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IF YOU, dear reader, were to find yourself a member of the General Assembly right now, one of the questions most frequently asked of you would be "When is the state going to pay what it owes the firemen's fund, so that volunteer firemen will get the money justly due them?" There are other questions of like measure along other lines, too, and all of it comes out of the monies borrowed from earmarked funds by the Republicans last year at a special session of the legislature, to carry on the functions of the state government—the easiest way.

RECENTLY Governor James submitted his tax measures in the State House of Representatives, thru Assemblyman Winter. Last week, on second reading the Democratic majority had them all recommitted back to the Ways and Means Committee for further study. Our readers by reading the newspapers can easily ascertain that the Governor's budget of \$942,000,000 makes no mention of the present deficit of \$71,000,000—and that's just one item. Why rob Peter to pay Paul, and then forget all about Peter?

AND on the floor of the house last week, evidence there was, too, that not all the Republican members saw eye to eye with their Governor. One member declared that the Governor said that if his list measures were changed, he would veto them. The Republican member wanted to know when the legislative body had the power to the executive branch? Democrats perhaps are not contemplating at this time any changes in the administration tax bills; but they do want to know more about the financial situation of the state. Members of the Governor's cabinet likely will be called upon to explain the recommendations for their departments. It may be too, that the administration will be requested to do something for the folks who need it most, the mentally ill, the sufferers of tuberculosis, and some of those other things that Governor James in his "economy" seems to have forgotten about.

BOTH SIDES blame the other for playing politics. Maybe there is something to it. Rumor has gone about the capital the the Republicans have set the figures high, and as a "master-stroke" right before election next year also the calling of a special session of the legislature to "reduce" taxes. If such was the plan, it's like one they'll never forget about. The picture as at present presented in Pennsylvania is a gloomy one from the Republican viewpoint. The Democrats may keep the tax bills in committee for a month or so, but they and everyone else will know what it's all about when the bills do reach the floor.

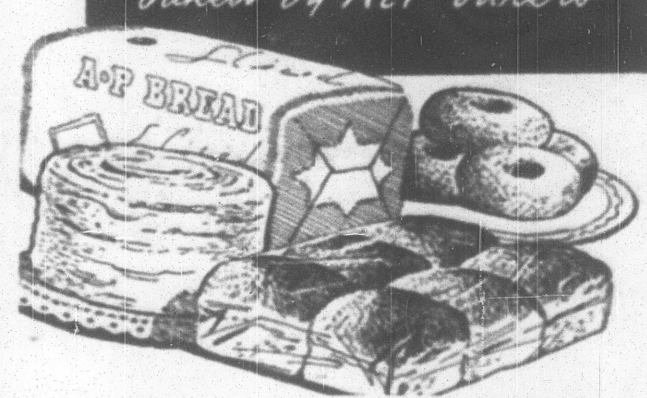
A FLEDGING member of the General Assembly soon finds out that priority counts for a lot in the way of recognition and ability to achieve. In this respect Cambria County is fortunate in having the services of Representative Chervenak, now serving his fifth consecutive term, and one of the "deans" of the majority Representative. Honored by a position on the steering committee before the House organized, Assemblyman Chervenak's influence continues. While he does not play to the galleries, he knows his way about, and he usually manages to secure what is possible to get. In this position he has been of untold help to the writer, an appreciation of which we can't overlook, even in our newspaper columns.

THIS week we have the ladies down at Harrisburg with us. Governor James is responsible for it. He and his daughter gave a reception Tuesday night at the Executive mansion to the members of the General Assembly and their wives. It's a highlight for many, particularly the newer members and their ladies.

BOY SCOUT activity in Cambria county is on the upsurge, and in many communities troops are active. With the coming of the spring and warmer months, greater interest likely will be manifested in this great



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if needed. The matter is voluntary, of course, with the members, but the patriotic status of this great body of ex-servicemen, tends to the belief that most all of them will exercise this patriotic privilege.
THIS present budget proposals will leave the WPA providing for the lowest percentage of the unemployed in its history. Chairman James R. Curry of the CIO Unemployment Committee points out in a letter to the House Appropriations Committee. Not less than \$80 million dollars is needed, he says, to maintain even the present level of work relief. National defense, we all agree, is imperative, but America is surely not so poor that it must starve the poor and delinquents in the name of national defense.