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CHRISTMAS, THIS YEAR, WILL not have the same old fashioned and care-free spirit in most families over the nation. Now, with the country, in the war for more than a year, few families there are, indeed, that are not saddened with departures of lov-

ed ones, in the armed forces, who will not be home for the holidays. Despite any grumbling we may have here on the home-front, and despite the many ways in which we are rationed, and the pinch we may have in bond buying, and income tax paying, ours is a mighty comfortable life compared to the boys in the Army, the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and the Merchant Marine. Our plan of living in no way can be compared with the men in the Solomons, the Africa sector, and our other lines of battle-front. We can have the best Christmas spirit in the thought that even though we may constantly be stunted more and more in our mode of living, it is being done to alleviate our fighters, and our loved ones.

CHRISTMAS, TOO, THIS YEAR, surely should be a time of prayer. Too many of us neglect that part of the life of a Christian. The Babe of Bethlehem came to us for our redemption. Perhaps the boys that are now out on the front lines of battle are following out the example of the Christ-Child in carrying out His wishes that the world be made righteous, and that all shall have freedom, and equity, and the right to worship the Almighty according to the dictates of conscience. Let us hope that the final peace—after victor—in this great holocaust, will be one that pleasing to the Babe Born in a Manger—and a peace that will be lasting, and fair.

THERE WILL BE NO EDITION OF the Press-Courier next week, as per our usual custom. Next issue will be on Thursday, January 7th. Press time, beginning in January will be on Thursday mornings, instead of Wednesday afternoons, as at present. The change will be made because of limited help, and will mark no change in the deadline for copy from its present status.

SILENT WELCOMES FOR THE New Year is being requested by most all municipalities, at the instance of the Air Warden Service. While it is not the desire to dim the spirit of festivity, but because of the possibility of air raid emergencies, the public is being asked to cooperate by confining celebrations to activities which will not interfere with a possible alert.

THE OLD BROOKS HIGH LICENSE advocates, likely won't get very far

in their rather hastily decided venture toward upsetting the present state liquor control system. General Martin's opposition to any change of a basis nature in the Pennsylvania system should settle that question in so far as the coming legislature is concerned. That there may be improvements in the present system to strengthen its control and improve its administration is quite possible. No one has contended that it is perfect and unchangeable. But the Governor-Elect has made it clear that he has complete confidence in the present system and very little in proposals to return licensing to the counties; a suggestion which Prof Eldredge, head of the Pennsylvania Alcoholic Beverage Study, Inc., asserted would "put liquor back into politics."

TWO PRINCIPAL CRITICISMS—both subject to correction without any change in the present set-up—have been voiced about the liquor control system. One deals with the practice of accepting compromise settlements from liquor law violators in lieu of suspension—which puts a price upon law-breaking. The other concerns the mark-up practices of the state monopoly, which have brought the prices of liquor in Pennsylvania dangerously near the point at which bootlegging becomes a paying business.

OVER TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY of the nation's weekly newspapers have been obliged to fold-up since the beginning of the war, according to a nationally circulated magazine. Chief cause has been lack of sufficient help with the secondary reason being loss of advertising lineage. The magazine predicts that ere long countless others will "give up the ghost." Newspaper publication is not a rosy business just now, and all we can hope for is the ability to "hang on" for the duration.

BEFORE THE NEXT ISSUE OF this paper is published the 1943 regular session of the Pennsylvania State Legislature will have convened. The new speaker of the House of Representatives will be Republican Ira T. Fiss of Snyder county, and Franklin H. Lichtenwalter of Lehigh county, will be Republican majority floor leader, with Representative Walter E. Rose, of Johnstown, majority whip. Minority floor leader will be Democrat Reuben E. Cohen, Philadelphia attorney, and James E. Lovett, of Westmoreland, will be Democratic whip.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS alike agree that the coming session of the Legislature should be a short one and caucuses by both parties indicate that the adjournment date should be no later than April 15th. Neither the coming administration, the legislators, or the people are in any frame of mind to have another long drawn-out affair such as that of two years ago. The administration will have complete control, and should have their legislation mapped out in advance, so as to insure a speedy and business-like session.

VOLUNTEERS ARE PREVENTED from enlisting in the navy and marine corps through selective service channels until after the first of January, headquarters of the two departments disclose. Only the coast guard may obtain registrants who volunteer through induction—for a period ending approximately February 1, 1943.

UNDER THE INDUCTION PREFERENCE set-up any registrant between the age of 18 and 38 who wishes to volunteer for induction into the navy, marines and coast guard may make application from his local draft board, provided he has not previously been ordered to report for induction. He will then be ordered to report for physical examinations and processing at local recruiting stations. Regulations are also being amended to remove the requirement that volunteers under 21 must furnish the local draft boards with the written consent of their parents.

SCHOOL FOR BOROUGH OFFICERS IS PLANNED FOR EARLY JANUARY

Harrisburg.—With an estimated enrollment of more than 200 local government officials, schools in six counties providing courses in the organization of borough governments, duties of officers, services performed, and techniques of administration, is to be opened by the Public Service Institute early in January, Dr. Francis B. Haas, Superintendent of Public Instruction, states.

These new schools are, in addition to the municipal officers training program conducted by the Institute, which already has provided courses throughout the state for firemen, policemen, assessors, school board secretaries, correctional workers and custodians of public buildings.

The purpose of the new classes, as outlined by R. Chapman Carver, the Principal of the Public Service Institute is to provide an organized course of study for borough officials and employees in the modern methods of organization and operation of borough government. Competent instructors, including lawyers, local government officials and civic leaders familiar with the practical problems of borough government, will be in charge of the schools.

The textbook for the twelve-weeks' course is the 250-page Handbook for Borough Officers which has been compiled from extensive field work in selected boroughs throughout the state, conferences with borough offi-

cial, research and critical reviews by informed people. It was prepared jointly by the Institute of Local Government; The Pennsylvania State College; The Institute of Local and State Government; University of Pittsburgh; and the Public Service Institute.

The schools for borough officers are under the direction of John T. Hermanson of the Staff of the Public Service Institute.

INDIAN RELICS.

Harrisburg.—More than 2275 Indian arrowheads, tools and ornaments compose a collection now in possession of the School of Mineral Industries at Pennsylvania State College, according to the State Department of Commerce. The relics were originally collected by the late Dr. William H. West, of Harrisburg. In addition to arrow heads of all descriptions the collection includes spearheads, stone axes, celts, knives, skinning tools and a wide variety of ornaments.

Merry Christmas illustration with text: "For Christmas comes But Once a Year" Geo. C. Hoppel Patton, Pa. But even if Christmas came once a month, we would hardly find words with which to thank you for your generous support. And now let us wish you all a very Merry Christmas in 1942.

Christmas Cheer to All. Doing the fine friends and acquaintances you are w/o would not want to miss this 1942 holiday season opportunity to send you these greetings. A Happy Christmas to You and Yours. IRVIN LONG PATTON, PA.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS. At this time, when common tasks begin to glimmer with new glory, we pause to wish you all the Christmas joys this joyous season can bring. Chas. F. Pitt Co. Patton, Pa.

Merry Christmas Tidings of Joy - 1942. 'T WAS but yesterday that all was commonplace. But now, what a change! 'Tis the Christmas spirit of 1942! Carried away on this magic carpet of Yuletide, we enter every home to say Merry Christmas to our friends. Forsythe Service Station Patton, Pa.

1942 Christmas Season. It is not only now, at Christmas time, when we appreciate your patronage. We appreciate it all year 'round, but now, in the last short days of 1942, is the very best time to tell you about it, and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. C. J. CORDELL HARDWARE PATTON

1942 Christmas. The holiday spirit of 1942 rules the land today. It is King of all, despite the wars of men. May we take this brief, but sincere, time to wish you the happiest Holiday Season possible. John White Post, V. F. W. Patton, Penna.

In wishing you a Merry Christmas this year we would capture for you as much of the old time holiday spirit as possible. Accept our sincere thanks for your generous patronage, which has been a source of real encouragement to us in 1942. Quality Meat Market Patton, Pa.

THIS YEAR OF 1942 has been one of world tribulation, but nevertheless, many good things have come our way. Chief among them is your continued patronage, for which we thank you very earnestly now, and wish you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS First National Bank at Patton Holiday Season Christmas 1942

Merry Christmas HERE'S WISHING YOU ALL THE HAPPIEST HOLIDAY SEASON 1942