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NATIONAL EDITORIAL

Tooting Our Own Horn

The writer (Commissioner Thomas A. Owens) well remember a commentary that appeared back some years ago, when we were among legislative candidates, in which Hiram G. Andrews, then the editor of the Johnstown Democrat, advised us that we shouldn't be too modest, and certainly should take advantage of our own newspaper in support of individual political aspirations. From time to time, as the years have passed by, we've used that advice. Without Dear Editor. fear of criticism of any other candidate of either political party, this column this week will be directed along Mr. Andrews' once-upon-a-

The week after next there's a primary election coming along, County offices will be at stake, and nominations will be made by the major parties to appear on the general election ballot in November. Of course the writer is one of the Democratic Party's endorsed candidates for re-election to the Board of County Commissioners, as is his colleague, Pat Farrell, of Johnstown, president of the board. Lately there's been some confusion about this team of Pat Farrell and Thomas A. Owens, created by those who oppose us. That's natural, of course, in politics. It is just as natural to "toot your own horn."

The team of Farrell and Owens have served as Cambria County's in which we are all conversant. cian in contempt likely it is so majority Commissioners for a period of seven years and four months. First, what better example ex-That's surely a sufficient time for both of us to be judged by our records—and our records alone. There's an old adage that "a record should never be discarded for a promise." Quite logically, other able to justify this action by candidates must depend upon promises and a blast at the record of arguments of public welfare present officeholders if they happen to be candidates for reelection. logical reasoning step forth. No man can do so. But it rests with the voters whether or not promises and criticism overshadow a good record.

When Pat Farrell and Thomas A. Owens became majority Commissioners of Cambria County in January of 1948 they were faced with debts of considerable proportions entailed for ordinary running expenses, instead of any balance at all. In fact, over a period of many years, because of a millage rate below reason, even the current bills of the county were so slow in payment at times that folks were reluctant to do business with the county. One of the very first policies that was adopted was that sufficient money be borrowed to insure prompt payment of all bills for all services, and in that respect Commissioners Farrell and Owens and Controller M. C. Chervenak Jr. have ever since religiously followed such is policy.

Commissioners Farrell and Owens found that a host of improvements were badly needed, and that should have been attended to long, long years before they came into control. At that time the most crying need was for safety improvements at the Children's Home, a portion of the building being over 100 years old and a veritable fire tarm trap. Likewise fire precautions at the County Home for the Agid were lax. Immediate measures included a sprinkling system for the were lax. Immediate measures included a sprinkling system for the current bills of the build be too o

were lax. Immediate measures included a sprinkling system for the broken vows. Or is ill possible ed aimost daily to administer that they are already strangers afflicted with other diseases.

Shame when they recall their broken vows of is ill possible ed aimost daily to administer that they are already strangers medical aid to sick and injured performed to their manhood?

The Hoxsey Clinic is not home of their parents, Mr. and people upon instructions from Dr. deing maything extraordinary in Mrs. Michael Kober and Mr. and along modern lines-long since a fact.

cilities for about 250 to 300 residents, constantly kept growing in its case load. For the past several years we've seen the populations grow from 450 to 500, to 550, to 600, and now to approximately 650. This is despite the fact that every effort has been to screen out the lesser needy, because of necessity. This made it mandatory on the Commissioners to provide some sort of permanent relief for our county's protegees. Within a very short period, therefore, there will be open to the male inmates a dern county home that we think is the best within its scope in the state. It will house 400 patients. The old county home will become the exclusive residence for the women resi-

Of course, the people-the taxpayers-have been required to pay for this. Last year an extra mill was imposed on real estate and occupational lists to finance the county home project, and it will me for the next 10 years. The children's home was paid for with one additional mill, back a few years ago, and no bonds were floated. This 400-bed County Home was built at a cost of \$1,225,000. Over the hill in Blair County another new county home, with only a 200-hed capacity, recently occupied, cost the taxpayers there nearly \$2,500,000. Up in Berks County another new county home, with a 300-bed capacity, has just been completed-at a cost of \$3,000,000. And Cambria County will have the best, the most adequate and easiest home to supervise of any of the three.

There are those who find fault with Commissioners Farrell and Owens because all these things cost money. However, in the policies of the Democratic organization in this county, in the state and in the nation, people—the thousands of whom fortune has missed—come first. And Cambria County has taken care of cople. True, there are certain types of unfortunates who are the wards of the Commonwealth, but the State of Penn-min for several past Republican administrations, has falled rably in caring for their people—the mentally retarded, the pties, the unfortunate children who have been doomed from

birth to other than a normal living. Because the present board of County Commissioners has been receptive toward helping our Cambria County people in the facilities that the state should have handled, and would and could not, because there never was sufficient provision made by Harrisburg adminisas to do it, we have had to care for quite a number of whom should be state protegees-and that has been expensive. When we are criticised for this, we feel that a revulsion must enter the hearts of many who read and hear such complaints. Pennsylvania, to its shame, ranks in 42nd place among the 48 states in caring for its stally ill. At least in Cambria County we have tried to absorb all

the urgent cases to the best of our ability. There are those who find fault with this and that, and our farms seem to be the center of some criticism. Yet the very folks who complain about costs fall to tell their readers that we feed approximately 900 people a day in our county home, juvenile home, our juil and our juvenile delinquent home. That, multiplied by three, means 2,700 meals a day. If our multiplication is correct, that totals 985,500 meals a year—nearly a million. That's quite a family to feed. That's just the food cost. Try to

visualize the rest. Yet the team of Farrell and Owens have pointed out only on major accomplishment in the midst of a host of others. We've been busy, too, in directing the welfare work among children, in saving the county hundreds of thousands of dollars in a new policy of paying road damages by making contributions to the State Highway Department, and leaving them settle claims. We've had a food surplus program in operation with the wholehearted cooperation of UMWA over the county-and had it a full year before some of the counties in the state had even started. We've spent money for recreation—such as Duman Lake, the Cambria County Memorial; we're tried to help all movements that affected all of the people of

After seven years of close association, after seven years of trying and understanding studies and solutions to so many prob-lems, with the cooperation of County Controller M. C. Chervensk Jr. (mark that name well when you vote), Pat Farrell and Thomas A. Owens solicit the continued support of the Democratic voters on May 17. Neither would want nomination without the other, it is the carnest solicitation of both of us that you

vote for both of us. You vote for two people for Commissioner. Don't plump for one. Vote for us if you think our record has been a good one; vote against us if you think you want a change; but for goodness safe, if you vote for us, vote for two, and if you don't think we've done a good job, then vote for two others. Don't vote for either one of us-and some other candi-

THOMAS A. OWENS

Our Readers Write . . .

All persons who wish to write any type "Letter to the Editor" to this newspaper, must abide by the fol-lowing set of rules, which are easy to follow:

Letters whose authors request that their names be held in confidence will be printed with initials or "pen name." But they toust be written temperately and discuss the issues, without personal references.

All letters should be written in a very courteous manner. These from

readers who decline to accept public responsibility for their views must conform even more rigidly to this important rule.

The fullest possible leeway will be given to expression of opinion. However, writers who make statements of fact are requested to cheel their accuracy carefully.

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The limit for each letter is 300 words.

Political Comment Prompts Letter From R. J. Springer

Carrolltown, Pa. May 2, 1955

compromise of moral principle, who elect to assume public office It goes without saying that and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tofrom this unholy parentage we must discharge their duty. And the A.M.A. is back of this entire ny Rematt and family visited at

Let us show in three instances point just how this works in matters If

Second, in condemnation of cit-izenry for lack of effort in ful-filling public duty, note how our elections become a farce duly enacted at the appointed time in which no free choice of nominees is ordinarily possible to a worthy constituent. At its worst our el-

Throughout the ages the liter. John Allen Murray of Patton, ature of all civilizations and the Having no resident doctor in this folklore of the primitives has determined by the first throughout the ages the liter. John Allen Murray of Patton, the treatment of cancer. We have stated on previous occafolklore of the primitives has determined by the first throughout the ages the liter. John Allen Murray of Patton, the treatment of cancer. We have stated on previous occafolklore of the primitives has determined by the first throughout the ages the liter. John Allen Murray of Patton, the treatment of cancer. We have stated on previous occafolklore of the primitives has determined by the first throughout the ages the liter. John Allen Murray of Patton, the treatment of cancer. We have stated on previous occafolklore of the primitives has determined by the treatment of cancer. We have stated on previous occafolklore of the primitives has determined by the treatment of cancer. We have stated on previous occafolklore of the primitives has determined by the treatment of cancer. We have stated on previous occafolklore of the primitives has determined by the treatment of cancer. We have stated on previous occafolklore of the primitives has determined by the treatment of cancer. he has been held in contempt. Today we call him a politician. This to help the sick. ecimen seeking political advannent, financial gain, or satisfaction of his ego soon is callousand sets strange gods before him. and contented in her new In time he becomes that malig. and all of us say, "Good nant cancerous parasite feeding Alice, and God Bless You." upon public citizenry. As his poi-

A harsh picture you may think rom a cymical mind. Then once acting the moves made by the U. from a cymical mind. Then once again, let any man set forth a single nation large or small that Up until now has withstood this human scourge. Just one:

"A man's a man for all of that" wrote the Scottish bard. Let us once again from every pulpit. School, industry, and home subscribe to and teach in no uncertain terms that he who endeadous to our times.

American political philosophy has evolved from the Machiaveilian theories that "the end justifies the means" crossed with a compromise of moral principle.

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Once again from every pulpit, school, industry, and home subschool, industry, and home of the Pure Food and Or Pure

Respectfully yours, RUSSELL J. SPRINGER

Chest Springs Lady Cited As 'Angel'

Chest Springs, Pa., April 28, 1955.

lineated without mercy the man to many of us. She was called with the forked tongue. Always at all hours of day and night. and always willing and anxious

We will miss her a lot and hope that she will come back here indifferent to his sworn duty, sometime soon. So her many and Progressively he compromises close friends bid her Good Bye truth and honesty within himself and hope that she will be happy and contented in her new home

A FRIEND.

Facts About Cambria County

By MARLON BAUMGARDNER Ebensburg, Pa.

CRESSON TOWNSHIP The court issued a rule on Oct.

19, 1893. The reasons given by the protestants were given last week. It developed into a real Remnan.

Attorney F. A. Shoemaker ap- are interested. peared for the remonstrants and M. D. Kittell, Eaq. appeared for the petitioners. It was a fight between those living at Lilly sand those living at Cresson, Lilly was formed as a borough on June 11, 1883, about 10 years to the time of filing the petition for a new township. Cresson became a borough June 7, 1906, some time after Cresson Twp. was separated from Washington Twp.

It is quite evident that many residents were on the side of eared for the remonstrants and

residents were on the side of Lafly, as is indicated by the sig-natures, and many of those who signed for a new township lived in the area of Cresson. Many of those who signed for and against the formation have passed on. A few still are living

On Oct. 27, 1893, voluminous dispositions were taken by At-torney Peter J. Little, who evi-lently was the commissioner to dently was the commissioner to take the testimony and then transcribe from shorthand into a transcript. These despositions were filed on Nov. 28, 1893.

On Nov. 29 of the same year the election returns were made, showing that a majority was in flavor of dividing the bownship. On Dec. 4, 1893, Washington Twp. was divided as per the petition asking for the division. It was further ordered and decreed that the northern porition of the said township be divided according to said lines, and shall be known as the Township of Cresson, and the southern portion retain its name.

J. O. Grery was foreman of the Grand Jury which gave it to the court. It was signed on Mar. 9, 1887.

The borough was to be known as Ashville. It was learned by some before its incorporation that there already was a postoffice in the state by the name of Ashland, so the name was changed to Ashville.

The furnace that was known the election returns were made. southern portion retain its name as Washington Township. The de-cree was strongly contested by the residents of the southern part of the township, All the partici-pants in a legal way have passed

Cresson developed into a rail-road center. It was from here that freight and passenger cars were designated to the central and the northern parts of the county, and adjoining counties.

much more in the proper office in the courthouse at Ebenshurg.

Remnants of the old furnace may yet be seen by those

The borough was incorpora-ted on June 6, 1887, and at that time it had a population of 175 people located in a collection of houses in the area. There were 21 freeholders residing in the area which was incorporated.

There were 27 freeholders and residents of the town who signed the petition. This was on Mar. 7, voring to dampen the enthusiasm 1887. The petition was sworn to by John A. Storm, one of the petitioners. H. A. Shoemaker was cancer is concerned because canthe prothonotary while Donald A. Dufton was their attorney.

The description recited in the petition is too long to relate. It was advertised in the old "Cam-bria Freeman" at Ebensburg that an application would be made on Mar. 8, 1887.

At the March Session of 1887 the Grand Jury by a majority vote found that it was neces-sary to form Ashville Borough and that all conditions had been compiled with, and the period of the petitioners was recom-

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The furnace that was known as Ashland survived for a num-

her of years. It was abandon-ed about June of 1851, but during its life was active for the production of steel for a per-iod when many tons of metal were used. Most of its output ection of steel for a perwas sold at Duncansville.

Cambria County had many of and the northern parts of the county, and adjoining counties.

The passenger trains were taken off some years ago. Diesel engines have replaced the coal locomotives. We still like to watch the steam locomotives pull and puff, however.

The passenger trains were taken off some years ago. Diesel conder's Office. At that time C. J. Blair was recorder.

Today it requires a larger population to incorporate a borough.

The tendency is to combine boroughs and townships into joint school districts and have fewer and better school system today is part of Cresson Joint School District.

Examesboro is the next in line to write about.

Drug Administration and the Hoxsey Clinic are concerned, the saue has now become one of

The United States District Atafter court trial this kind.

Up until now no one from the Hoxsey Clinic has yet appeared to give testimony. How-

issue will come to a head and the battle of ages will begin.

have the outstanding characteristic and dominating principle in
the American scene, namely, political expediency.

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Why did the federal government find it necessary to make this selzure? Why does the A.M.A. go to such extremes to spend the taxpayers' money en-deavoring to close the doors of this institution?

These questions are hard to anThe award was given by the Wo-

These questions are hard to an over because records show that the patients coming to the Hoxiey Clinic at Portage are those who already have submitted to observed his tenth birthday on already have submitted them-

limited surgery, and we be any also has its value, not to providing however that the patient then readily submits himself to the Chemotherapy treatment with a hope of more

So we ask again, why all the fuss? What does the A.M.A. fear? If the Hoxsey treatment is of no avail, they know full well that our clinic will fall by the vayside within a six months' This is just a short story about lod. But that doesn't seem to be this interesting contest, all of their point because thousands of which one will find of record and doctors now realize that the Hoxsey method and the technique used in the treatment of cancer ASHVILLE BOROUGH

Ashville was first a settlement known as Ashland and it had an early iron furnace of the same name. The furnace was named by the American Cancer Assn. after the home of Henry Clay, a no advancement was made in the leading Whig in our country at research of cancer through the past years.

But Dr. Hoxsey has been get-ting phenomenal results with his treatment without receiving government or any state, and appropriations from the federal without soliciting the public such as the American Cancer Assn. has done throughout the

ized medicine is now hardened to the "nth" degree and are endeacerous sufferers are coming to the Portage Clinic from the four corners of America hoping to get relief, and, as mentioned above, most of them are in the last stages of life.

So we expect the battle to continue, and in this respect I would be remise in my duties and loyalties if I did not mention the part that our attorneys are playing in this great battle of nerves.

Especially is that true of our local attorney, Arnold Smorto of Barnesboro, who, without fear or favor, is devoting practically all of his time safeguarding the interests of the Hoxsey Cancer Clinical States of the Hoxsey Cancer Clin nic of Portage. All of this despite the fact that he personally is engaged in a campaign seeking the office of District Attorney in Cambria County. So rather than devote his own time to his own campaign, he has set that aside and has decided to represent this clinic to the fullest extent.

For that reason I feel that my loyalty belongs to Arnold Smorto, and while it is impos-sible for me to deven much time to his course of my pressive duties at Harrisburg, I trust that the many friends we have supported my cause throughout the years will

national importance.

STATE SENATOR JOHN J. HALUSKA

put forth the same efforts on behalf of Arnold Smorto and district attorney of our county I would feel very badly if Mr

Smorto lost his nomination for orney. John Mclivaine, apparent-ly is devoting he is devoting his full time in all of his time protecting our clinic legally, and protecting our clinic legally, and to this great therefore not in a position to controversy.

Court trial should when seeking an office of

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Son promotes ferment within the nation, comes then the scum and scabs of society to the festering body.

A harsh makes the right to used uled at the Pittsburgh office and the attorneys for the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic, namely, Benedict Fritzgerald, Jr., of Washington, and for the reasons stated above I am asking those who believe in me to cast their vote and lend their support to the Smorto cannold D. Smorto, are also kept

SEN. JOHN J. HALUSKA

REILLYS

Mrs. Paul Blick on Saturday. Jules Degrement arrived home from Spangler Hospital Saturday. His condition is greatly improved. Mrs. Ann Degrement received the Academy of Friendship aw-

those who are the so-called ortho-themselves to the so-called ortho-dox method of treatment. They were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Learn already have submitted them-selves to radical surgery deep therapy and radium treatments. Mr. and Mrs. Gorge Kruley of therapy and radium treatments. Hastings and Mrs. Dandress of

daughter, Denice, who have been residing in Akron, Ohio, spent the wiek end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brasser motored to Houtzdale on Sunday and Mrs. Florest Gobert, and Mr. where they visited with relatives.

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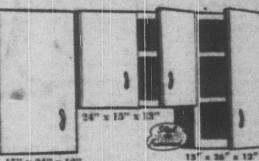
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