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FINALLY ADJOURNING AFTER most all of last week being required to do it, the Special Session of the 1942 Legislature took up eight weeks of time to execute a job that should have lasted only about three weeks. Aside from Congressional Reapportionment, sloppily passed, Governor James left the Legislature in a fog. Republicans and Democrats, alike, were not in accord with him. Weeks were spent in practical uselessness with the Governor's bills locked-up in the Republican Senate Committee. Republican Legislators as a whole don't have much in common with the Governor, even though they may hesitate in openly voicing their sentiments. Mr. James will pass out the picture without glory, just as he passed into it—in the minds of many. But from the James' viewpoint, his term of office has been one of achievements. Human mortals are happy when they have an imaginative mind of achievement.

POLITICS IN THE STATE ARE beginning to heat up a bit. Republican gubernatorial candidates are down to two—Maj.-Gen. Edw. Martin and Senator Jim Davis. Appearances are that their fight will become a bitter one—and already some ugly words have been passed. Democrats have five candidates for Governor in the primary race, with three of them being strong contenders—Auditor-General Ross, Coal Consumers' Councilizer, and Judge Smith.

REPUBLICANS HAVE A KNACK of getting bitter at a primary and then forgetting their bitterness at the election. Democrats, too, have the same knack at the primaries—but they don't forget that bitterness. If the Democrats want a chance to again take over the state government they will have to keep the primary campaign one cleanse of mud slinging and personal recriminations. The rank and file of the voters don't like those methods. Inasmuch as the Republicans already have started the fireworks in their camp, the Democrats will be wise in avoiding a like situation.

HOTTEST PRIMARY BATTLE in the local area promises to be that for the Republican Congressional nomination in the 27th District. Tibbott, after having had an easy time of it for the past two terms, now faces mighty tough opposition in Col. Lampke. Making it all the harder for Tibbott will be the fact that Lampke has been about the district for the past couple years, and is quite well known as a speech maker. Added to this, the Johnstown newspapers have been building him up at every opportunity—likely never dreaming he would be after Tibbott's scalp.

SOME MASTER MIND HAS IT figured out (without revealing his exact system) that the economic value of a male child at birth is \$9,533, and of a female baby \$4,600. No wonder they always hope it's a boy!

WHILE WE ARE MENTIONING boys, there are a lot of the other chaps who will register late this month for such war duty, aside from actual combat, that the government may require of them. Likely there are a lot of us who are not prone to suspect that this registration will affect our own sweat selves personally. However, the United States Government is not going to all the expense and trouble of this great registration without reason. There is every reason to believe that there are a lot of us who think we aren't going anywhere who will later discover that the Selective Service Boards think differently.

RIGHT NOW, IN THE INTEREST of winning the war, the government should say to all of us: You are not going to get entertainment wages; you are not going to profiteer on food-stuffs; you are not going to rent-charge; you are not going to exhaust your energies undermining liberty; you are not going to carry and white wash you first do your share; you are not going to dodge your full measure of this fight—because you are going to win this war.

SEND A LETTER TO YOUR soldier relatives and friends. Tell them to write the County Commissioners at Ebensburg before April 18 giving their military address, as well as their home address before entering the service, requesting a military ballot to vote at the primary election. These men are entitled to vote. Their stake in the outcome of elections is equal, if not superior, to that of the people at home. Don't delay. Write your soldier boys now!

A WAR CONFERENCE OF THE United Automobile Workers' (CIO) delegates recently approved unanimously at Detroit a recommendation that premium pay for week end and holiday work be waived for the duration. At the same time these delegates, representing more than a half million workers, demanded that the manufacturers of war material be compelled to make equal sacrifices. What's fair for labor certainly must be fair for ownership.

THE FIRST RETURNS FROM Congressional pulse-taking project of the past two weeks comes from out in Ohio where anyone who accuses the people of being complacent takes a chance with his life. People are itching to do something for war effort. They're humiliated by defeats in the Far East and looking for something to sock. Just as they feared, Congressmen are likely to be "it." Many a Congressman wishes he had voted for lend-lease, draft act, and so on.

DESPITE DELAYS, THE HOUSE of Representatives at Washington will act soon (probably this month) on an allowance-and-allotment bill providing support for soldiers' dependents, and an amendment to Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act, giving moratorium on time payments while a man is in service. In justice to the soldier and sailor, both of these bills should be passed. There is no more "business as usual" for the soldier and the sailor. There won't be for the rest of us. All things being equal, the man in the armed forces deserves a just "break."

STIMULATING THE NEW DRIVE for across-the-board price ceilings is the recent Bureau of Labor Statistics report showing retail food prices went up 20.5 per cent in a year.

THE CHAIN STORES OF THE country have embarked on a far-reaching program for the conservation of materials and the prevention of waste. This program is so important that the War Production Board recently sent to commercial organizations samples of the extensive conservation instructions prepared by one of the country's principal chain systems. These instructions are applicable to every business, and in a number of instances to homes. Summed up, here is what they say: Make store supplies, twine, paper, register tape, etc., go as far as possible. Use a minimum of wrapping paper. Use and salvage cartons, bags and all waste paper. Take care of all equipment and make it last. Conserve on everything.

THE RAPID GROWTH OF CIVIL defense groups is a fine thing for this country. It is showing the people that the responsibility for preventing and dealing with disasters must be shared by all. People who used to think of fire as something which was exclusively the fire department's business, are learning that it is their own personal business. It is natural and right that fire defense is one of the principal purposes of the entire civilian defense movement. America, like England, may one day be shrouded with incendiaries from enemy planes. Enemy agents within our own borders will unquestionably attempt sabotage on a wide scale, and fire is their main weapon. Unless the people are trained and ready, those agents will succeed—at a terrible toll in American life, American resources and American war production.

THERE IS A SAYING IN LONDON to the effect that "every house is a fire house." That is the goal we must try for in our own country. We must not think entirely of enemy-started fires. The greatest present danger lies in the normal fires—the fires that result from human carelessness, human ignorance, human failure of a hundred different kinds.

GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH OUT OF YOUR RAZOR BLADE

OPA's Consumer Division experts assure us that the WPA's razor blade restriction won't compel us to become a bearded brotherhood. Not only does the order permit manufacture of more blades in 1942 than in any year prior to 1940, but a little more care in shaving will keep silver in our pockets as well as steel in the munitions mills. Here's the advice: 1—Careful washing and administration of cream or lather, so that hard whiskers, grit and skin oil won't break down the blade. 2—Rinse the blade in hot water before using and frequently while shaving to dislodge accumulations that hinder cutting. 3—After shaving, rinse and dry the blade and razor, and wrap the blade in original paper covering. 4—If you have a blade sharpener, use it.

POTATO SHORTAGE There is scientific evidence, according to the Bureau of Plant Industry of the State Department of Agriculture, that a storage temperature of about 40 degrees F. and a reasonable consideration to provide ventilation are necessary for good potato storage conditions. —Who can remember when the world anxiously awaited news of what Mussolini planned to do next?

A&P SUPER MARKETS advertisement featuring coffee products (Eight O'Clock, Red Circle, Bokar) and a list of various food items like Nutley Oleo, Nescafe, Crackers, Club Crackers, Pickles, Kutol, Soap Flakes, Soap Grains, Toilet Soap, and Brillo.

Advertisement for Strawberries, Oranges, Lettuce, and other produce. Includes text: 'They're Here... Luscious, Red, Ripe STRAW-BERRIES 2 PINT BOXES 33c'.

FAMOUS ANN PAGE FOODS and DAIRY DEPARTMENT VALUES advertisement listing items like Peanut Butter, Garden Relish, Noodles, and various cheeses and eggs.

Advertisement for A&P Super-Right Meats, featuring a list of meat products like Center Chuck Roast, Standing Rib Roast, Rump Roast, Ground Veal & Pork, Boneless Veal Roll, and Tendered Hams. Includes a 'VICTORY BOOK DAY!' section at the bottom.