

JAMES MAKES PLEDGE TO HIS NEIGHBORS IN HOME COUNTY

YOUNG REPUBLICANS HEAR PLEA TO CLEAN HOUSE AT HARRISBURG

Republican Candidate Speaks To Enthusiastic Crowd At Wilkes-Barre

SCORES DICTATORS

The speech of Judge Arthur H. James, Republican candidate for Governor, before the Young Republicans at Wilkes-Barre last Saturday night, follows:

"Tonight I am addressing the Young Republicans of Pennsylvania. You are here because you are interested in the problems which are so seriously distressing our State. Your presence here is sufficient answer to those who say that Pennsylvanians, that Americans, no longer think for themselves, but must elect masters to do their thinking for them.

"Our Commonwealth has many troubles, but she has no lack of courageous, intelligent, serious-minded people, who love her, who will sacrifice for her, and who this year are banding together to bring her once more to the road on which she belongs—the road of prosperity and happiness.

"I am in this fight by reasons both of faith and convictions. I have faith in the American way, and I have faith in the Republican party, just as I have faith that the courage and steadfastness of the men and women of Pennsylvania have not diminished in the years since they manifested themselves at Valley Forge and Gettysburg.

"And I have a deep-seated conviction, based on thought and observation alike, that we are being tempted astray—that many of our people are chasing a will-o'-the-wisp which will lead us deeper and deeper into the swamps.

"I believe that the true future of Pennsylvania, the course which will return us again to prosperity and happiness, is that road which we followed so successfully for a hundred and fifty years—constitutional democracy.

"That highway is mapped in the platform of both of the major political parties, but it is not being followed by those in authority in this State.

"The tree of constitutional democracy bears a fruit which is of interest and deep concern to you who are before me tonight. I refer to opportunity. America has always been the land of opportunity. Pennsylvania has always in the past offered to her sons and daughters a chance to rise upon their energies and with their abilities to the highest honors in the state.

"My own life is an illustration of that—I am the son of an immigrant miner, who rose within one generation of the second highest position within the gift of ten million people, and today I aspire to the highest.

"Pennsylvania made it possible for me to climb from that humble home to honor and distinction and responsibility. I want to preserve that ladder of opportunity by which I climbed.

"My story is a true story of the opportunities which always have existed under the folds of the Stars and Stripes, and yet which today are threatened by new policies and new theories.

"That is a tradition for which the Republican Party is fighting, and for which I, as the bearer of its banner in this state, am honored to lead the battle.

"Opportunities exist in foreign lands also—but opportunity of a kind that Pennsylvania has never acknowledged until very recent months. Across the ocean, we have seen obscure men rise, by the force of arms, and organized hatreds, to supreme and dictatorial positions where the fate of nations are in their grasp.

"In our land, none have risen by that path. It is only the new-foundisms now being tried that Pennsylvanians have dared to pave a road to prestige and power upon the tears and misery of helpless women and children.

"Those now in control of our State have chosen to try to build that road, on which to ride into four years more of power to privilege and power.

"That is what I am fighting. I am against it in any form. I am against dictatorship, against corruption in office, against regimentation and centralization. I am against either crushing or luring a people into political slavery.

"And that is why I am so grateful to the youth of Pennsylvania for the aid and the comfort they have given me in this fight.

"I am proud and honored to have attracted to my cause so large a number of Young Pennsylvanians. I welcome them to my side in the present campaign, and I welcome their help in the further tasks before us. Those tasks are many. The main undertaking is to lift the burden of fear and misery from the hearts of the men and women of this State.

"But we shall have a great job of housecleaning—not a spring housecleaning, but a January housecleaning. We must sweep greed and corruption from the corridors of the State Capitol. We must organize a state administration that will be honest and business-like, thrifty and prudent, and liberal; and administration that will account for every dollar of its expenditures with a dollar's worth of service, one that will be responsive to the people of this State, and one that will be guided by the fixed principles of the American tradition and the American constitution.

"Further, we must continue in our work of revitalizing our party. We must remember the mistakes of the past for the purpose of avoiding them in the future. We must constantly keep the Republican party alive and alert to the needs and to the senti-

ments of the men and women of our State. We must build for the future on those same courageous and steadfast principles which this year attracted to our party so many of our young people before us.

"For these tasks, we need both unselfish service and leadership. The leadership of the future, as our State marches on through the years, sits before me tonight. From the ranks of you young people will come those who in future years will guide the destinies of our commonwealth. I pledge to the young people of this State a larger share in the conduct of the State's Government.

"This is an age where the older people, who have suffered the tragedy of the depression, need the courage and vigor of youth. For a government to be successful, we must recognize that youth has a definite place in the administration of the affairs of this Commonwealth.

"For those of you who may wish to enter the political arena and there to do your share in the advancement of those things in which you believe, I should like tonight to give you a very simple thought:

"Never forget that to all of us comes the time when we must return home.

"I do not mean that in the religious sense—that after this life comes a Day of Judgment when we must face our sins—though its application in that way is most forceful. I mean it literally; that no matter to what heights we may rise, no matter how rich or illustrious we may become, no matter how great the power we may wield, each of us must answer in the end to the friends of our childhood, to the associates of our youth, to the neighbors and homefolks of our adult life.

"No man can escape that fact. It is, with some of us, the greatest spur to achievement and to probity.

"Of no fact in life am I prouder than of the growing esteem and friendship with which the men and women of my own community have seen proper to honor me. No single row of figures could delight me more than do the election returns from Luzerne County—rising as they do from the 1500 majority of twenty years ago to the 46,000 majority of last Spring.

"These figures tell me, as they tell the entire world, that neither Arthur James nor his record of public service in this county have been forgotten by those who knew him best, and my pride in them likewise will tell whoever knows of it that Arthur James has not forgotten the friends and neighbors of his youth.

"These are my people, these men and women of Plymouth, of Old Shawnee, of all this great county. Here I was born. Here I grew up. Here I faced the problems of finding a career, the day-to-day problems of earning a living, and of adapting the tumultuous spirit of a red-headed breaker boy to the more serious sides of existence.

"Here I married. Here my children were born and raised. Here has been my home all the days of my life. Here are buried loved ones who did so much to brighten the years in which they were spared to me.

"No truer words have been spoken, in all the thousands which have been uttered during this campaign, than these:

"When I left that coal mine in Plymouth, I left my heart with the people in it and tonight, Judge or no Judge, it's still there."

"But there is another compelling thought. Four years from now, long after this election has been forgotten, and as my term as governor draws to its end, here is where I shall return to live out what remains to me of life.

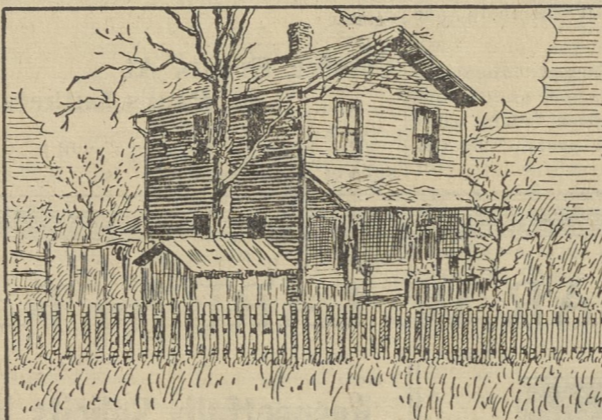
"Those who speak of my promises and pledges as being light things, not worthy of the consideration of the men and women of this State, forget that fact.

"My good name in Luzerne County is the one thing which I prize far above all else. I would rather have the continued love and respect of these people at home than the governorship of Pennsylvania or any other gift at any hands.

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The Rise of Arthur H. James from Mine Boy to Candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania

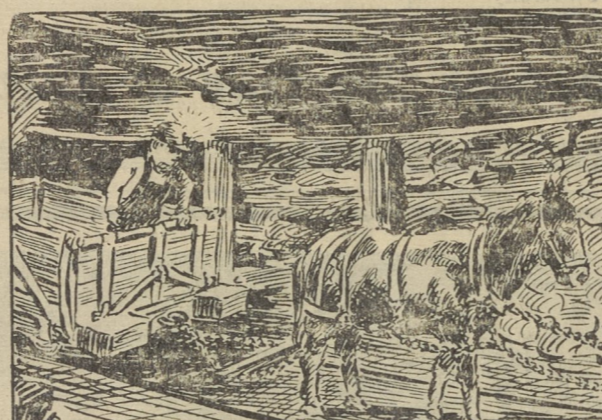
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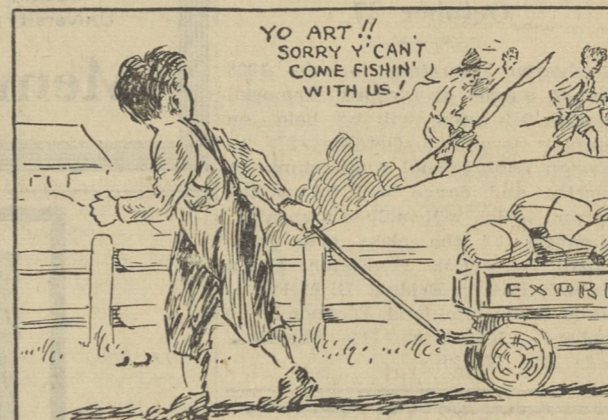
ARTHUR H. JAMES WAS BORN JULY 14, 1883 IN PLYMOUTH, PA., A HALF MILE FROM HIS PRESENT RESIDENCE. HIS PARENTS, JAMES D. AND RACHEL EDWARDS JAMES, NATIVES OF WALES, EMIGRATED TO AMERICA. ARTHUR WAS THE ELDEST IN A FAMILY OF FIVE BOYS AND THREE GIRLS. HIS FATHER WAS A MINE WORKER, HIS MOTHER, BEFORE HER MARRIAGE A SCHOOL TEACHER.



THE ELDER JAMES, SECURED FROM LONDON ONE OF THE FIRST PITTMAN SHORTHAND BOOKS AND UNDERTOOK ITS STUDY. HE HAD HIS SON, ARTHUR, READ TO HIM FOR HOURS EACH NIGHT FROM WELSH AND ENGLISH BIBLES.



ARTHUR JOINED IN SUPPORTING THE FAMILY BY WORKING IN THE SAME MINE AS HIS FATHER... THE NOTTINGHAM COLLIERY IN PLYMOUTH. HE WORKED FROM BEFORE DAWN 'TILL AFTER SUNSET, PICKING SLATE, DRIVING MULES, TENDING THE GATE, AND HAULING WOODEN COAL CARS FROM FACE TO PASSAGE.



JAMES WORKED IN THE MINE DURING VACATION, AS WELL AS AFTER SCHOOL. HE FOUND LITTLE TIME FOR PLAY. HIS THRIFTY FATHER OPENED A SMALL GROCERY STORE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THEIR FRAME HOUSE. ARTHUR'S JOB WAS TO DELIVER CUSTOMER'S PURCHASES ON HIS LITTLE WAGON.

"And those who say I will not remember the working people, the men and women on relief, the needy families, the young boys and the old men and women on relief, the needy families, the young boys and the old men on WPA—those who say that my mind has been dominated by thoughts of wealth or prestige or power—those people forget that I plan to come back again to my home, that I shall once more live among my friends and neighbors, that my heart will live for all the days of my life in Wyoming Valley, regardless of where duty or opportunities for service may lead me.

"No one is stupid enough really to think that, when I return I shall drag after me a train of broken promises and forgotten pledges. Instead, I shall come as I have always come—and the men and women of this county know full well that I speak the truth—with promises fulfilled, with my pledges kept, and with my head erect because I know and my neighbors know that I have followed what my mind told me was right,—followed it with all the courage and steadfastness that was in my heart.

"Would I break my word, when I will be meeting my friends and neighbors day after day for the rest of my life: Will I do anything that will prevent my looking the people of Luzerne County in the eye, whether they be friends to whom I wave on WPA trucks or at whose homes I call in the evenings?

"I do not need to answer that question.

"The happiness of these people shall be my happiness, and those people shall be my people, so long as I am granted the breath of life."

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The musical numbers, "I Love Life" by Mana-Zucca and "Into the Dawn With You" by Dorothy Lee were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Haley, accompanied by Miss Vera Whitesell. Representatives of White Rock Quarries, near Bellefonte, showed pictures entitled "The Sweet Earth" and a travel film. Miss Kistler of the high school showed moving pictures of Lehman's May Day held last Spring.

The business session consisted of reports. Miss Faylor of the publicity committee stated that the PTA membership had reached 171 members. Patrons of the first and second grades were hosts for the social part of the evening.

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