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There is no such thing as a "little" investment in the Fourth War Loan.

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But multiply yourself by 130,000,000 and then you see in real perspective how truly great each citizen becomes in massing national strength against the Nazis and the Japs.

Capt. Maurice Witherspoon, Navy chaplain aboard the Carrier Wasp when she sank, tells of a rescued wounded sailor, who, as he regained consciousness, asked: "Did I do my best?"

That's the only question you, too, have to ask yourself when you decide the extent of your personal participation in the Fourth War Loan.

There undoubtedly will be large single purchases of War Bonds in this community, but yours—if it is "your best" will deserve equally the red, white and blue shield you are privileged to display in the window of your home.

So "Let's All Back the Attack." THE EDITOR.

NEXT MONDAY IS THE LAST day of January. It marks the final day in which motorists must have secured their 1944 operator's license and the final day in which all cars in the commonwealth must have a new inspection sticker attached to the windshield. If you have neglected one or both of these requirements—well, you had better get busy.

PENNSYLVANIA, ALONG WITH more than half the other states in the Union, is preparing to adopt a one-plate system of motor licenses. This year will be the first time in motor driving history that only one license plate will be displayed. The wartime scarcity of metal is responsible for the innovation. But quite likely, once it has been started, the one-plate system will endure after the war. The 1942 tags now are pretty badly rusted after two years of service and will be ready for the scrap pile when March 31 rolls around. Small red tabs were used during the past year to denote 1943 registration.

FOR 1944 PENNSYLVANIA WILL supply one plate which will be used in the rear of the vehicle without windshield or other duplicate identification. Of course this will make license identification a lot more difficult to ascertain in cases where it is desirable. But war time metals are more precious now, and police officers will have to bend an "eagle eye." However, some of the states have used but one plate for years, and with apparent satisfaction.

TREASURY OFFICIALS ARE WORRIED that too many Americans will follow the time honored custom of waiting until the last minute to file their income tax returns this year. The reason for their apprehension is that the returns due March 15th are the most complicated in the thirty year history of federal levies on incomes — and millions of taxpayers who never filed returns before or who filed them before without help are going to need expert assistance this time.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU is doing its best to train its war depleted personnel in the intricacies of the return so they can be

helpful. A special school was conducted in Johnstown this week, for justices of the peace and others who make a practice of assisting folks in executing their income blanks. Although this year's returns are the worst in history, there is a major consolation in prospect. Public anger has hit congress so forcibly that once the present Chinese puzzle is out of the way, laws will be passed which, with luck, may make the income tax problem simpler than it has been for years.

IT IS TRITE, NOW, TO SAY THAT no one is going to shoot Santa Claus, but the thought and the hope that it may be true comforts Congress these days. When the soldiers drop their guns they will come home with the politically far more lethal weapon of the ballot in their hands. So politicians and legislators are tumbling over themselves to do everything in their power to provide for the servicemen from the boot camp on. Their dreams are troubled by the fear that they may fail.

IT IS NOT BECAUSE THE MEN IN the service have made demands, that the politicians have the jitters. Whatever ideas the boys in bombers or foxholes may have about what the country should do for them when they come back, the job is too grim and urgent to give time for demanding this and that of Congress.

WHAT POLITICIANS ARE AFRAID of is the power the servicemen will have when they come home. The future of every politician and elected officeholder in this country is in the hands of the members of the armed forces. They know it and they are scared.

ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT President Roosevelt will run for a fourth term. In fact there is no other Democrat in the field as we can ascertain. Democrats from 48 states and some of the outlying territories and possessions met in Washington on Saturday to stage a day and night-long demonstration in favor of a fourth term. The demonstration started a few minutes after the Democratic National Committee met in the morning to elect a new chairman, Robert E. Hannegan, of St. Louis, and select Chicago as the place for the 1944 National Convention. It continued through the afternoon session where it was climaxed by the adoption of a formal resolution eulogizing the President and announcing that both Democrats and "our allies" are praying with us for the continuation of his services both in war and peace, and adding that the committee members "do now earnestly solicit him to continue as the great world leader."

PREMIER TOJO OF JAPAN WAS not giving away any state secret

when he told the diet it was to Japan's interest to have a long war. If his country is given time enough, the stolen resources of the great southern regions may be converted to war purposes on a gigantic scale. The losses in ships and planes may be repaired. A great inner fortress may be erected that will be breached only with the utmost difficulty. If it granted that the Japs want to prolong the war, then the Allies naturally want to shorten it. Tojo admits this, but blames the Allied "impatience" upon their "serious distress and unrest." Here the Premier allows himself to go overboard. He is indignant because his enemies won't go along with him and let him have all the time he needs to build up impregnability. We have thrown the Japs off balance by sinking large numbers of ships and planes and by giving them no rest in the Central and South Pacific. We would be foolish to surrender the initiative. We must, in fact, step up our offensives continuously. We do not intend to give Tojo his long war. We'll make it as short and snappy as possible, making sure that it ends only in a complete victory.

WHATEVER THE OUTCOME MAY be on the terrain below Rome, the fact remains that the "super-race" and its commanders, were caught in a very "non-super" situation when our forces landed virtually unopposed on the soil of Italy near the Eternal City last week. Perhaps more surprised than the German high command itself, were our own soldiers, when, in establishing the beach-head, they didn't have to fight for it. Truly, there is something wrong with the Nazis. Lack of manpower probably is the answer. The jitters they are having from the promised invasion has their thinning armies running hither and yon, and in the case of Italy, then ran the wrong way at precisely the right time—for us.

RECENT DEATHS IN THE NORTH OF CAMBRIA CO.

Frank Wilt, 70, was found dead on Sunday afternoon in a small shanty in which he lived alone in Cambria Township, near the County Highway Maintenance Headquarters. The man had been dead for several hours before the body was found.

Mrs. Anna Stien, Mrs. Anna Keziah (Kiehl) Stien, 66, of Kinport, died on Sunday at her home. She was the widow of the late William Stien. She leaves a number of sons and daughters. Funeral services were held on Wednesday in

McDowell Chapel and interment was made in McDowell cemetery.

Wayne P. Yeckley, Funeral services for Wayne P. Yeckley, seven year old son of Merle and Mary (Noel) Yeckley, of Johnstown, former North Cambria residents, who died on Friday afternoon, were conducted on Tuesday morning in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, interment being made in St. Benedict's cemetery, Carrolltown.

Raymond D. Washington, Raymond Daniel Washington, 33, evaluation engineer for the Federal Power Commission, at Washington, died on Friday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Washington, in Cresson. The deceased held the rank of first lieutenant in the R. O. T. C. of the army. His father is a well known former member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

Jesse W. Westover, Jesse W. Westover, 74, died early on Monday morning at the home of his nephew, John Leamer of Susquehanna Township, after an extended illness. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Westover and was born on January 3, 1869. The deceased was unmarried. Surviving in addition to the nephew mentioned, is a sister, Mrs. Julia VanSooyac, of Vandergrift. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at East Ridge Chapel, with interment in the East Ridge cemetery.

Franklin B. Saylor, Franklin Bertrue Saylor, 61, died unexpectedly of a heart attack Tuesday afternoon at his home in St. Benedict. A machinist for the Peale, Peacock & Kerr Coal Co., St. Benedict, Mr. Saylor worked as usual on Monday and apparently was in normal health, when he retired Monday night.

Born May 6, 1879, in Fairhope, the deceased was a son of the late Conrad and Margaret (Kelly) Saylor. He had been a resident of St. Benedict for many years.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Saylor, and five children—Grant, Hummelstown, Pa.; Telford, Youngstown, O.; Mrs. Eleanor Stratton, Philadelphia; Mrs. Margaret Hornick, Johnstown; and Mrs. Mary Caldwell, Spangler. There are nine grandchildren. A number of brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday afternoon in the Saylor residence. Interment will be in Fairview cemetery, Patton.

Mrs. Concetta Rodgers, Mrs. Concetta Rodgers, aged 33 years, wife of Samuel Rodgers of Patton, died at 7 o'clock on Thursday morning of last week at the Miners Hospital, Spangler, where she had been admitted the evening be-

fore, a few hours before giving birth to a daughter. Born February 19th, 1910, in Elmora, she was a daughter of Joseph and Frances Lombardo, and became the wife of Samuel Rodgers eight years ago. Surviving are her husband, her parents, who reside in Barnesboro; a son, Frederick, at home; the infant daughter, Regina, and two brothers and three sisters—Samuel, Barnesboro; Paul, a member of the Army, now stationed in India; Mrs. Floyd Rice, Marsteller, and Dolores and Clara, both at home. Mrs. Rodgers was a member of St. Mary's church, Patton, the I. C. B. U., and the Daughters of Italy, Patton Lodge, No. 310. Funeral services were conducted at nine o'clock on Monday in St. Mary's church by the Rev. Father Florian, O. S. B. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

David Lincoln Ray, David Lincoln Ray, 82, died Wednesday morning at his home in Barnesboro. He was born in Gatesburg, in 1861 and had been a resident of Barnesboro for 43 years. His wife died several years ago. Surviving are six children—Roy L., Akron, O.; Mrs. Warren T. Davis, Vandergrift; Mrs. Lydia Barr and Miss Bertha Ray, both teachers in Barnesboro High School; Miss Elizabeth, a grade school teacher, and Clemence, at home. Twenty grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren survive. Funeral services will be held on Friday evening at the Ray home, and interment will be made at Gatesburg.

Mrs. E. Catherine Carlheim, Mrs. E. Catherine (McCarty) Carlheim, 67, widow of Joseph Carlheim, died early on Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. DeSales Switzer, in East Carroll Township. A daughter of John and Catherine (Trexler) McCarty, she was born in Ashville on December 23rd, 1876. She formerly lived in Arizona, but had made her home near Carrolltown for the past five years. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Charles Gibbons, Ashville; 18 grandchildren, and three children—Mrs. Switzer, mentioned; Mrs. Cletus Gray, Carrolltown R. D., and Earl, Trafford. Funeral services will be conducted at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning in St. Benedict's Catholic church, in Carrolltown, and interment will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Marie Bender, Mrs. Marie Bender, aged 43 years, wife of Dennis Bender of East Carroll Township, died unexpectedly on Thursday morning of last week at the Bender home. Although she had been in failing health for some time, her death was unexpected. The former Marie Yeckley, and Dennis S. Bender, were married October 29th, 1918, in St. Benedict's Church, Carrolltown, and with the exception of a few months, had spent their entire married life on the Bender homestead. Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by fourteen children—Hayden, of Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Paul, serving with the Navy; Mrs. Cyde Farabaugh, of Loretto; Louella, of Cleveland, O.; Harold, a member of the air corps stationed in Nashville, Tenn., and Edward, Catherine, Elva, Dennis, Jr., Jane, Marion, Norman, James and Sherman, all at home.

Mrs. Bender was one of the best known residents of this section of the county, and her untimely death came as a blow to her many friends. She was a lifelong member of St. Benedict's Catholic church, Carrolltown, where a high mass of requiem was sung on Monday morning at 9 o'clock, with interment in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Bender was a member of the Altar and Rosary Societies of St. Benedict's Church, and of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Carrolltown Fire Company.

John T. Blair, John T. Blair, 79, well known resident of Ebensburg and active political worker, died on Saturday evening at his home after an illness of a month. Mr. Blair was court crier.

A native and life long resident of Ebensburg, Mr. Blair was born in 1864, a son of John A. and Jane Ann (Evans) Blair. His father was a former sheriff of Cambria county.

In 1916 the Ebensburg man was appointed stipstaff in the Cambria County Courts by Judge O'Connor and served in that capacity until 1942 when he was appointed court crier. He was a member of Holy Name Church, Ebensburg, where funeral services were held on Tuesday morning with interment in the church cemetery.

On Nov. 11, 1902, John T. Blair and Cecelia Mellon of Patton were united in marriage. Besides his widow the deceased is survived by seven children: Mrs. Helen McIntyre, of Johnstown; Mrs. Elizabeth Logue, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Virginia Beringer, Cherry Tree; Pfc. Leo, Camp Pickett, Va.; Mrs. Magdalene Price, Dearborn, Mich.; Sara, at home, and Mrs. Dorothy Owens, Ebensburg.

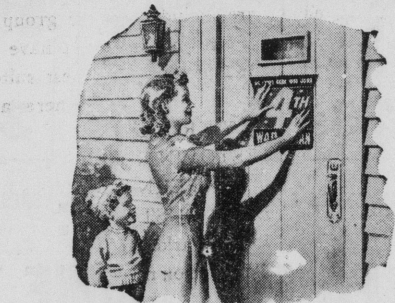
These brothers and sisters also survive: Mrs. M. D. Bearer and Mrs. William Horan, both of Johnstown; Mrs. L. E. Wilkinson, Ebensburg; Joseph R. Blair, Elyria, O., and Harry Blair, Barnesboro.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish, in this manner, to express our sincere appreciation to all those who assisted us in our recent bereavement, the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Marie Bender; for the spiritual bouquets, floral offerings, and use of automobiles. — Dennis Bender and Family.

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This is Your "Battle Flag" HERE AT HOME



Every patriotic American will want to display this emblem at home—on his front door or in his window. It is the red, white and blue sticker that says you have done your part in the 4th War Loan.



Display your colors now!

DURING this 4th War Loan Drive you are again asked to do something extra to help smash the Axis. Your part is to invest in at least one extra hundred dollar Bond. But don't stop there if you can do more. For remember—no matter how many Bonds you buy—no matter what denominations they are—you get back on maturity \$4 for every \$3 you invest. And that's on the word of Uncle Sam, creator of the

safest investment the world has ever known. So before you look into your wallet—LOOK INTO YOUR HEART. Your company, the place where you work, has been given a quota to meet in this 4th War Loan Drive. Do your part to help meet this quota. And remember, millions of America's fighters are waiting for your answer, your pledge that you are backing them to the limit.

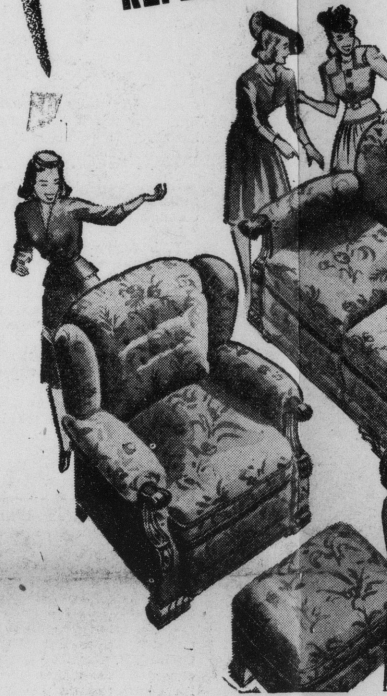
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