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Of course, at this season of the year, printers and editors, as well as other folks, like to let up a bit on the constant grind of the year, and, if this issue of the Press-Courier is not up to the usual standard, it's because we've been all taking in the holiday spirit with a little less work. Naturally, we wish you one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Hurrah for dear old "economy." My how the James' administration and particularly the department of highways must do on the word! A few weeks ago, I Lamont Hughes, secretary of highways, sent out in plate form, a recapitulation of the money he has saved, and a number of Republican newspapers in the county published it. We demurred, stating that we'd have to see first whether or not "economy" would deter the proper cindering of the road between Patton and Carrolltown and other highways—never at all dreaming it would. Now some of the good Republican editors in the county surely have had a personal dose of the "economy." They did if they do much driving. Of all the fool, dense blunders that the highway department can make, the climax has been capped, in the sparse cindering of north county highways over the Christmas holiday. If economy has been practiced in ashes in the interest of politics, then the Democrats have been the beneficiaries. Some of our good Republican friends have had their cars wrecked. Others have been driving on pins and needles, and the word "economy" brings only curses, when it means lack of ashes on the highways. That the general public in the north of the county has not been up in arms in a general complaint before this, we can't understand. But that the highway division in Cambria county is getting "hell" generally, we well know. Come on, boys, the most of us don't give a continental darn about economy when it comes to a condition that makes for the breaking of cars and necks from a "breaker-boy" administration.

After all, personally we do really hate to talk politics and find fault with public officials at this season of the year, but we do have to drive over the highways in our section, and we like to have safe driving

conditions. We would much rather praise the county highway division, and if and when Harlsburg sends out word a little more money can be spent, and the taxpaying motorist is given relief from the thought of breaking his neck, we'll be only too glad to give credit where credit is due.

There are a lot of persons in the north of Cambria county who will get a New Year's present from Uncle Sam. Congress wrapped up the present last summer when it amended the social security act and labelled it, "Do Not Open Until January 1st." No secret was made of its contents, and persons who felt that it was addressed to them—those around the age of 65—now have a pretty good idea of what they are going to get. Other and larger groups, however, are generally unaware that the package contains something of immediate value to them. These groups include merchants, younger workers in business and industry, employers, the unemployed, and sons and daughters of elderly workers. The amended social security act should help merchants, and others with goods and services to sell, when it starts to release in 1940 some of the money that has been collected during the past three years in payroll taxes. Under the original act the benefit payments were not scheduled to start until 1942. The checks will range from \$10 to nearly \$85, but officials do not how many will be in the various brackets. Also they will start at different times during the year.

A warning that prohibition might return unless the state gets help in making the liquor traffic less conspicuous, less spectacular and less of a social problem has been sounded by J. Harkey Reiter, director of public relations for the Liquor Control Board. "If selling liquor by the drink is merchandised, ballyhooed or advertised in every conceivable manner without restraint, licensees will be forced out of business as they were in 1919," he said. "If this did happen, speakeasies would return and while speakeasies tried to avoid public attention, they are in fact most conspicuous because of their connection with gangsters, public corruption, of murder and general lawlessness," the acvise hotelmen to let the "whoop-ee" go elsewhere—even on New Year's eve, and to cooperate in regulating whiskey traffic so that liquor regulation may be achieved without emotion or hysteria. He cited the fact that about \$4,000,000 is spent in Pennsylvania each year to advertise liquors.

Next Monday a noon there will be a lot of late New Years' dinners. The candidates and their friends will be at Ebensburg, and the oath of office will be administered to the court house officials, most of whom are Democrats.

At the time of closing our forms, at noon Wednesday, a heavy snowfall is blanketing the north county area. Too bad it didn't arrive for Christmas, but before the winter is over we will likely see plenty of snow.

A broad program of safety education, to be carried out through regular class room instruction in the public schools, is being drafted by several state departments. It will be of help, of course, but the individual who takes such courses must also practice what he learns. Too often, accidents are results of pure recklessness and carelessness, and not because one knows no better.

And remember, the Patton Order of Eagles will hold a dance on New

Years' night, next Monday. Ross Smith and his orchestra will furnish the music.

As for us, and our newspaper—so long, until next year.

**PATTON FIRE COMPANY
ELECTS 1940 OFFICERS**

August Quevy was reelected president of the Patton Volunteer Fire Company at their regular meeting on

Tuesday night in the Fire Hall. Other officers elected include: Leo Donahue, vice president; reelected; Charles Crowell, secretary, reelected; Theodore Ott, treasurer, newly elected; James Blake, fire chief, reelected; William Leary, foreman, newly elected; Wesley Wilson, assistant foreman, reelected; H. J. Mulligan, engineer, reelected. E. J. Burkey, trustee, newly elected for three years; Drill Master, Fred Nagle, newly elected. Members of the auditing committee

are John Hudak, David Heist and E. J. Mulligan. These officers will serve for the year of 1940.

**LOCAL YOUTH HAS LETTER
LAFAYETTE, WRESTLING**

John Thomas, a junior at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., is spending the holidays with his mother Mrs. Emma Thomas of Patton R. D. Thomas, who received his letter in the heavyweight wrestling class of the college last

year, is a member of the heavyweight wrestling team of the college this year. The team, which is coached by Cliff Gallagher, has won three matches during December. They defeated Columbia University, with a score of 16 to 14 on Dec. 16; The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in Boston, 28 to 8; and Tufts College, at Medford, 49 to 13. Thomas is the only member of team who has won three matches by a fall. Other important matches include Syracuse, Lehigh and Temple University.

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From the Novel by Daphne du Maurier · Directed by ALFRED HITCHCOCK
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A girl... young, beautiful, wealthy, but driven to desperation by a secret Dr. Kildare couldn't fathom! Heart-thrills, suspense, drama! And so romantic!



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HIS NEW ADVENTURES! Best Of Them All!

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Screen Play by Willis Goldbeck and Harry Rubin
Directed by HAROLD S. BUCKLEY

Matinee Sunday at 2:30

Midnight Show Dec. 31
DELIGHTFULLY DIFFERENT COMEDY!



MELVYN DOUGLAS
JOAN BLONDELL

Amazingly amusing!
The AMAZING MR. WILLIAMS
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Directed by ALEXANDER HALL
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HE LIVES TO KILL... AND KILLS TO LIVE!



It's the Most X-citing Perpl-X-ing... X-traordinary Picture of the Year!

Starring WAYNE MORRIS
ROSEMARY LANE
HUMPHREY BOGART
DENNIS MORGAN

"THE RETURN OF DR. X"
with JOHN LITEL · LYA LYS
Directed by VINCENT HERMAN
A WARNER BROS.—First Nat'l Picture

Matinee Monday at 2:30

Tuesday, Bargain Night

UNCLE SAM'S DARING T-MEN WILL PAY ANY PRICE EVEN THEIR LIVES to get these bills... and the ruthless super-gang that makes them!

MONEY FOR SALE Cheap!
\$100 Bills... \$1.00
\$50 Bills... 50c
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"SMASHING THE MONEY RING"
with RONALD REAGAN MARGOT STEVENSON
EDDIE FOY, Jr.
Directed by TERRY MORSE · Presented by WARNER BROS.

Original Screen Play by Anthony Calabrese & Raymond Schrock
From an Idea by Jonathan Finn · A First National Picture

Wednesday and Thursday



"WHAT A LIFE"
The Adventures of Henry Aldrich... Radio's Hard-Luck Kid!

THE ADVENTURES OF HENRY ALDRICH... RADIO'S FAVORITE HARD-LUCK KID!
The grandest story of school life ever to hit the screen!

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Just Save 75c a week	Receive \$ 37.50
Just Save \$1 a week	Receive \$ 50.00
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