trying to write about local matters when you have no immediate touch with such matters. In fact now, we are basking in southern sunshine, and somehow are entirely apart and remote from the aspects of things which may locally affect readers of the Union Press-Courier. One fact, in our trip to the South is that we are convinced that Pennsylvania isn't such a bad place to live in, after all. In fact, conditions in the South, and particularly Southern labor conditions, are so far behind the conditions as we have them, that it is anything but funny. However, by the time you read this the editor and the "missus" will be on a slow trek home from the Gulf of Mexico, and will be back in the harness to stay for a good long time beginning with next week's issue.

The Congress of Industrial Organizations celebrated a birthday last week—the fourth anniversary of the day when leaders of the industrial union movement formed the Committee for Industrial Organization and prepared the way for great campaigns to organize the unorganized. Fourth year of CIO's existence shows its mem-

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bership at record size and growing fast; its ranks harmonious and united behind a progressive leadership; and its voice increasingly influential over the nation.

There won't be a great deal of time elapsing between now and the spring primary campaign, in which we will choose delegates to the presidential conventions, nominate candidates for State Treasurer, Auditor General and United States Senator; nominate candidates for Congress, the State Senate and three candidates for nomination to the General Assembly in the second district of Cambria county. Primary day comes on the fourth Tuesday of April, and after the first of the year, there will likely be activity.

And of course there will be two great major party Presidential conventions next summer and all the fanfare that goes with it. Philadelphia is apparently after both of them, or at least hopes to get one of them. Senator Joseph Guffey was in Philadelphia the other day to confer with Albert M. Greenfield concerning the desire of the Democrats to bring the convention of the Democrats to that city again next year. Mr. Greenfield is head of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, which is also seeing the Republican convention in 1940. The Democrats met in Philadelphia in 1936. Mr. Guffey estimates Philadelphia will have to guarantee about \$200,000 for the Democratic convention. The movement to hold the Republican convention there for the first time since 1900 has been endorsed by Senator Jim Davis.

Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler who some years ago ran for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator and was defeated, and who came to Patton once to speak, says that Americans should fight only for their homes and defense of the bill of rights. War is a racket, the ex-Marine Corps Commander says. He believes in an adequate defense of the coast line, but believes in nothing else. If a fellow comes over here to fight—then fight. "The trouble with American is that the dollar gets restless when it earns six per cent over here. It goes overseas to get one hundred percent. The flag follows the money, and the soldiers follow the flag." We believe that's just about true.

Thanksgiving Thursday of this week, by presidential and gubernatorial decree, a week earlier than usual, has been the cause of lots of confusion and comment, but Thanksgiving to all who

have reason to be thankful, can well be on any date. In fact, the other day Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska advanced a new idea, and it might not be a bad one at that. He said all this controversy about Thanksgiving being on the third Thursday or the fourth Thursday of November, could be settled by observing Thanksgiving Day on Armistice day in the future. He said if Armistice Day marks the end of a great World War it is greater cause for Thanksgiving than Thanksgiving day. While we are having a controversy over Thanksgiving, it appears that we might well compromise on it and have Thanksgiving on Armistice Day."

We here in America have much to be thankful for. In our own communities we should be thankful for what seems to be better times. But if these better times are coming to us wholly and simply because of suffering of humanity and bloodshed in Europe, caused by fanatic blood-thirsty dictators, then is a false appreciation. However, because we are not embroiled, we can and should be thankful, and we can, indeed, be thankful if next year at this time, and in future years at this time, we can still keep our youth out of foreign conflict. To that end, let us hope, and pray and be thankful.

Sunday last it was our pleasure to visit and attend church in the oldest town in these United States of America—St. Augustine, Florida. It brought us back to our school day history books. It perhaps also brought to our mind the long struggle of the colonists to build up this nation. It took us back to a time when civilization was far behind the present. And we couldn't help but wonder if Europe, if it continues in conflict, will be any farther ahead economically after it's all over—over there—than they were in the days the Spaniards came to St. Augustine and built this first city to endure in the New World.

We're going to have a census again in a few months. It will be the census of 1940 and the Census Bureau at Washington has long been preparing for it. It is now graduating its first class in asking a question and getting the right answer. These 173 men and two women students have been taught how to avoid the brisk reply: "It's none of your business." Of these, 103 will get jobs as area managers for the census of 1940. "Get the answers," says the bureau, "and get the right ones, but don't hold your foot in door or make threats—be courteous, be clear, be persuasive." For sixty days now the

175 have been going to school. Their jobs, in most cases, will last about nine months and they will receive about \$300 a month. Of course, local people will be used to take up the census locally. These will be appointed shortly. Instead of making reports to Washington direct, they will be responsible to the area managers.

Influential Democrats in the Senate are discussing methods to delay until after the 1940 election some of the Congressional issues which might develop bitter controversy and bring new splits in party ranks. One leader said that the "political truce" on the neutrality legislation had been highly beneficial to party morale. He added that if all factions of Democrats could continue to work together during the next session the chances of a 1940 Presidential victory would be greatly improved. This senator, who sometimes has opposed the administration, said that the next session should be as brief as possible and that such issues as taxation and the reciprocal trade program should be put off until 1941. It would be a good idea, but we'll bet it won't work out.

And now we can begin to concentrate on that good old slogan a lot of us believe in, but that some fail to execute—"Do Your Christmas Shopping Early." We might add too, for the benefit of mechanics—Do Your Christmas Advertising Early! and don't overlook the fact that the Press-Courier reaches hundreds of homes no other newspaper enters.

DEATH NOTICES

ROBERT GUNN
 Funeral services for Robert Gunn, 78, of Patton, whose death occurred at 7:20 o'clock Monday morning in Miners Hospital, Spangler, were conducted at 8:00 Tuesday morning in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Patton. Interment was in the church cemetery. Mr. Gunn had been a hospital patient since October 31. He had made his home in Patton with Mrs. Catherine Villanova of 803 Beech Avenue.

MRS. CATHERINE JENDRAL
 Mrs. Catherine Jendral, 70 of Barnesboro died on Monday afternoon at Spangler Hospital, where she had been a patient one week. Her husband's death occurred two years ago. Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at Bach Funeral Home, with burial in North Barnesboro cemetery.

MRS. JULIA NELSON
 Cherry Tree — Mrs. Julia Nelson, 75, died early last Saturday at the home of her stepson, Stanton Nelson of Cherry Tree R. D. 1. She had been ill a number of months. Mrs. Nelson was a daughter of Elijah and Sarah (Long) Baker, both deceased, and was born February 7, 1864. Her husband, Jacob Nelson, preceded her in death. Surviving is her stepson, mentioned above.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery at Cherry Tree under the direction of Killins & Long, Barnesboro morticians.

MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD BY THE KNIGHTS OF ST. GEO.

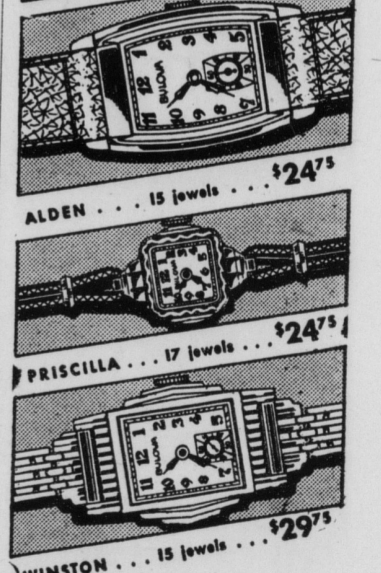
The Northern Cambria District, Catholic Knights of St. George will hold its annual memorial service in St. Mary's Church, Patton on Sunday, November 26, at 2:30 P. M. All members of the Knights of St. George of Northern Cambria County are requested to be present.

WAR TO STIMULATE AMERICAN BUSINESS

Washington — Europe's war will have a stimulating effect on American business, Bureau of Agricultural Economics experts predict. "A considerable increase in the output of automobiles and other durable consumer goods is probable," said a bulletin issued by the B. A. E. "The general improvement in business since

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