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**EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK ON** the Western European front, tend to show that the German is far from being whipped as yet. The war is not going to be over in any short time. The chaps who have been predicting an early end to European hostilities are mighty quiet. But some military supply experts in Washington tell Congressmen that the German supply situation is so acute the Germans probably can't last beyond March or April. But that's simply some "wishing" too. They believe that when the crack comes, it will come in the German military organization, and not on the home front. There is little doubt but that the home front morale is extremely low, but the Gestapo has an unshakable hold in the German cities.

**DEMOCRATS IN CAUCUS AT HARRISBURG**, Monday put a go sign to legislation which will shut off the relative contentment prevailing at the two legislative sessions so far held in Gov. Edward Martin's administration. The Democrats have been encouraged to adopt a more aggressive attitude because in the new House of Representatives the Republicans hold a bare majority of members. In the 1943 session, the House line-up was 136 to 76, there being two vacancies. In the session to convene on Jan. 2, the Republicans will have 108 votes, on paper, and the Democrats, 100. But the Republicans will be short at least one member who is in the armed forces, and maybe two. The Democrats are also short one representative. With this shaky Republican majority, the Democrats are in a better position to spar and bargain.

**THE PLAN OF GOVERNOR MARTIN** to re-enact the State's emergency tax program, which nets more than two hundred million dollars every two years, may precipitate a bitter fight in the forthcoming legislative session. Instead of endorsing the Republican administration's entire emergency tax program, which the Governor deems necessary to carry out post-war improvements, Democratic leaders are contemplating demanding a \$62,000,000 reduction in emergency and so-called nuisance taxes. Although the Democratic leadership has formulated no concrete fiscal program as yet, it is represented of being of the opinion that with an anticipated \$170,000,000 surplus, the first step to be taken by the administration should be the abolition of all emergency luxury and nuisance taxes. In this group they place the two cent cigarette, 10 per cent liquor sales, foreign and domestic loans taxes and the levies on shares of banks and of trust companies, both permanent and emergency, which yield a total of \$62,000,000 every biennium.

**DEMOCRATS ARE REPORTED FAVORABLE** to the governor's proposal to retain the one-cent emergency gasoline tax, provided the funds are allocated to local governmental subdivisions during the period of the war and the corporate net income and utilities gross receipts levies. These three levies net the state more than \$150,000,000 biennially.

**IF THE TAX FIGHT BREAKS OUT**, and most political observers believe it is almost certain to occur, the scene of battle will be in the House of Representatives, where the Republican majority is only three more than the necessary 105 votes for a constitutional margin to enact legislation. So close is the House line-up where all tax measures must originate, that any slight defection within the Republican bloc may unbalance the Administration's fiscal program and also plunge the legislature into a deadlock for weeks.

**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WAS** re-elected for a fourth term over Governor Thomas E. Dewey by a plu-

rality of 3,577,052 votes a tabulation of the complete official canvass of the 48 states, shows. The President received 53.35 per cent of the total vote cast in the Nov. 7 election. The final official returns were Roosevelt 25,594,822; Dewey, 22,017,707; Thomas, 78,960; Teichert, 45,198; Watson, 74,719; and scattering, 157,394; making the total vote cast, 47,968,800. Mr. Roosevelt's popular vote margin over Wendell Wilkie in 1940 was 4,938,711; over Alf Landon 10,797,090 in 1936, and over Herbert Hoover, 7,060,016, in 1932. In 1940 the President's percentage of the total popular vote cast was 54.68; in 1936 it was 60.19, and in 1932 it was 57.32.

**HAVING BEEN ADVISED BY MAJ.** Gen. Philip Hayes, commanding general of the Third Service Command, that the war and navy departments recognize the possibility of a robot attack upon vital areas along the Atlantic sea board, Governor Martin has asked the State Civilian Defense forces to be on the alert to meet any emergency which might arise. He said that if such an attack should come, it will be without warning and it would be imprudent not to be prepared.

**A BI-PARTISAN CONFERENCE** was held on Tuesday of this week on call of Governor Martin at Harrisburg to consider necessary amendments to the state's soldier voting law. The present G. I. vote law, adopted at a special session of the legislature early this year, does not include provisions for soldier voting in next year's primary elections. The measure had been drafted by a bipartisan legislative committee.

**PINE TOWNSHIP NEWS**  
Mentcle — Heilwood — Alverda.

**MENTCLE**—By Phyllis Furguele. Father Murphy has announced that Catechism instructions for the children will not be held this coming Saturday but if the weather permits will be resumed the Saturday following Christmas. Masses for Christmas will be at midnight on Christmas Eve and at nine and ten o'clock on Christmas Day. Parents of all grade school children are urged to keep the children away from the mid-night mass. The second mass at nine o'clock is for all the children.

The No. 11 mine remained idle one day last week while heavy snow blanketed the entire area, prohibiting many workers from getting to their jobs.

Mrs. Samuel Furguele has returned to Mentcle after spending the past week in Baltimore while her husband was stationed at a nearby army camp.

Mr. Dan Bozzer suffered an injury in a minor accident several days ago while at work in the No. 11 mine in Mentcle. He is reported doing very well at the present time.

Mr. Paul Bucci of Nanty-Glo and Miss Helen Falcone called at the Furguele home here the past week end.

**HEILWOOD**—by Madelyn Della Valle  
Mrs. William Lewis of Heilwood

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**PROPERTY FOR SALE OR RENT**—Lazor property; two rooms and cellar; 2 lots, located at Ashcroft, Patton, Pa. Telephone Barnesboro 530R11. 6t

**FUR COATS REMODELED** and repaired. See Mrs. R. H. Sharbaugh, Carrolltown, Pa.

**LOST**—Dec. 4th, two hounds, one male, one female, brown and black. No license. Notify Ben Sperry, 634 Magee avenue, Patton, Pa.

**FOR SALE**—One Table and one baby carriage. Inquire of Mrs. A. Hofer, 415 Palmer Avenue, Patton. 3t

**WANTED TO RENT**—Two or three furnished or unfurnished rooms, by serviceman's wife and child. Mrs. Herbert Stevens, 501 South Sixth Ave., Patton, Pa.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** with your name and printed personal stationery orders filled on 24-hour notice as long as our stock lasts. Eagle Printing Co., Barnesboro, Pa., Phone 118.

**CHRISTMAS TREES** for sale. Scotch pine. Cut your own. \$1.00 each. J. C. McGough, Dysart, Pa., R. D. Route 136. 1t

**FOUND**—Serviceman's identification bracelet, Glenn L. Speidel. Inquire 117 Mellon avenue, Patton. 3t

**FOR SALE**—Lionel Electric Train Set, A-1 condition; consists of one locomotive, and four cars, one signalman; two electrically operated switches; one uncoupler; 1 transformer, one cross-over track, one 24 in. Metal Bridge; one composition bridge; 13 sections straight track; 13 sections curved track. Price \$25.00. Henry Jolly Jr., 800 Palmer avenue, Patton, Pa.

**FURNISHED APARTMENT** for rent. Three rooms and private bath, Palmer avenue, Patton. Telephone Barnesboro 238-R. 2t.

**FOR SALE**—Child's "Health-Rider" Toy Horse; in good condition. Reasonably priced. Inquire Phone 2733, Patton.



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**  
and Best Wishes for  
**A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

THE OLD TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS STRONG AND BRIGHT. SHINING THROUGH THE CHAOS OF WAR, AS THE PROMISE OF PEACE DRAWS NEARER. AND SO, WE SEND GREETINGS TO YOU, WITH THE SINCERE WISH THAT, IN SPITE OF WAR AND ITS SEPARATIONS, THIS CHRISTMAS MAY HOLD FOR YOU MANY GOOD THINGS . . . AND THAT THE UNITED EFFORTS OF ALL OF US IN THE YEAR AHEAD MAY HASTEN THE DAY WHEN YOUR DREAMS OF VICTORY, OF REUNIONS, AND OF HAPPINESS MAY ALL COME TRUE.

**Wolf Furniture Co.**  
Barnesboro, Pa.

was a Barnesboro caller recently. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Minsor of Fenn Run were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Gressley and family.

Sgt. Delmont Gressley, formerly stationed in England, is now somewhere in France. Word has been received by Steve Cosordas and daughter Julia that his son has been sent overseas.

Miss Mildred Graham and Joseph Cook of Ebensburg were callers at the Trinkley home recently.

Mrs. I. Trinkley has received word that her brother Sgt. Wilbur Graham is in the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ganoe and family Joan and Thomas were callers at the home of Mrs. Graham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lidwell of Ashville.

The Protestant church of Heilwood is giving its annual Christmas program December 24 at 7:30 p. m. The directors are: Miss Nellie Donahue, Joan Lowry, Joan McArdle and Louise Jusko.

Mr. Ellmore of Heilwood has moved his family to Indiana. He is still employed at Heilwood.

Mr. Learn, principal of Pine Twp. high school, and son, Richard, are visitors at Harrisburg with Mrs. Learn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross. He is attending the Board of Education convention.

Miss J. Alene Grattan of Portage and Mr. Faust Portella of New York City, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans and family.

Capt. James Smith of Ebensburg visited at the William Jackson home recently. He is stationed at Ozark, Ala. He was also a former student of Mrs. Jackson when she was a teacher before her marriage.

Mrs. Harry Stahl and Mrs. William Jackson were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Margaret Coy of the Manor (near Penns Run).

Mr. Harold Lesure of Marion Center was a caller at the William Jackson home recently.

Mr. George Jackson was an Indiana caller recently.

Mr. Lewis Krevall of Cherry Tree was a recent caller at the Jackson home.

Keep on buying bonds. The need of doing it is self-evident. This war still is far, far from won.

**STATE EMPLOYERS MAY LOSE EXPERIENCE RATING BENEFITS, BY DEC. 31ST**

Loss of experience rating benefits under the unemployment compensation law face Pennsylvania employers who fail to file and pay all contribution reports for the first three quarters of 1944 by December 31 of this year, and fourth quarter reports by January 31, 1945.

This is one of the mandatory requirements to insure the continuation of a reduced rate under employer experience rating for the year 1945, or to have a reduced rate initially granted.

These final dates are emphasized by the Bureau of Employment and Unemployment Compensation in order to give employers the opportunity of taking full advantage of the experience rating features of the act.

The Bureau also explained that if an employer acquires a business, if there is a change in corporate entity or partnership, the successor-interest, if his rate privilege is to be protected, must notify the Bureau in 30 days of the transfer and make request on suitable form for the experience of the predecessor in the transaction.

**NOTICE.**

The Commissioners of Cambria County have agreed to sell at Private Sale the hereinafter described property for the sum of \$500.00, to Calvin B. Stine, 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, Pa., has fixed Dec. 29, 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 Fallen Timber Coal Company as 1 A Prop. No. 266; 1 H and 1 L, Prop. No. 269; 1 H and 2 Prop No. 270; 1 H No. 3 Prop. No. 271; 1 H No. 4, Prop. No. 272; 1 H and 1 L, No. 5, Prop. No. 273; 1 L No. 57, Prop. No. 274; 1 H No. 58, Prop. No. 275; 1 H No. 59, Prop. No. 276; 1 H No. 60,

Prop. 277; 1 H No. 47, Prop. No. 278; 1 H Prop. No. 279; 1 H No. 49, Prop. No. 280; 1 H No. 50, Prop. No. 281; 1 H No. 51, Prop. No. 282; 1 H No. 52, Prop. No. 283; 1 H No. 53, Prop. No. 284; 1 H No. 53, Prop. No. 285; 40 A Minl. Prop. No. 287; 1 H No. 8, Prop. No. 289; 1 H No. 9, Prop. No. 290; 1 H No. 10, Prop. No. 291; 1 H No. 11, Prop. No. 292; 1 H No. 12, Prop. No. 293; 1 H No. 13, Prop. No. 294; 1 H No. 14, Prop. No. 295; 1 H

No. 15, Prop. No. 296; 1 H No. 16, Prop. No. 297; 1 H No. 17, Prop. No. 298; 1 H No. 18, Prop. No. 299; 1 H No. 19, Prop. No. 300; 1 H No. 20, Prop. No. 301; 8 A Minl. Prop. No. 288; in Reade Township, and was sold to the county on April 4, 1938.

The total amount of taxes, municipal claims, penalties, interest and costs due is \$6,842.65.

By Board of County Commissioners.  
H. F. DORR, Clerk.



Please help keep LONG DISTANCE circuits clear for necessary calls on December 24, 25 and 26.

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA