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EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT

Without any particular stress on the merits or demerits of the situation that has been facing the coal miners, but with a wider viewpoint in mind, may we suggest to our readers that the though organized labor has become strong during the past dozen or so years, the thought of many of the national business leaders is not, and never has been, in any sincere way, favorable to any organization of those who are employed by them.

Of course there are many exceptions to this line of thought among humane employers, but the fact remains that perhaps a majority of the larger industrialists don't like organized labor movements, don't like laws protecting the rights of labor as intended in our constitution, and as intended in the much more recently enacted liberal laws of this country, most of which can be dated only from the first term of Franklin D. Roosevelt as President.

What has happened and is happening today is the forerunner of what looks like even more unfortunate blasts and action at the labor movement in general. The results of the November election can by no means be construed as results in which labor has been a winner. Yet it is not likely that any political party can long endure again in power, if labor is consigned to the same slave servitude that is well within the memory of most adults today.

Bringing back those thoughts at this Christmas season isn't in line, naturally, with the spirit of the Yuletide. But, since the "battle of the giants" apparently has started, maybe it might be well to pause a bit, and consider what has happened in the past, right here in Patton, and can happen in the future, and in the near future—if labor legislation is consigned to the junk heap.

It isn't so very long ago that

most of well remember the days of depression, and of what came with it. It isn't so very long ago when some of the very same folks who in November of this year condemned the New Deal, were glad of it, indeed. It can easily be remembered how welcome the WPA, for instance, was to many a family. And while it might of had its abuses, it was much, much better than bread and soup lines. It gave dignity to the host of American citizens, who, through no fault of their own, were in the throes of poverty.

Here in Patton alone most all adults can well remember the hosts of idle men, and young men—idle because there was no work obtainable. We can well remember the groups that congregated on the principal corner day in and day out, and gossiped and smoked a bit. Many of them didn't have the money to buy tobacco, and a popular five-cent brand of cigarette "makings" sometimes from a single possessor, furnished the crowd.

And going back just a few more years, most all adults can, too, remember the conditions that became rampant in Northern Cambria County, when the Miners' Union was being so successfully broken to bits, and finally entirely smashed. Those were the days when the High Sheriff of Cambria County had his hundreds of deputies maintaining "law and order." Most of these deputies were the "coal and iron police" of the union busters. And if two working men were caught talking together, they probably could look for a "bust" over the head. They were decreed a "mob."

It is peculiar how so many people are prone to forget so many things that have happened in the past, and even by open conversation and inference give support to the same identical thoughts that rest with

some of the great industrialists who haven't forgotten the theory that labor must become disorganized. When such thoughts enter your mind, hearken back to the days of your own experience. All labor leaders today well know that there's a big battle ahead. To win the fight, public opinion must be with them. Real public opinion, not such as is distorted by propaganda—and the "big boys" will place plenty of propaganda before the public, and are doing it right now.

It is unfortunate for labor that the nation's daily press is almost solidly against them—and always have been so inclined. Most of the big city dailies are "big business" themselves, and portray the interests of their kind. Lately, the radio commentators, generally, are not favorable to labor. There's always a tendency to magnify the small things. Seldom is labor given in praise for what it has accomplished. But, if we—all of us—in the common walks of life, right here in Northern Cambria County, have any desire to maintain the standard of living we now enjoy, we MUST stick with labor.

Remember how tight money was back in those depression days here in Patton? Remember the time we had a little weaving industry on the "string" that would have moved their plant from a nearby county to Patton, providing our local businessmen paid for the moving? That required fifteen hundred dollars. The businessmen had a number of meetings, but there wasn't fifteen hundred dollars in loose cash in the crowd. So the knitting factory didn't come.

That wasn't so long ago. When one compares it with the One Hundred Thousand Dollars plus recently pledged to bring the big Phillips-Jones concern to town, it seems incomprehensible that we could have been so poor not so long ago. Can any of our readers conceive where there could be any advantage to any of us, worker or businessman, if we were to lose our unions? The organized labor movement must remain strong. In the course of local history alone it has been conclusively shown that when labor suffers by low wages, bad conditions, we all suffer.

Don't, therefore, misinterpret the signs of today. There's an organized "union-busting" campaign in the air. Should this campaign prove successful, we'll see the day again when there won't be any loose change in the pockets of most of us. We can have a contented, happy and prosperous nation—and community—only when labor is strong and can protect itself. For from the channels of labor comes our own prosperity, or ruin.

All of the above is not a very cheery message to be publishing in the pre-Holiday season. But if we want our holidays to remain happy, if we want our children to enjoy the God-given right we feel is theirs—let us not, by deed or action, help cast aside the idea that only by organization can the great masses of the people protect themselves.

COLVER ROUNDABOUTS

By Verna Bokoch & Anne Sabo

MISS ANNA KOSDROSKY IS WED AT BEAUTIFUL CHURCH CEREMONY HERE

Miss Anna Kosdrosky of Colver and Edward Hierman of Revloc were united in marriage at a beautiful single-ring ceremony performed by Rev. Father John J. Gurn in the Holy Family Catholic Church here on Saturday, Nov. 30. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, George.

Attendants were Miss Julia Berkosky, maid of honor, and Orian Spiehler, best man.

The bride was attired in a white gown with a long train and finger tip veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The maid of honor wore a satin and net gown with matching headpiece. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

Later, a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Anna Kosdrosky. The couple plan to reside in Revloc.

Mr. and Mrs. Julio Mastriane are the proud parents of a baby boy, born in Colver Hospital on Dec. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Putsakulins and daughter, Mrs. Virginia C. C., visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pusakulish of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Nello Michalotti and son were recent visitors in Nanty-Glo.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Dally are the proud parents of a baby girl, born at the Colver Hospital. Mrs. Dally is the former Miss Imogene Shaeffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burnt and daughter were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baccher of Beulah.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Costelli of Johnstown were recent callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Conage.

Mr. and Mrs. John Osborne are the proud parents of a baby girl, born in the Colver Hospital. Mrs. Osborne is the former Ida Zampeni.

Miss Catherine Resko of New York spent a few days visiting at the Mickey Bukovitz home here. Guests at the home of Mrs. Wasco Legdon were his son, Bill, and daughter, Mrs. Catherine Datsko, and Joseph Sturak, all of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis McCreery announced the birth of a baby girl, born at Colver Hospital Dec. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dutkoski Jr. of Emigh visited at the home of the former's father, Mr. John Dutkoski.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fulton of Colver were visitors among relatives in Williamsport.

Miss Wilda Gallagher of Coalport is visiting for a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheplar.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Armstrong were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rice Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kolesa of Barnesboro announced the birth of a baby girl, Mrs. Kolesa is the former Helen Melnyk of Colver.

Mr. Sam Kuhn was recently admitted to the Colver Hospital. Jim Ball, who attends Indiana



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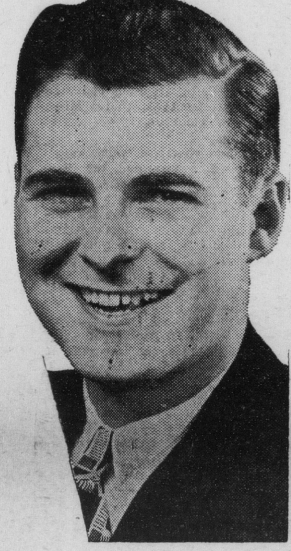
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State Teachers' College, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guier Ball of town.

Mrs. McTigue has returned from Detroit after visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Bob Fulton.

Mr. Tom Vay is now recuperating at the Colver Hospital after undergoing an appendectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith of Cleveland are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mrs. Goldsmith is the former Mary Spuntak of Colver.

Seaman I/c George Lapinsky of Cleveland, O., is spending a 10-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lapinsky of this place.

Cpl. Steve Mastella is spending a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mastella. The soldier is stationed in Washington.

Mr. Tom Mastella was recently discharged from Colver Hospital.

28 VETS TAKE EXAMS
 Twenty-eight veterans, including one girl, took general educational development and subject matter tests at Ebensburg Friday. Their purpose is to give vets an opportunity to make up deficiencies in high school work.

ASHVILLE NEWS

By MRS. GEORGIA LIDWELL

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the V. F. W., John Lippie Post No. 4315, will sponsor a Christmas Party for the children in the St. Thomas Church Hall Thursday, Dec. 19, from 6 to 8 p. m.

Don Gibbons bagged an eight-point buck last Saturday afternoon and Bob Lidwell was a successful deer hunter, bagging his on Monday afternoon.

S/Sgt. Charles Pavolosky, who is stationed at Aberdeen, Md., visited among friends and relatives here over the week end while on a three-day pass.

Holding hands is either a case of love or self-defense.

MASTER'S NOTICE
 In the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, Pennsylvania. No. 118 September Term, 1946.

In Divorce
 MAURICE BERRINGER, Libellant, vs. MARY CATHERINE KELLER BERRINGER, Respondent.

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 THOMAS A. SWOPE,
 Master

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