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WITH THE DEADLINE FOR HE filing of nominating petitions past, the line up of candidates for the host of well paying jobs in the court house at Ebensburg, most all of which are to be filled at the fall election, is now complete. Despite the war, and a likely lack of interest by many in any politics, the candidates will do their best to interest everyone in the interests of themselves. And voters should be interested. Perhaps no time is more important than now to show a lively interest. There are lots of candidates. It should be the duty

of citizens to pick the best—as they see them. So, regardless of party, or political belief, turn out at the primaries, and the election, and do your part as a member of a nation that is still free, and will continue free, so long as the people exercise the right of governing themselves.

WITHOUT COMMENT ON THE Aspirations of any particular candidates, a glance at the list of them, published elsewhere in this newspaper, will disclose that there are some lively contests brewing in both party primaries. The county court house offers a good, healthy remuneration to the chaps who land behind the department desks at Ebensburg, and no one can be blamed for attempting to gain that ambition. For the most part, the work isn't hard, the prestige is nice, and the salary check lucrative.

FROM ALL APPEARANCES NO indication is shown by most of the present office-holders to relinquish their posts. That's natural. Why give up something good, if you don't have to. And if the most people show that they want some of the present office-holders continued on, that is still democracy at work, and that is the rule of the majority.

DESPITE ALL THE INTEREST IN the war, for the next six weeks the candidates are going to endeavor to interest voters in county affairs, and likely in most boroughs and townships there'll be added interest, for this year, too, a number of municipal offices will be filled.

WAR NEWS, IN A GENERAL sense, constantly becomes more encouraging in Europe, and also in the Pacific theatre. With the ousting of the bombastic Mussolini in Italy, every reason is afforded to the Allies to rejoice. However, Hitler isn't going to crack up so easily, and despite the fact the war hasn't been going so well for them, the Germans, in desperation, now may put up the hardest and most bitter fighting they have put forth in this entire conflict. Desperate men, cornered, will do anything. If they don't do something—something may be done to them, by their own followers. It is a fact that Hitler and his Nazis well know. Axis press agents warn the Allies to watch out for surprises. But nothing would exactly surprise the Allies.

WASHINGTON AND LONDON ARE aware that a trapped rat may try to bite a lion. Hitler may be planning a last do or die blow at England. Ex-

perts say he may have been conserving men and material, including planes, tanks, U-boats, for the past ten months, for just such a gamble. He knows that as matters now stand he's sunk. If he throws in everything he may reason he might win. At the least he might expect the chances of obtaining a negotiated peace. It would be worth five million men to him.

IF EVER THERE WAS A TIME when we must not let optimism let us shirk in our war work on the home front it is now. Now that we've started delivering the knock-out blows in Europe, those initial punches won't be much good if we don't keep up our own ever harder aggression. And when we've finished in the European area, we still have the biggest job of all ahead—that of pounding down the Japs. And that's going to take a long time. The Jap is an entirely different enemy. Experience has taught us that he won't surrender. He has to be completely wiped out, before we can feel secure.

THE ARMY DOESN'T WANT TO be responsible for government in the occupied areas for more than four months after conquest. This means, in Sicily, that our civilian agencies, headed by the new OPEC, will soon be in operation; that United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, still the subject of a Senate controversy, might be functioning by Christmas. It also means that by the first of the year Sicilians who have been screened by AMGOT should be running their own local governments, under direction of the other agencies.

REVISION OF RATIONING RULES to permit service men and women to obtain special gasoline rations while on furlough or other periods of leave is being advocated by both automobile associations and the general public. Since May 20th, when the OPA started its drive against non-essential motoring, an earlier privilege of special gasoline rationing has been denied service men and women. Surely, with more gasoline coming into Pennsylvania, service folk should be entitled to some of it for their own use while on leave between tours of duty at home and abroad.

THE OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION was set up to stem the mounting spiral of living costs, but it has been a conspicuous failure. For example, since Aug., 1939, there has been an increase of 22 per cent in the overall cost of living, a 42 per cent

U. S. ANTI-MINE PLATOON AT WORK



MEMBERS OF A U. S. anti-tank mine platoon are cautiously uncovering and immobilizing land mines in the vicinity of Palma, Sicily, to clear the way for the advancing Allied troops. This is an official U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

rise in retail prices of foods, a 63 per cent boost in wholesale prices of raw materials and a 94 per cent hike in wholesale prices of farm products. On the other hand, hourly manufacturing wage rates have climbed 43 per cent. Average this with the small increase in non-manufacturing, fixed incomes and the overall raise in family income is dwarfed in comparison with the leaps prices have taken. Armed with these facts, organized labor has served an ultimatum on the Washington administration. Either slash prices, as has been promised repeatedly, or we will withdraw our support from the wage stabilization program generally and the Little Steel Formula specifically.

in the Altoona hospital where he had been a patient only a few days. Mr. Vincent was born on July 23, 1885, a son of George W. and Catherine (Sharp) Vincent. He had been employed as a coal miner. Surviving are a sister, Mary Vincent, Dysart, and a brother, Samuel Vincent, Wellsburg, W. Va. The funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at the Vincent home. Interment was made in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Prisoner Back in Jail Ten Years After Escape

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Kenneth Jessmon, 38, was back in the Caricopa county jail from which he escaped with five others 10 years ago. Jessmon, who told police he had gone straight since his escape, was arrested as a result of a routine check-up of fingerprints when he went to work for the Excello corporation of Detroit.

Originally sentenced on a burglary charge, he was awaiting transfer to Arizona State prison at the time of his escape. Jessmon is married and father of a seven-year-old boy. His wife and son, he said, knew nothing of his Phoenix record until he was arrested at the request of Sheriff Lon Jordan of Phoenix.

Jessmon will be transferred to state prison to serve a term of two to five years.

Traffic Violator Has Plenty to Beef About

PITTSBURGH.—Magistrate P. J. Sullivan lent a sympathetic ear to the tale of Mrs. Roy T. Pifer, charged with a traffic violation.

Mrs. Pifer, it seems, parked her car, put a nickel in the meter and joined a line before a meat market. She needed a roast for Sunday dinner. An hour passed. The nickel ran out. But Mrs. Pifer didn't budge.

"The people were like a bunch of wolves and I just had to stay there or lose my chance to get a roast," she lamented.

Said Magistrate Sullivan: "Case dismissed."

Audience Runs Amuck When Movie Lights Fail

CITY OF MEXICO.—When the electric lights failed in a motion picture theater here the audience smashed furniture and glassware in the place, then swarmed into the street and broke the cinema's marquee lights and windows of adjoining stores and houses until a police riot squad arrested 15.

Pigeons Save Gas for Numbers Racket Writers

WILMINGTON, DEL.—City detectives, cracking down on numbers writers, picked up three carrier pigeons and theorized that gasoline rationing had caused "pickup men" to switch from automobiles to the pigeon carrier system.

Two of the birds carried slips for 285 numbers but the third bore the cryptic message: "Nothing Doing." The pigeons and their alleged owner were held by police.

—London estimates total cost of this war at one trillion dollars. Oh, well, everybody's tired of billions.

RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. Clara Rieg.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday morning in St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Carrolltown, for Mrs. Clara Rieg, widow of Frank Rieg, who died on Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emil Harvey, New Brighton. A former resident of Carrolltown, Mrs. Rieg had in recent years resided in New Castle. She became ill while visiting her daughter. Born in Carrolltown, the deceased was a daughter of Henry and Barbara (Schroth) Blum. Her husband died fourteen years ago. Survivors include four children—Mrs. Harvey, mentioned; Leo, Pittsburgh; Francis, Uniontown; and Edgar, at home. She was a sister of Henry Blum, Ebensburg; Edward and Aloysius Blum, both of Carrolltown; Mrs. Regina Sloan and Mrs. Mary McAuliff, both of Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. Otto Glasser, Carrolltown. Interment was made in St. Benedict's church cemetery.

Patsy Molino.

Patsy Molino, aged 57 years, of Hastings, died at 1:30 p. m. Thursday last, in the Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh. A coal miner, Mr. Marino was a member of Hastings Local Union, No. 392, United Mine Workers of America. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Rose (Rivellini) Molino, and eleven children—Cpl. Adam, with the army in Missouri; Mrs. ridget Difalco, Altoona; Ann, wife of Sgt. George Goodwill, Jackson, S. C.; Joseph, a member of the Navy, stationed in Norfolk, Va.; and Madeline, Caroline, Emma, Elveta, Eleanor, Louis, and Louise, all at home. Also surviving are one grandchild; a brother, Orazio Molino, Brooklyn, N. Y., and a sister, Mrs. Emma Difalco, Altoona. The deceased was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic church at Hastings, where funeral services were held on Monday morning, with interment in the church cemetery.

John H. Eckenrod.

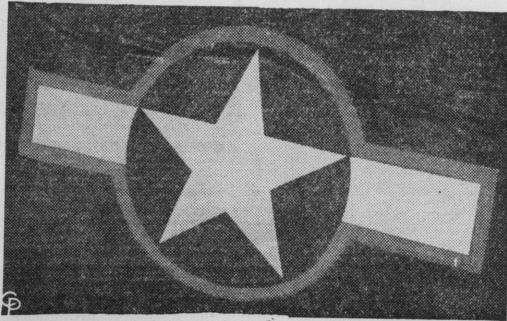
John H. Eckenrod, 88, a native of Loretto, died Saturday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Annetto Rodgers in Johnstown, after an illness of pneumonia. Mr. Eckenrod was born May 31, 1855, in Loretto, a son of Jessie and Susan (Malloy) Eckenrod.

Funeral services and burial took place in Moxham.

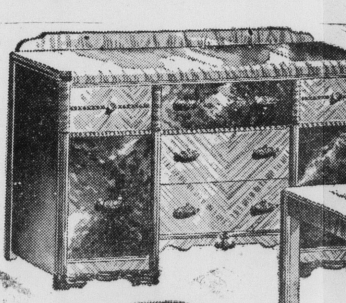
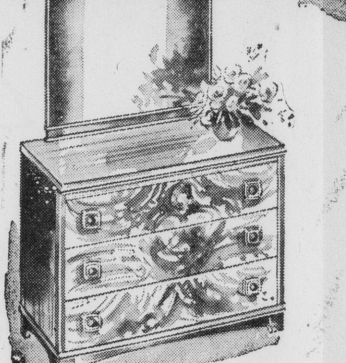
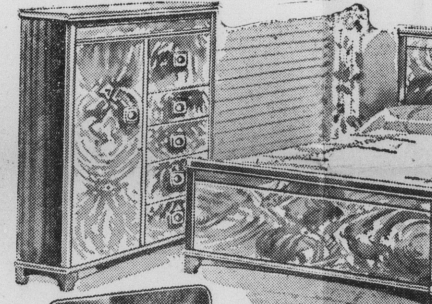
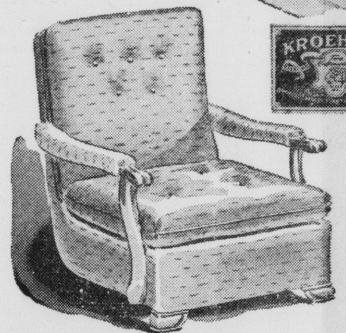
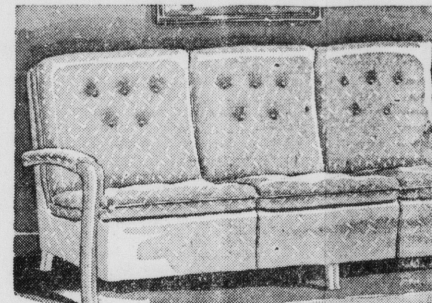
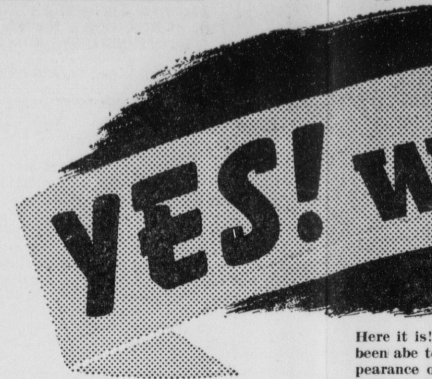
George Vincent.

George Vincent of Dysart, who observed his 58th birthday anniversary last Friday, died at noon on Monday

NEW ARMY PLANE INSIGNIA



HERE IS THE OFFICIAL Army Air Force insignia that will now be used on all planes. The present white star on a field of blue is retained. A white rectangle has been added on either side of the field of blue, and the whole design is enclosed in a red border. (International)



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