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It's a Big Week for the Democrats

Tuesday of this week was inauguration day in Harrisburg. George M. Leader, at high noon, took the oath of office as Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is the first Democrat in 20 years to assume that high office. His friends and well-wishers by the thousands converged on Harrisburg to witness his inauguration. Cambria Countians were well represented in these numbers, and aside from the many that went by automobiles, a special train took a great many more.

Cambria County has been fortunate in this new Democratic administration. The speaker of the House of Representatives, Hiram G. Andrews, stands high in administration councils. Our Democratic county chairman, John R. Torquato, is a member of Governor Leader's cabinet, being secretary of labor and industry. His is an important assignment—one of the most vital of all the cabinet positions. Cabinet posts for Cambria County certainly have been something of a rarity in the past. And State Senator John J. Haluska is Senate caucus chairman for the Democrats. Certainly, Governor Leader didn't forget the 21,000 majority vote he received here.

Glancing through the "Pennsylvania Manual," we find that Secretary Torquato's departmental organization includes the Workmen's Compensation Bureau, the Workmen's Compensation Board, the Bureau of Inspection, the Bureau of Mediation, the Labor Relations Board, the Bureau of Employment Security, the Bureau of Women and Children, and Hours and Wages, the Bureau of Industrial Standards, the State Board for Vocational Education, the Bureau of Rehabilitation, and other similar activities.

It is very obvious, too, that Cambria County, at least in recent years, has been more or less a step-child of the state as regards a lot of matters. Whether or not politics has been responsible, we are not in a position to state. Particularly in the matter of recreational activities this county has been given the go-by. A visit to just about every county that borders us in any direction will disclose that there are state recreational parks. But there's nary-a-one in Cambria County. The State Fish Commission did construct the Duman Lake in Barr Township, but the park area has been strictly a county-financed proposition. Maybe a Democratic administration at Harrisburg will take us out of the step-child class.

Anyway, with Mr. Andrews and Mr. Torquato both in key positions in Harrisburg, it is not likely that Cambria County's interests will be neglected at the state capital. Aside from the Rehabilitation Center in Johnstown, which Rep. Andrews had considerable part in bringing here, the county certainly hasn't had its share of the state government's attention for many a year.

Not only the Democrats in Cambria County, but the Republicans as well, are looking forward to a better deal than has been ours in the past. Certainly the handsome majority that was given Mr. Leader here represented a lot of Independent Republican votes. It could not have been otherwise. And members of both parties, we are sure, wish the new administration well.

Broadening a Memorial

Some years back the school children of Cambria County gave their pennies in order that a memorial might be erected near the birthplace of the discoverer of the North Pole, Admiral Robert E. Peary. Although there's been some dispute from time to time, nevertheless, it is pretty authentically determined that the site chosen near Crosson has been generally accepted. However, there still are folks in the Gallitzin area who will always stand ready to dispute that. It is quite certain that the Peary family had lived in Gallitzin, and that Charles W. Peary, father of the Admiral, died there in February of 1899, and that his widow and son went to Maine to reside.

Members of the Cambria County Historical Society are appreciative of the memorial, and particularly of the method by which the funds to make it possible were subscribed. However, the importance of this illustrious Cambria native, whose deeds were world-wide, promotes the thought that there could be a considerable expansion of the grounds and environment at the Peary Memorial. Certainly this should be a state memorial proposition, and in order to make it such, an act of the legislature, with an appropriation, would be required. Our understanding is that such a movement is in the making. It would be fitting and proper.

Observations Here and There

One of the very easiest ways of initiating and of writing comment is to say something or other about politics. It's easy to elucidate one's personal thoughts, and after all, readers don't have to absorb it, or even read it, if they don't care to. And far easier is the editorial proclivity of finding fault with candidates, officeholders and governmental workers generally. It is a strange fact that seldom a praise given for the accomplishments for the common good given any politician, candidate or officeholder. He can have a great record, but if he makes one teeny-weeny mistake, he's condemned, by-tyme, as a downright rascal.

Engineers of both Cambria and Blair Counties, at the instigation of the Boards of County Commissioners of both areas, have recently completed a survey tending to rightly establish the boundary lines between the two counties. For many years the actual boundary has been a matter of contention. Residents living along the boundary haven't been at all certain in just which county they resided. Over in the Hunkins section the survey reveals that the line is quite a bit toward the Cambria County side from where the Highway Department marks the boundary along the road. However, after the courts of both counties are content that the present survey is a pretty correct affair, perhaps the long-endured guesswork of boundary will be over for all time.

Congratulations to Hastings and its people on the fine school and community building recently completed, and reported in our columns in last week's issue. As a memorial proposition it will long remain an outstanding achievement for all the area residents. There's nothing more fitting in a memorial, than education and recreation, and the good it will accomplish not only for present generations, but for others in the distant future.

It happens in January! Most all our readers have received their income tax blanks by this time; it's quite a lengthy booklet and the admonition that it's a simple thing to complete, seems a bit foggy. Have you obtained a license for that dog you own? The time you should have had it was January 15—last Saturday. In your car inspected? January 31 is the last day. And you won't be driving a car come February 1, if you haven't a 1965 driver's license in your possession. Finally, do your part in the "March of Dimes" campaign, too, before the month is over. That's a "must" also.

"As I See It"

By STATE SENATOR JOHN J. HALUSKA

Well, Tuesday of this week was a "red letter day" in Pennsylvania. Thousands upon thousands of people poured into the capital city from the four corners of Pennsylvania and witnessed one of the greatest ceremonies of all times while in an Governor of this great Commonwealth.

Special trains pulled in from all parts of the state and all the railroad sidings in Harrisburg were once again occupied to full capacity. Special buses were chartered by thousands of people, and in addition thereto, the city for miles around was packed with automobiles brought in by individual passengers and their families.

It was gratifying to see the expressions and the hope displayed by the thousands of people who witnessed this great event. Hope that this young man would give Pennsylvania the type of leadership that the Keystone State is rightfully entitled to. Hope that the unemployment rolls would soon become smaller and employment increased. Hope that new industry will be attracted to settle in Pennsylvania and give employment to the many thousands of those who are now waiting the stars vainly looking for work. So, therefore, a new chapter in Pennsylvania History is about to be written.

However, the new administration starts off with a great disadvantage and that is that Gov. Fine has left the treasury with a sixty million dollar deficit plus over three hundred million dollars in commitments which must be fulfilled by the incoming administration. So all totaled, Governor Leader will find himself with a four hundred million dollar deficit that must be made in new taxes before he even starts inaugurating any new plans.

However, credit must be given to Governor Fine because at his last appearance speaking to the General Assembly, he acknowledged these deficits and informed the Pennsylvania public that they really existed, contrary to Gov. Martin's departure from the legislature, who declared that a two hundred million dollar surplus was in the state treasury at the time of his departure.

But the incoming Governor found that rather than having a surplus in the Treasury, Governor Martin actually left the capital with a deficit of over one hundred million dollars. So, while Governor Fine was far from being the answer to Pennsylvania's problem as a Governor, we highly respect him for the courage displayed and being honest about his convictions even though he had set the state back at least ten years in advancement.

The one bright spot that we personally like in Governor Leader's first proposal is that he definitely stated that the new Secretary of Commerce will be a man who will take care of his duties 365 days a year, whose job it will be to make every known contact with industry and potential manufacturers throughout the nation, and endeavor to entice them to set up camp in Pennsylvania, and in addition thereto, the deputy to the Secretary of Commerce will not be located in Harrisburg twiddling his thumbs, but his offices will be set up in the nation's capital at Washington, D. C. where he will have direct contact with all branches of industries in the entire country and have the opportunity to contact these people personally and then inform all possible leads that he may pick up directly to the Harrisburg office.

It appears to me that Pennsylvania is really setting the groundwork to make it one of the greatest industrial states in the nation and create employment for all those who are willing and able to work. I feel quite confident that no stone will be left unturned by Leader's administration to help the people of this great Commonwealth.

There will be a long past due highway expansion program which will not only be a safety factor for the motoring public, but in itself will create thousands of additional jobs for our working people.

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It is also our hope that Governor Leader will cooperate with us in instituting a public works program such as is now being planned by the Federal Government, to create public works projects in those communities where employment is at its lowest level. Such a bill I am now preparing and hope to introduce during the early part of February.

So, with all the problems confronting this new administration, the Legislature is settling down to a long grind that no doubt will take them into the later part of summer or early fall before adjourning sine die.

A TREE

By FERDINAND D. WHARTON
 Chest Springs, Pa.

When I look at a tree, I not only see a trunk with many branches and leaves, but I see one of Nature's masterpieces.

I see the infinite patience of Nature in attaining her ends.

I see many seasons of harsh winds, gentle rains, hot sunshines, lightning starts, moonlit nights, dewy mornings, frost, snow and ice.

I hear the song of birds, sound of running water, gentle breezes, voices of the wild and the deep rumble of thunder.

I see a home and food for birds and animals, nurseries on which I am writing these words, gracious homes, sturdy bridges, ships and boats.

I see shelter and a gracious welcome for the weary traveler and wayfarer, the embrace of lovers, pain and the desolation of death.

I hear the voice of youth and the cries of anger, ecstasy and despair.

I see the toddling of infants and the faltering footsteps of the aged.

I am aware of the perfume of flowers, soft breezes, silvery shadows and the promise of night.

Finally I see matchless beauty in perfection in the miracle of growth and the oldest living thing on earth. Yes, I see all of these things and many more as part of a tree.

Man grows old and dies but the tree stands strong and serene.

Therefore I love a tree. I am conscious of the Godliness and Majesty of God and ever grateful to Him for His Gift of a Tree.

Facts About Cambria County

By MARLON BAUMGARDNER
 Evansburg, Pa.

Cambria County came from Bedford County, which originally was a part of Cumberland County, which was erected from a part of Chester County. This county came into existence because Chester County was one of the three original counties as designed by William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania.

Bedford County was formed on the ninth day of March, 1771. When Bedford County was erected in 1771 it comprised a large portion of western Pennsylvania.

On the 20th day of September, 1787, a part of the county of Bedford was used to erect Huntingdon County and a little later, to wit:

Somerset County was erected out of Bedford County on the 17th day of April, 1785. It is from these counties that Cambria County was erected on March 28, 1804. The description of the county, taken from the act of assembly erecting it, is as follows:

"That so much of the counties of Huntingdon and Somerset included in following boundaries, to-wit: BEGINNING at the Conemaugh river at the southeast corner of Indiana County, thence a straight line to canoe place on the west branch of Susquehanna; thence easterly along the line of Clearfield County to the southwesterly corner of Centre County, on the head of Moshannon creek; thence southerly along the Allegheny mountain to Somerset and Bedford county lines; thence along the line of Somerset and Bedford counties about seventeen miles, until a due west course and thence strike the main branch of Paint creek; thence down said creek the different courses and distances thereof, till it empties into the Stonycreek; thence down the Stonycreek to the different courses to the mouth of Mill Creek; thence a due west line till it intersects the line of Somerset and Westmoreland counties; thence northerly along the said line to the place of beginning, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, to be henceforth called Cambria County, and the place of holding the courts of justice for said county shall be fixed by the legislature at any place not at a greater distance than seven miles from the center of said county."

It is interesting to note that Jefferson, McKean, Clearfield, Potter, and Tioga counties were organized on the same date. In 1810 Cambria County had 439 inhabitants, Clearfield 163, and McKean 19 inhabitants. They all were erected into counties by the act of March 28, 1804.

The territory has a history that is enviable. Before the Revolutionary War the territory was known to have been visited by very predominant men and incidents.

In Bedford County we have the old Forbes Road, followed by some extent by Route No. 30. Shawneetown was occupied by the Indians and Birt Cabins were devastated by the whites. Shawneetown now is the home of a former Chancellor John G. Bowman. He formerly was connected with the University of Pittsburgh. The present Shawnee summer resort is located there.

Various markers are along the road showing where the old Forbes Road was in earlier years. Washington had planned that a

road should be built in colonial days running along the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. Forbes, who was the British general, was in very bad health. He directed Col. Henry Bouquet to proceed with the building of the Forbes Road, named after the sick British general. Scars of the old road are visible along the entire route.

You leave the old road and climb the hill as you leave Bedford County and enter Somerset County. Fort Duart is still visible as to the redoubts which mark the fort, but all else is gone. A short distance from the fort you come to the remnants of a roadhouse, part of which to-day stands standing, and which was owned by Casper Stetler, the forefather of the Stetlers of Johnstown.

LETTERS TO JANE . . .

By A. PAULINE SANDERS, Ph.D.
 Irvona, Pennsylvania

Dear Jane:

Once more the Pennsylvania Farm Show is over and many tired and happy people are home again. It is an unusual event, but sometimes I wonder if we do not overemphasize the importance of the farmer and his family.

I like the way Metcalf says things, as you know, so I turn to his Farm Folks:

"I like to watch the farmer at the turning of his plow—His tractor is his horse and the sweat upon his brow—I like to watch him milk the cows—And feed the pigs and hogs—And wield his axe above the ground—To cut some burning logs—To see his wife come out the door—And tend the chicken flock—Prepare the meals and sweep and scrub—And sew a Sunday frock—There is no finer feat of greater worth than those endearing folks who make—Their living from the earth—Their harvest is the healthy yield—That keeps the world alive—Therefore I love the farmer—His rich reward—On which they justly thrive."

When the wintry winds blow, it's essential to have "protective foods" high in vitamins and minerals. Fruit ranks as particularly important in this group. Bananas have an abundant supply of vitamins and minerals, as well as high fiber content.

All citrus fruit is extremely rich in Vitamin C, and grapefruit is no exception. A moderately active man needs 25 milligrams of this essential nutrient a day in order to stay in prime physical condition. Half a medium-sized grapefruit will supply the daily requirement.

Citrus fruit's benefits are not limited to the health-giving Vitamin C, however. There is the added benefit of carbohydrates and natural sugars which are ready sources of energy. This is one wonderful starter as a breakfast food.

There are 17 or more seedly types of grapefruits commonly growing but the relatively seedless varieties are becoming more popular. Pink-fleshed grapefruit is rapidly becoming a headliner. Just now grapefruit is in peak production; the shipments being from Florida, mainly, with some from Arizona and Texas.

The best grapefruit is heavy for its size, an indication that it is full of juice (a good point to observe in oranges being purchased for juice only). The heavy fruits usually are thin skinned and give more good eating for the money.

Grapefruit often has bronze or russet color, an indication of fine eating quality. There is a wide range of difference in flavor in different varieties of grapefruit. Tartness and sweetness vary from mild to strong. Try the different types to see which your family prefers.

There are more oranges than a year ago. Florida is steadily increasing its Valencia production. This variety of orange is not so round and not so rich in color as Valencias but is decidedly juicier. A peculiar characteristic of the Valencia is that after ripening part of its skin turns a somewhat green again.

The spicy-scented tangerine, so rare in ancient times, is now a breakfast-lunch-dinner fruit. The supply is four times larger than last year. Use it often. Presto, and you have a wide-awake breakfast fruit cup made from tangerine sections and sliced bananas. For luncheon pile tangerine sections and seeded dates, cut into thirds, over sections of grapefruit and oranges which are arranged on salad greens. If you want to keep lots as a calorie-counter's salad use citrus juice as the dressing—French dressing is tasty if you don't mind the calories. I call this Sunshine Salad.

Maybe you prefer the overripe and often more-popular banana. If so, arrange overlapping grapefruit sections along the center of the salad plate. Peel bananas and slice crosswise into pieces about 1/4 inch thick. Arrange 2 rows of overlapping banana slices around the sides of the plate. Garnish the center with crisp salad greens and berries or cherries. Serve with a tart dressing or a sweet one if you like it better. Do try it, and just see how smart this reversal of arrangement is. Pink grapefruit or orange sections are pretty, too.

Sometimes make the Zippy Salad Dressing:

Use fresh grapefruit juice as a substitute for vinegar in your French dressing recipe and add 1/4 cup crumbled Roquefort or another very sharp cheese. If you are using a salad greens alone such as curly endive, then add 1/4 cup of chopped grapefruit sections also.

Park is in good supply and well priced just now, so here is

Tangy-Tater Casserole to serve with it:

Use canned or fresh "tweets." Save the water in which they are cooked or the syrup from the can. Peel and section 2 tangerines for one can or 4 to 5 medium sized sweet potatoes. Butter a casserole. Place alternate layers of sliced sweet potatoes and tangerine sections. Sprinkle with brown sugar (1 cup) and dot with about 1 tablespoon butter or margarine. Pour 1/4 cup potato syrup over mixture and bake in a 375° oven for 30 minutes.

This week I experienced another of the joys of living in a friendly community—the surprise and warmth of neighborliness and friendliness. I dropped into the home of one of my neighbors the other evening after school on an errand. As we were talking I was served delicious home made ice cream.

It was a modern version of the old-fashioned churned ice cream—churned in a freezer operated by an electric motor. I know you will want the formula—a good one to use when eggs are plentiful.

For a gallon of ice cream use 1 quart of milk, 2 cans of evaporated milk, 2 cups sugar, 2 packages, 4 to 6 eggs, 3 tablespoons vanilla, and 1 teaspoon almond flavoring. The result is smooth and nutritious. All the nutrients of milk and not the extra calories from the fat in cream.

This type of ice cream resembles me of the first cake I learned to bake. This is the cake that went in our family, with the home made ice cream. I learned about it from our good friend and wonderful neighbor—my music teacher, too—the gracious lady who lived in the manse next door.

QUICK SPONGE CAKE

Sift together 1 1/2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Sift 1 1/2 cups of sugar. Break 3 eggs into a bowl and beat until light and lemon colored. Add sifted sugar all at once and beat until mixture is thick. Add 1/2 cup cold water, 1 teaspoon vanilla, and the sifted flour mixture all at once. Beat hard until thoroughly mixed. Pour into baking pan which has been greased and lined with waxed paper. Bake 1 hour in a 325° oven. Turn out on cake cooler and remove pan and waxed paper before cooling. It is delicious plain, but may be served with ice cream or whipped cream topping. It doesn't need icing.

If you'd rather have chocolate, then why not use some of the brownie mix you made for Christmas and bake in muffin tins instead of in a flat cake to be cut into squares. Fill each muffin tin full. Another innovation is to spread a pan of brownie batter with 15 or 20 chocolate peppermint patties just before the baking period is up. Return to the oven for about 3 minutes. Spread over entire top and then cut as usual.

Sometimes I like to substitute coconut for nuts in the batter, which I place in the pan as for any brownie recipe. Before baking spread with a mixture of 1/2 cup coconut, 1 tablespoon sugar and 2 tablespoons melted butter.

Eggs are still plentiful, so I want to remind you that the proportions for the baked custard can be used for a custard-type pudding, that can be prepared ahead of time, stored in the refrigerator, and served at several meals in a variety of ways. Could be you have mislaid it, so here it is:

Combine 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup flour and 3 eggs. Add 2 cups of scalded milk. Beat well. Cook in double boiler or over low controlled heat. Stir constantly. When it thickens to coat a spoon, re-

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