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Thoughts—Political, Etc.

The turn of another year is over. With the new year, new political thoughts come upon the scene here in Cambria County, and elsewhere. In the county there will be three assembly candidates as well as two from the City of Johnstown to be nominated by both major political parties. In the three counties of the 26th Congressional District, congressional candidates will be nominated, and in the state, a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, United States Senator and Secretary of Internal Affairs will be the bill of fare.

The primary election will be in May, and the general election in November. While it entirely too early to determine just whose names will come forth in the county for assemblies, at least two of the present incumbents, both Democrats, and maybe all three of them will stand for reelection. Several prominent Democrats are putting out "feelers" as potential congressional candidates, but at this early date no definite crystallization has been in evidence.

Democrats, naturally, after their defeat in the special election last fall to retain a Congressman, are likely going to be a bit cautious this year and select a candidate that will have appeal to all the liberal voters in the district. Quite likely, John P. Saylor, the present incumbent, will have no opposition in the primaries, but there is a possibility that Steele Clark of Cherry Tree, an Indiana County Commissioner, may give him a contest. Mr. Clark was an avowed candidate at the time Saylor was picked by the Cambria County delegates.

Because the general election doesn't come until November, Congressman Saylor very probably will find himself on many a "sop" from this line on. He cannot but view with alarm what happened to former Congressman Tibbitt in the election of two years ago when the late Bob Coffey, Democrat, won in landslide proportions. The fact that Mr. Tibbitt voted along conservative Republican lines was responsible for his defeat. Congressman Saylor will have many voting choices thrown in his way long ere the general election rolls around. Whether he will hold to the Republican leadership thought, or jump the traces of his party, may well be the deciding factor of his return to Washington.

Even some of the Congressman's own supporters admit that certain circumstances, outside the pale of ordinary political thought, helped a lot in his victory. The Democrats likely will see to it that this doesn't happen this year. Pepped up a lot by the congressional victory, the G.O.P. placed the two strongest candidates they knew of to stand in the general election in Cambria County for judge and sheriff, but the voters re-elected to their original stand and both were decisively defeated. A good candidate opposing Mr. Saylor next fall can take him away from Washington.

In the state, the Republicans already are developing factional troubles, and the Grundy-Martin wing of the party seem to be after Gov. Duff's scalp. Unless something happens in the very near future to heal the breaches, the Republican state primary in May can become a knock-out affair that will lead to a Democratic victory in November. Anyway, the Democrats are hoping so. This means the Democrats themselves must concentrate on an unusually strong state ticket, and it must be conceived in harmony. Certainly they cannot afford any intra-party strife.

Nationally, the Republican party seems to be running around in circles. There seems to be some movement to avoid "me-tooism," whatever that means, with other leaders saying they can't get along at all without some of that remedy. Yet, strange as it seems, in the elections of the past 16 years most of all the bigger newspapers in the country have been plugging the Republican candidates, platforms and principles.

Republican leaders have faulted the evils of the "New Deal," of "heavy taxation," of "statism," whatever that means, of Truman's "Fair Deal," of "being against" everything the Democrats have advanced whether good, bad or indifferent, and the results have been just the same. It's easy for the fellows on the outside to criticize the "ins" but unless they have something better to offer themselves, criticism simply fails to register with the rank and file of the voters. No better criterion than that of the local daily newspapers in this matter is needed.

There is a feeling among the majority of the people who cast votes that the Democratic party is the one party that has the interest of the common man and woman at heart. This has been engendered both by deeds performed in the past by the party and by the voting records of Democratic representatives in state capitals and in Washington, not to mention the practices of officials in the county courthouses throughout the nation. So long as big business, the National Assn. of Manufacturers and its state units, foster and support the Republican candidates, the masses of the people seem prone to view those candidates with suspicion.

At the primary election in May both parties will select local committees and committeemen. These later in the summer will choose county chairmen. There will be no county or township elections this year, but there certainly are interesting and important primary and general elections booked for 1935.

It Likely Helps Security

Some of the newspapermen who have been making soundings in the national capital are of the belief that Congress will be hard to get on the idea of extending the draft law which will expire this coming summer. But, on the basis of the present act, there seems to be good reason to approve a three-year renewal which the administration wants. Naturally Congress hates to enact anything so distasteful to the people as a draft law during a political year. The arguments of "dragging" our boys off to a military camp will weigh heavily.

But a prime fact for the lawmakers to remember is that existing draft powers are not being used now and probably will not be in the months ahead. The authority is being held in stand-by cold storage while the services fill their requirements through volunteering. It might be asked, if that is so, why is the law needed? One answer is that the mere existence of the act is a big spur to enlistment. For until the act was adopted in 1934, volunteers were insufficient to meet the military needs.

Having a draft law on the books sounds like a pretty cheap form of insurance against trouble. It's doubtful that there are any better bargains in security to be had. Of course the law is tough for the youngsters for it has a tendency to keep some of them in an unsettled state. For them, however, about the only thing to do is to pursue their normal lives, for they likely won't be called anyway.

Some First-of-the-Year Notes

Taxpayers, it's just about that season! Several million of you throughout the nation shortly will receive your income tax withholding statements from your employers. Several other million of you who aren't subject to withholding, will have to start gathering together all the facts and figures so you can meet the March 15 deadline for filing. Just like the darkness follows the day, so also each year income tax requirements must be met.

Judge Ivan J. McEneaney this week enters upon his third 10-year term on the Common Pleas Bench at Cambria County. There are two other judges, who are chosen for third terms. However, Judge John H. McCann is now in the latter part of his third term and will, with the beginning of this New Year, have served 20 years. It is probably that his term reaches the term in 1935, he may again stand for reelection.

In all the 47 counties of Pennsylvania there's one topic of general discussion for everybody right now. It's the 14th annual State Farm show which will be opened at Harrisburg on Monday, Jan. 8. A total of 150,000 in Pennsylvania that pertains to farms, farming and agriculture in general is featured. Cambria County farmers and residents in general in the South of the County usually take an active interest in the show. The interest likely will be greater than in years past. The show is held in the area and on

CARROLLTOWN

Miss Mary Switzer Bride At Ceremony Saturday

St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Carrolltown, was the scene of a lovely wedding preceding a Nuptial High Mass at 9 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 31, when Miss Mary Switzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Switzer of Carrolltown, became the bride of Walter Beltowski, son of Frederick Beltowski of Hastings Rev. Father Flavian Yelinko, OSB, pastor, officiated.

Attendants were Fred Beltowski Jr., best man, and Miss Switzer, sister of the bride, maid of honor. Misses Mildred Conrad and Miss Agnes Beltowski, sister of the bridegroom, served as the bridesmaids. The officiating was Walter Conrad Jr. and Arthur Cunningham.

The bride was attired in a gown of white slipper satin, caught over a hooped skirt with clusters of orange blossoms. A fitted bodice and a long train completed the dress. She wore a fingertip veil with a crown of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white roses and carnations entwined with net.

The maid of honor wore a dress of green satin with matching accessories. The bridesmaids' costumes were of pink and blue satin with matching veils.

A wedding breakfast and dinner were served at the home of the bride's parents, with approximately 40 guests in attendance. In the evening a reception was held at the Union Hall in St. Benedict.

The newlyweds will reside in Detroit, Mich.

The annual banquet and dance of the Carrolltown High School Alumni Association was held at the Wissinger Inn, Ebensburg, last Saturday evening, and was both a well attended and an enjoyable affair.

Regina Erik, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Fred Beam and family of South Fork were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Buck.

Harry Lacey of Monongahela City, and son, Patrick Lacey, a student at Philadelphia, were recent visitors at the homes of Mrs. Ella Harrigan, Misses Marie and Catherine Lacey and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weakland.

Mr. and Mrs. David Watters and son, Jerry, and Mr. and Mrs. John Watters of Wellsboro, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buck and Mrs. Malie Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Connell of Pittsburgh spent the holiday with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder of Washington, D. C., spent several days during the holiday season here with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Feighner.

Rev. Father Germain Lieb of St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lieb, on Sunday Father Valerian Mahala, OSB, of Saltburg, for assistant pastor of St. Benedict's Church here.

The Holy Name Society of St. Benedict's Church will hold its annual Communion Breakfast at the Central Hotel in Carrolltown next Sunday morning. The society will receive the Sacrament at the 7:30 Mass. Reservations for the breakfast must be made with either Fred Shambaugh or Paul Lieb.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell is in Washington, D. C., where she is a guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Campbell.

Mrs. John Short and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Short and family of Lewisport were guests of relatives here Sunday and Monday. Accompanying them home were Mrs. Elizabeth Gabagen and daughter, who had been visiting at the Alfred Lieb and Tom Owens Jr. homes this past week.

Miss Mary Zajac of Washington, D. C., spent the New Year's holiday here with her parents, Miss Mona Weakland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Weakland and a student nurse at the Miners' Hospital, Spangler, who has spent some time in advanced training at State Hospital, Philadelphia, returned home recently and again is located at Spangler. Cora and Harry Zimmerman of Mifflinburg, Pa., were recent visitors at the Laird Zimmerman home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zedai and daughter, Linda, of Norfolk, Va., have returned home after spending a week at the home of

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Barnesboro Girl Is Bride Saturday

Miss Delores Lombardi daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lombardi of Barnesboro, became the bride of Leo B. Perott, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Perott, on Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Barnesboro. Rev. Father Charles Smyth officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Charles Perott is a graduate of the Barnesboro High School and is employed by Phillips-Jones Corp., Barnesboro. His husband is a navy veteran of World War II.

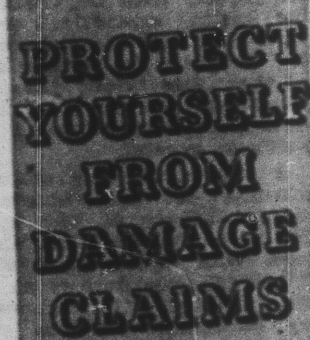
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Patton Man Gets OK As Mortician

Michael A. Ward of James Ave. Patton, son of Mrs. Michael A. Ward Sr. and the late Mr. Ward of Barnesboro, has received word that he has passed his state board examinations and has been issued a mortician's license. He is a graduate of Eckels College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia.

The Patton man completed his studies at Spangler High in 1930. He then attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., prior to serving three years in the Army Air Corps.

For the past two years he has been employed at the Easy Funeral Home in Hastings. He is married to the former Mary Catherine Hoppel of Patton.



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