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THANK YOU!

The Editor takes this means of thanking his friends in the Democratic Party who, by their votes at the Primary Election on Tuesday, re-nominated him to be one of the three candidates of the party for re-election to the General Assembly in the Second District of Cambria County, and respectfully solicits the support of all voters at the General Election.

THOMAS A. OWENS.

NOW THAT THE PRIMARIES ARE over, and so little interest was displayed by the voters, that does not mean that the general election next November won't be a direct opposite of the polling of Tuesday. With both major parties already girding for the election of a president, despite the war, more and more interest will be created as the days, weeks and the months roll by. Of course, the actual campaigns won't start until after the conventions in early summer, but unless there are some rapid developments not now evidenced the issue will be between President Roosevelt and Governor Dewey of New York.

THERE WILL BE CHARGES AND counter-charges fly thick and fast. Whether the rank and file of the American people will pay much attention remains to be seen. Our guess is that, unless there is some major change in the war situation, the result of next fall's election won't be any different than if the general election had been held this week. Most folks, we believe, already have pretty well definitely decided where they stand. They are either for or against. And they will remain that way, despite all attempts of politicians to change their minds. The war has the whip-hand at this time. The war next November will still be the feature topic—not the election.

IT IS SO FOOLISH FOR SO MANY of us to complain about the little and even the big inconveniences we may have to suffer these days. We have it pretty soft, indeed, as compared to the boys who are, and have been fighting out in the far flung battlefronts. Were any one of those to have the living conditions of even the poorest of us, they would feel they were "living the life of Reilly." When we grumble and complain, we should be ashamed of ourselves—and the patriotic folks who have to listen to us likely have an impression that lowers our prestige a lot.

MOST OF THESE BOYS WHO ARE in the thick of battle, write letters that are cheerful to their home folks. They prove they are good Americans and the "cream of the crop" of soldiers. Though they may be suffering the torments of hell, they won't attempt to leave their loved ones at home know about it. Maybe a long time afterward, they'll drop a hint of what they've been through.

YET WE HAVE CHISELERS HERE at home who would look askance if you were to tell them as much. The chap who operates in black market gasoline, for example, whether he sells or buys it. The black market in gasoline has grown to huge proportions throughout the country. Experience has shown that limiting the gas supply or restricting the value of ration coupons cannot lick racketeering, and only through the constant help of most everybody, and cooperation of everybody will the "blood" money operators be exterminated.

WITH WAR NOW BEING ON THE verge of what may be several months' of its very bitterest stage, we, on the home front, in these good old United States, must all the more lend every help to the winning of early and ultimate victory. We must be fair with everyone. There isn't a reader of this column who hasn't heard complaints in his own home community of some neighbor or neighbors in that community, and their lack of interest in the war effort. It may be under the selective service subject. It may be just, or it may be unjust, or it may be, too, the neighbor with a "B" gasoline sticker, just the same as your own, who constantly keeps his car on the move, even though he has far less need of using his car than you. You know he's get-

ting a far greater supply of gasoline than his classification entitles him to. You feel it keenly, and you talk about him behind his back. It's too bad he doesn't hear it directly to his face, not only from you, but from all his neighbors.

THAT IS A CONDITION THAT EXISTS in most every town and hamlet in this nation. There are those who try and help for the common good—and there are those who feel that the regulations don't apply to them.

NEXT WEEK THE PENNSYLVANIA State Legislature will meet at Harrisburg for a five day session, (we hope), to liberalize the voting of the soldiers, sailors, marines and other war units. At this time the leaders of both parties seemingly are agreed that it should be a harmonious session, that there should be no politics, that the business should be accomplished in the shortest possible time—and that the legislators go home. There should be no change in this program. The party or individual who attempts a change should be repudiated by the people. This session of the legislature is called for a distinct purpose—to facilitate the easy voting of service people, regardless of where they are. The leaders of both major political parties are to be congratulated on their determination to keep it that way.

WE HAVE NOTICED IN THE news columns that the Patton Garden Study Club contemplates the beautifying of the corner lot where the Palmer House once stood. Surely every one in Patton will laud them for that ambition. It takes clubs like this—little civic clubs with a real purpose behind them—to make for the betterment of any community. The Patton Garden Study Club's members no doubt have had much real enjoyment out of their venture in the past few years of its organization. The fact that interest does not lag is proof that such is the case.

FATTON BOROUGH COUNCIL IS entirely right that delinquent tax properties should not be sold at absurdly low figures, and that at least the amount of the tax due exclusive of interest and other costs, should be realized. Citizens generally should have to serve on a tax fixing body such as school boards or councils, to realize the large amounts of taxable income that is lost through compromises entirely "out of reason."

THE RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR Unit will be back in Cambria county again during the summer months, and this time, we are informed, it will be located in both Patton and Barnesboro for a few days. It will give all an excellent opportunity to contribute that pint of blood for the much needed plasma that is saving so many thousands of our boys out in the front lines these days from an otherwise certain death.

KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS. It's the very least you can do here at home, to bring the boys back victorious at an early date.

LOCUSTS WILL NOT DAMAGE GARDENS

Victory gardeners need have no fear of crop damage from the 17 year locusts that are scheduled to visit various counties in Pennsylvania this year and next, according to Dr. T. L. Guyton, director, Bureau of Plant Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Seventeen year locusts, whose scientific name is periodical cicada, damage only trees and shrubs that have bark, but do not eat leaves of garden plants or vegetation of any kind. The female locust cuts slits in the bark or twigs in which to deposit their eggs. It is these slits that weaken twigs and small branches which frequently break and hang down. With the sap flow cut off, the leaves on the twig die. A tree that has large numbers of such injuries soon has the appearance of appearing dead on most outer branches.

About the only way to protect valuable young fruit trees or shrubs from locust damage is to cover them with mosquito netting or other cheap mesh during the approximately six weeks that the locust are active from late May to early July, Dr. Guyton says.

MINE OFFICIALS UNION TO MEET IN NANTY-GLO

Locals at North Cambria coal mines affiliated with the United Supervisory, Clerical and Technical Employees Union, will meet at 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon in the Nanty-Glo United Mine Workers Hall. John McAlpine of Pittsburgh, president of the mine union, will address the meeting which has been called to discuss activities of the locals in general. The mine union is an affiliate of District 50, of the U. M. W.

NOTICE

The Commissioners of Cambria County have agreed to sell at Private Sale the hereinafter described property for the sum of \$554.08, to Ambrose Pfeister, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth, approved the 29th day of July, 1941, P. L. 600.

The Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County has fixed May 9, 1944, at ten o'clock A. M., in the Court House, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, for a hearing on the petition for confirmation of said sale. The property to be sold was assessed in the name of A. B. Pfeister, as 100 Acres—Surf, in East Carroll Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, and was sold to the county on June 27, 1938.

The total amount of taxes, municipal claims, penalties, interest and costs due is \$1108.15. By Board of County Commissioners, H. F. DORR, Clerk.

NOTICE

The Commissioners of Cambria County have agreed to sell at Private Sale the hereinafter described property for the sum of \$30.00, to Louise A. Schissler, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth, approved the 29th day of July, 1941, P. L. 600.

The Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County has fixed May 9, 1944, at ten o'clock A. M., in the Court House, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, for a hearing on the petition for confirmation of said sale. The property to be sold was assessed in the name of James McCauley Est., as 1/2 acres Surf, in East Carroll Township, and was sold to the county on October 13, 1930.

The total amount of taxes, municipal claims, penalties, interest and costs due is \$48.45. By Board of County Commissioners, H. F. DORR, Clerk.

NOTICE

The Commissioners of Cambria County have agreed to sell at Private Sale the hereinafter described property for the sum of \$250.00, to Vincent Flora, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth, approved the 29th day of July, 1941, P. L. 600.

The Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County has fixed May 9, 1944, at ten o'clock A. M., in the Court House, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, for a hearing on the petition for confirmation of said sale. The property to be sold was assessed in the name of Susan Zurenko Est.; Annie Hoza, as 1 House and 1 Lot No. 6, in Barnesboro Boro, and was sold to the county on June 27, 1938.

The total amount of taxes, municipal claims, penalties, interest and costs due is \$498.78. By Board of County Commissioners, H. F. DORR, Clerk.

NOTICE

The Commissioners of Cambria County have agreed to sell at Private Sale the hereinafter described property for the sum of \$450.00, to Celestine E. Holtz and Eva Holtz, his wife, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved the 29th day of July, 1941, P. L. 600.

The Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County has fixed May 9, 1944, at ten o'clock A. M., in the Court House, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, for a hearing on the Petition for confirmation of said Sale. The property to be sold was assessed in the name of Celestine Holtz, as 72 Acres—Surf, in Susquehanna Township, and was sold to the county on January 15, 1941.

The total amount of taxes, municipal claims, penalties, interest and costs due is \$1119.25. By Board of County Commissioners, H. F. DORR, Clerk.

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