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EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT

The political picture for the primary election has squared itself with the deadline for the filing of nomination petitions on Monday night of this week, and from all appearances the most interesting feature of the April contest will be who's going to get the Democratic Assembly nominations in the second legislative district of Cambria county.

Because there are so few contests in the primaries in the two major parties, the assumption can be made that the vote likely will be light. Whether this feature may prove disastrous to some of the assembly candidates or not, we wouldn't know. However, the people can be assured that there will be a lot of activity in the weeks before us, on the part of the candidates—all of them—who want to go to Harrisburg.

Incidentally, the job of being an Assemblyman isn't such a bad deal these days. When the writer was a member of the legislature, it wasn't so hot, financially. But the good members of the 1947 session did a bit of something worth while for themselves in the way of allowing themselves a tax-free expense account of \$100 a month, for the 24 months they serve. The regular payment for a session, held once in two years, is \$3,000. Adding the \$2,400 to that amount, makes a \$5,400 salary for a few months' actual employment. No wonder there are

of the Republican employees in the courthouse and have assumed an attitude that career service is to be rewarded, regardless of the political affiliation of the employee. On the other hand, there are remunerative jobs that have been held by Republicans for 10, these many years, that surely now should go to the deserving of the victorious party. There's no use in anyone kidding themselves. Solidarity in political organizations is obtained through a justifiable distribution of the spoils. Organization politics can be honest politics, and surely no one in Cambria County would accuse the officials of being dishonest. But without a doubt the men who occupy the official positions in the courthouse, owe a great deal to the men who were out on the hustings working for them—and for ALL of them, not simply some one or two individuals.

So, when members of the official family of the courthouse are chided for listening to the recommendations, verbal or otherwise, of the Democratic County Executive Committee, through the Chairman of the party, they must remember that they are simply repeating the members of their own organization who worked so valiantly for them. Had the very people who now find fault, shown the same interest in the candidates whom the voters indicated by ballot they wanted, no one of these men would be in danger of losing lucrative jobs.

The Democratic party last year had a program. It was a good program. It was a program that was honorable and above board. It was a program designed to elect all the Democrats possible by being, all for one and one for all. But the candidates alone could not have done this without the great help given by so many others within the party who also worked hard for victory. That they should bear the fruits of the victory, too, goes without question. For those folks from without the party who now find fault with the system, we can only say, "Uneasy rests the job of any one who is a political appointee."

The very idea that any of the officials elected last year on the Democratic ticket in Cambria county would want to cross the organization that elected them, would surely be an evidence of bad faith on the part of the individual attempting to do so. They would be without honor, and under cover would probably be despised by the very folks from without the Democratic party, whom they would favor, without justice.

The chaps who do the most of the lamenting these days about how cruelly some employee or department head is being treated, are not registered with the Democratic party. There is the voice of "someone lost," and if the tide turns otherwise at some subsequent election, naturally the victors, then too, cast the victor's spoils—and they certainly will.

BLANDBURG

By SHIRLEY JEAN NASH Reade Twp. Fire Co. Draws Up Zones, Signals

Effective immediately, the following system of zones and corresponding signals will be used in sounding alarms by the Reade Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. ZONE 1—Intersection at Lewis' Hotel to intersection Lutheran Church and Bond Ave. and Bridge Plant—One Long and One Short Blast. ZONE 2, North—Intersection at the Lutheran Church, northward to Railroad Bridge—One Long and Two Short Blasts. ZONE 2, South—Intersection at the Lutheran Church southward to Railroad Bridge (includes bridge and above board). ZONE 3, North—Intersection at the Lewis Hotel, northward to Railroad Bridge (includes bridge and above board). ZONE 3, South—Intersection at the Lewis Hotel, southward to brick plant (includes buildings on upper side of PRR tracks)—Two Long and Three Short Blasts. ZONE 4—Railroad Bridge to Reservoir, and from Bridge toward Mountain side as far as second railroad crossing—One Long and Four Short Blasts. OUT OF TOWN—A Series of Long Blasts.

The first blast of the whistle is not part of the zone signal. The first blast will be the alarm and the zone signal will then follow. The zone signal will be repeated every 15 seconds. These signals in order to serve you more efficiently, always report the correct zone number when reporting a fire. If an out-of-town fire, be sure to give the location to the telephone operator. The Reade Twp. Fire Co. is conducting a membership drive. Join now! Meetings are held at first Monday of the month at 7:30 p. m.

Girls' Chorus Offers Services on Easter Morn

Mr. Ambrose Fortney, eighth grade teacher here, has formed a girls chorus, which has offered to sing to any church to which they are invited Easter morning. The chorus is composed of Joanne Becker, Shirley Brown, Gloria Lightner, Sally Orline, Nancy Lovell, Dorothy Hollen, Barbara Wilkinson, Joanne Rickard, Connie Troxell, Nyda Troxell, Doris Lovell, Irene Letcher, Bonnie Wilkinson, Ethel Shank, Marly Campbell, Shirley Nash, Jane Williams, Barbara McHugh, Anna Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wagner Observe Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wagner celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary and their grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wagner, celebrated their 4th anniversary together at the former's home on Saturday, March 6th. Their many friends wish them both many years of happiness.

Birthday Party Held For Leonard Zelick, 16

A birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zelick on Sunday evening, March 6, in honor of their son, Leonard, who celebrated his sixteenth birthday on Saturday. A delicious lunch was served

and the evening was spent in playing games. Those who were present were: Miss Gordon, Judy Dougherty, Nancy Boothman, Betty Lou Stevenson, Joyce Flannigan, Delores Chuchran, Donna Guinivan, Beth Ann Hodgson, Mary Jo Wojcik, Jane Zelick, Bill Contress, Dick Caldwell, Ronald Wojcik, Blair Pawlowski, Dick Contress, Bob Lowmaster, Larry Gregor, John Oleksa, Mary Ann Oleksa, Leo Sully, Paul Zieminski, Bernadine Meitus and Frances Waksunski. The honor guest received many nice gifts and all in attendance reported a very nice time.

Methodist Ladies' Aid Elects Officers for Year

Mrs. Anthony Fennello entertained the Methodist Ladies Aid Society at her home last Tuesday evening. A delicious spaghetti supper was served the ladies before the business meeting. Election of officers was held and the following were named for the ensuing year: Mrs. Anthony Fennello, reelected president; Miss Edith Temple, secretary; and Mrs. Philip Deml, treasurer. The next meeting of the Ladies Aid Society will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Constant in May.

English Honor Society Seeking Authors' Names

The English Honor Society, an organization of Catholic High students in the city of Pittsburgh, has undertaken a task never before completed by any person or group in the state. The goal of the students is to gather material for and edit a complete list of Catholic authors, living or dead, in the state. The purpose of this article is to secure information concerning these authors and any one wishing to submit information may contact Miss Myrna Carlson, St. Rosalia School, 411 Greenfield Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. William Falger of Punksutawney visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Young and children of Waterford spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young. Miss Jo Ann Lantzy, student

Miss Mery Louise Spanak has been confined to her home with a severe cold.

Terry Aleen Kidwell, 16-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kidwell, died last Tuesday of pneumonia. He was buried on Mar. 4. The parents wish to thank all who assisted them and contributed flowers. Funeral services were held at the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hatch became the proud parents of a four-pound baby girl on Feb. 17. The infant was placed in a heated crib and now is at the home of its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fortney. The baby has been named Gloria Jean.

Brenda Sue Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Burns, has been ill with intestinal flu. We hope for a speedy recovery.

The American Legion Home here will be closed until Mar. 20, at which time it is expected present repairs and remodeling work will be completed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knotts were visitors recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cree of Glasgow.

Mr. and Mrs. James Letcher and son, Jimmy, were shoppers in Altoona on Saturday.

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Wedding Shower Honors Miss Mildred Kirkpatrick

A wedding shower was held at the home of Mrs. V. J. Kirkpatrick on Tuesday evening, March 2, in honor of her daughter, Mildred. A delicious lunch was served and Bingo and cards were featured. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Frances Agnes, Mrs. Agnes Reed and Mrs. Helen Lomar in Cinch and Bingo prizes were awarded to Mrs. Sue Lutch, Mrs. Ben Malicky, and Mrs. Bernard Brandt.

Those in attendance were: Mrs. Sue Lutch, Mrs. Mary Clement, Mrs. Naomi Carthy, Mrs. Charles East, Mrs. John Sewall, Mrs. John Hadley, Mrs. Charlotte Fennello, Mrs. Ernest Shaw, Mrs. John Clark, Mrs. Gust Falls, Mrs. Rose Certo, Mrs. Thos. Greene, Mrs. Bobby Greene, Mrs. Ben Malicky, Mrs. Jess Wagner, Mrs. Clarence Wagner, Mrs. Lawrence Kirsch, Mrs. Frank Pallone, Mrs. Russell Stratton, Mrs. Frank Shank, Mrs. John Dunchalk, Mrs. Stewart Logue, Mrs. Bernard Brandt, Mrs. John Platko, Mrs. P. J. Griffin, Mrs. Jean Waring, Mrs. Agnes Loman, Mrs. Helen Loman, Mrs. Earl Lantzy, Mrs. Edwin Lehmer, Mrs. Mary Grace Roberts, Mrs. Walter Wilsh, Mrs. Ann Klopak, Mrs. Gwen Leeb, Mrs. Dale Wyke, Mrs. Agnes Reed, and Miss Eleanor Lantzy.

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Honor Roll Students Named at Local School

The following students have been named on the Honor Roll of the local schools. First Grade: Joseph Hudak, Ella Wallace, Ronnie Vivardelli, Martin Hula, Ronnie Della Valle, Fred Peel, Leona Schmidt and Pearl Harbor. Second Grade: Chester Zanone, Walter Fudrow, Frank Askev, Henry Kellander, Stella Krupa, Norman Laird, James Elliot, Irene Eggotta, Sandra Paul and James Harbor. Third Grade: Ralph Gray, Rudy Thur, William Bearer and Paul Weakland. Fourth Grade: Alene Hromalik, Agnes Smego, Billy Zonza, Robert Patterson, John Micheny. Fifth Grade: George Thur, Patricia Gerrick, Ronnie Peel, Edward Micheny, Norbin Askev, and Roena Gardner. Sixth Grade: James Fabert, Mary Smego, Joanne Young and Henrietta Kellander. Seventh Grade: Millie Askev, Dwight Brown, John Harbor, Stanley Hollewa and Richard Rackovan. Eighth Grade: James Laird, Patricia Gray, Nancy Grey, Angelica Zenone, and Rose Vernetto.

California Miss Becomes Bride of Michael Toth

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Toth Sr., announce the marriage of their son, Michael, Jr., to Virginia E.

Murphy of California. The wedding took place at the Presbyterian Church, Avenel, N. J., on February 21. The couple visited for a few days with Mr. Toth's parents. After the visit they motored to Santa Cruz, Cal., where they will make their home. The bride is a registered nurse. Both served in the armed forces for three years.

Miss Pearl Santorum spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Santorum. Pearl is a student at Pittsburgh Business School.

Robert Lindahl, who is employed in Cleveland, O., spent the week end among relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gregg of N. J., spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guido Gregg.

Mrs. Elvoro Tronconi spent the week end at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Aldo Durandetti of Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Maserio spent Sunday among friends in Bakerton.

BIDS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

The Patton Borough School Board will receive sealed bids for School Supplies for the 1948-1949 school term.

For further information, call or write to Jesse W. Cogley, Jr., Supervising Principal, Patton, Pa. All bids must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before April 1, 1948. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. GRETCHEN McCANN, Secretary, Patton, Pa. 3-25

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