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EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT

THE EDITOR OF A NEWSPAPER can find himself "in wrong" frequently when he accepts news items that have come through the mails signed, but even the most simple news item submitted to us, and unsigned, must be ignored. We won't publish your name, but we must know the origin of the news matter. We invite your news items, but ask you authenticate them.

SOME FOLKS JUST DO NOT realize that sometimes the simple little joke they attempt to put into print may be cause of embarrassment or heartache to others, when it is simply not intended as such. Particularly among young people is the "prankster" the most numerous, and he or she makes some friend or acquaintance suffer as a result. For instance, never report news stories to us, wherein the contents of that "innocent" little story may cause ill feeling because of its publication. Stick to the facts. Never have a boy and girl "engaged" when they are not. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

WE GET ALL KINDS OF UN-solicited communications in our mail, and for the most part they are designed to cause misery or trouble for another. Intelligent readers may find it hard to believe that in the course of our experience we've had slanderous letters, libelous letters, filthy letters, and malicious letters of many types—all intended for publication by the folks who were far too cowardly to sign them. And we've had lots of visitors in the 25 years we have edited this newspaper who have endeavored to get us to publish this and that bit of rather questionable news, with the implicit proviso of "but don't mention my name." In other words there are a certain number of people who want the editor to be the goat for them. We can usually manage to unintentionally get ourselves into trouble without inviting it.

PARTICULARLY IN THE MATTER of local politics is the editor

invited to take sides, and to make enemies for himself. Usually such folks are the editor's friends, and don't realize, too, that the very fellows they ask him to "write-up" and oppose" also are his friends. The editor and his staff must eat and must endeavor to keep friends—not lose them.

THE MUD OF THE FOXHOLES, the whine of the shells and the monotony of "canned" rations is past for most of the combat troops in Europe. Contact with the enemy is imminent, but not from the standpoint of tactics. The proximity of the German Wehrmacht is realized only by a view of the Prisoner of War cages set up throughout the occupied German State. The Army is doing its best to make things a bit more pleasant for the men who are now "sweating it out" in Europe. Service clubs and theatres afford places for these men to get together, recreation and movies are deviating their tired persons from the strain of physical combat. To keep them from becoming listless and restless, athletic programs are gathering momentum, and the old right arm is stiff from throwing baseballs and horse-shoes, not hand grenades and mortar rounds. The Army Educational program has found a spot in the soldier's daily life. Enrollment in vocational training, academic courses and in recreational activities have afforded opportunities to keep minds alert. Maybe your boy is one these.

WHEN WILL THERE BE PEACE with Japan? Senator Capehart of Indiana as quoted last week as saying he had been "reliably informed" that Japan has "made offers of peace which would be acceptable to me personally." Remarkable he was not at liberty to disclose reported terms, he asked, "If the Japanese promised to give up all territory they have conquered, including Manchuria, wouldn't that be all right?" Well, would it? True, any sort of peace has a very strong appeal. Certainly it would save many lives if we do not look beyond the immediate future. But

is it conceivable that criminals responsible for such horrors at Bataan, Corregidor, the March of Death, Manila, Shanghai—the list is endless—should be allowed to escape punishment for their dastardly crimes? Are the Nipponese militarists to be allowed to "save face" before their own people? Each individual is privileged to answer one question according to his own view. For the most part, we imagine people are saying, "Are you kidding, Senator?"

STATEMENTS AS TO PLANS for the war in the Pacific recently made by Gen. Marshall may have been read with mixed emotions. But there could be nothing mixed in the agreement with his outline of a strategy to win the final victory at the lowest possible blood cost. His reference to "a swift, powerful offensive" to hasten a reduction in the size of the army "very soon" may have been interpreted by some wishful thinkers as his expectation of an early end of the war. Others may have been depressed by his estimate that 2,700,000 tons of bombs will be dropped on Japan "next year." Those to whom every moment of the prolongation of the war is an agony of anxiety are apt to regard another year of bombing as an infinity of waiting.

ANOTHER YEAR OR MORE does seem long, but, even so, no one conceivably could want to shorten the bombing of Japan by as much as a minute if the ultimate result will be saving of American lives. And, that such preparations will save lives when invasion day comes has been proved elsewhere beyond the possibility of question. So, if the bombing takes one, two, or five years longer, there must be no impatience. The pay-off will be the American fighting men who come home from the softened invasion beachheads.

CIVILIAN INDUSTRY IS NOW getting its first start but will pick up speed slowly, as indicated in the Vinson report submitted to the President and Congress on the first day of July. Results of reconversion won't show up until retail shelves begin holding same. But some small consumer durables will come back somewhat faster than the report indicated. Most small electrical appliances, like toasters, shavers, cigarette lighters, and refrigerators, electric ranges, and washing machines will be in production soon, but essential uses like hospitals will take most of this year's output. Electric irons will be available shortly, but electric fans won't be back until next year. Vacuum cleaners will be slow due to a bottleneck in textiles for bags. Oh, yes, domestic whiskey will be plentiful for the holidays. The scarcest type will be bourbon—corn is short.

STEPS ARE UNDER WAY FOR the introduction of an instrumental music department and a band in the Patton Schools. The ultimate success, and the continued success, also, of such a venture demands the hearty cooperation of parents, particularly, as well as the entire community. Do your part in this civic and school project.

SEN. JOHN J. HALUSKA INFORMS THAT:

Matters of Interest to Northern Cambria Folks As Viewed by Press-Courier Contributor

AS WE LIVE TODAY.

How often do we stop to analyze the lives of people who are successful in life? Do we give credit for their accomplishments, or do we, as most people do, just sit back and find fault and criticize them? The latter seems to be the great weakness of humanity. To be successful one must plan far in advance, must be honest and courteous, and must, above all, adjust himself to his own limitations and the ordinary knocks of life with a smile.

Just to bring our story to a successful conclusion, let us analyze the business life of one of our own local businessmen this week. For a good illustration, we have chosen the firm of Mertens Bakery in Patton. The writer has known the owner of this establishment for the past thirty years. About 25 years ago we had the privilege of working in the coal mines with Mr. Mertens. We recall that 2,700,000 tons of bombs will be dropped on Japan "next year." Those to whom every moment of the prolongation of the war is an agony of anxiety are apt to regard another year of bombing as an infinity of waiting.

His neighbors did not patronize him, it seems, because he was a local boy. He was compelled to canvass Clearfield and Blair counties to sell his merchandise. He found it tough going—often times unable to meet his payroll for several months. His ordinary money had been tossed in the sponge, but not Mr. Mertens. He kept right on working, day and night, until finally the people of Patton and adjacent communities realized that he meant business and that he did produce a good product. Today, Mertens Bakery is a great asset to Patton, having a total investment of around \$75,000.

How many people of this day and age would venture out and take the abuses and punishment as did Mr. Mertens? No, many of us are sure—but most of us will venture out to find every little fault that others might have, and rather than being helpful, we try to tear down anyone who is trying to make good in life. This is the saddest of the many cases surrounding us, and we expect to touch on other cases within this column as time goes on. Some of our readers may wonder by this time why all this explaining. Our point is only one. Let us not find time to criticize our fellowman, but let us give a helping hand to any person who has the courage to make good in life. Let us resolve to patronize our local businessmen, and try to encourage others to do the same. Our little community, only by that method can Patton prosper and live on. We must provide now for our children who will take our places in life, as we move on to a better, but unknown, hereafter.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters from Our Readers Do Not Reflect Our Opinions.

IN PRAISE OF A SOLDIER. Headquarters, 93rd Evacuation Hospital, Semimobile, APO 758, U. S. Army.

Editor Press-Courier: It is with great pride that this hospital desires to inform your newspaper of outstanding achievements of T-3 Mike Prebillo, a resident of your community, while serving with the organization T-3 Prebillo of June 25, 1945, was decorated with the bronze star medal by the undersigned for his services as Chief Technician of the X-ray department of this hospital.

For your information, the citation awarded by Headquarters Seventh Army, is quoted below: "Mike Prebillo, 33174457, Technician Third Grade, Medical Department, 93rd Evacuation Hospital Semimobile, for meritorious services in direct support of combat operations from 24 April, 1943, to 24 April, 1945, in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Technician Third Grade Prebillo has functioned in a superior manner as an X-ray Technician. Through his outstanding performance has contributed greatly to the success this hospital has attained. His devotion to duty, competence and willingness to meet emergencies by working selflessly for extended periods of time in the presence of physical danger, are in keeping with the finest standards of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Patton, Pennsylvania.

Other outstanding highlights in the military career of this soldier are:

He was inducted on March 14th, 1942, at Fort George G. Meade, Md., and rose from the rank of Private to that of Technician 3rd grade (Staff Sgt.) in a period of 20 months.

T-3 Prebillo has seen service in North Africa, Italy, Sicily, France and Germany. During this period of service he has been awarded 6 battle participation stars to be worn on the European Theater Ribbon. These battle stars were awarded for participation in 6 major

PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS



campaigns against the German army. Also the Bronze Star Arrowhead has been awarded for an assault D-day landing on enemy held shores. In addition to the above named awards, T-3 Prebillo has been awarded the Gold Conduct Medal for his services as a well-disciplined, energetic soldier of the United States Army. DONALD E. CURRIER, Colonel, M. C., Commanding.

BRIEFLY COMMENTING

Thoughts That May or May Not Interest You Discussed from Week to Week.

LATELY A NUMBER OF NORTH county towns have been entertained by carnivals, and in at least one of the towns the comment of the local newspaper has not been very laudatory on the visit of the entertainers. Usually these concerns are brought into a community with the proceeds for the benefit of some civic or other organization, but the proceeds so realized are perhaps as negligible as compared to the money that goes out of the community. As a general rule, too, despite all claims to the contrary, an influence left by some of these traveling concerns is not made quite as negligible as by the youngsters. But well liked always have the carnivals with us. So the only remedy is that the local sponsors of such movements insist and personally see to it that the entertainment is kept clean.

BINGO PARTIES ARE ON THE taboo in Cambria county, it appears. The district attorney's office is cracking down on them. Possibly down in Johnstown there have been individuals who have made quite a handsome racket of bingo parties, but up here in the north of the county, at least, these parties have been sponsored, for the benefit of fire companies, and churches, and there has been no complaint. However, if they were not conducted honestly, to many people, mostly women, we'll agree, bingo offered about the only entertainment they had. Unless they became fanatical enthusiasts at the diversion, they probably never won very much money. Like, in everything else, some people overindulged in bingo, but they were the exceptions and not the rule.

AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE IN the last session of the legislature to legalize bingo in the state, but there were so many of the rural county legislators from the central and northern sections of the state opposed to it, that it failed of passage. In view of the fact that there are many other "sports" no worse than bingo legalized, if not in Pennsylvania, at least in other states, we can't see the logic of closing down the games that are sponsored by upright institutions. Any game, even the whole some baseball game, can be made a gambling sport. And is made so. The betting on ball games, and money's lost that way, too. Why not leave the women play bingo, if they want to?

FAR BE IT FROM US TO PRE-tend we are "dry" in thought. We believe that it is every man's (or woman's) right to make their personal habits their own business and that legislation to change any such right gets nowhere. However, we do legalize the sale of intoxicating drinks in Pennsylvania, and we can't help see the money spent and the results obtained by some who don't practice moderation, but we can't judge the entire group of moderate drinkers, by the few who go to excess. Neither should we judge the moderate binger by the few who have become fanatical gamblers and neglect everything in the way of home duties because of it.

ONE PLEASANT SURPRISE OF July Fourth of 1945, has been the report that it was one of the safest on the highways in Cambria county in the past decade or two. State police sub-stations in not only Cambria county, but from Somerset, Indiana and Bedford as well, said that not one automobile accident was reported to them during the holiday. Surely that is something to be grateful about. There were a great many cars on the road, too—at least as many or more than in the past two Independence days. A loosening up of the gasoline rationing was responsible for that. However, from per-

sonal observation of driving, we still would maintain that the absence of all accidents came more as a matter of luck, than as the practice of carefulness on the part of some drivers.

THEY ARE THE POOR HOUSEWIFE. Right next door to our office is a food store. Every once in a while housewives obtain the knowledge that the store will have meat in stock on a certain day. And in the eve, morning hours, the line starts forming—from one to two hours before the store opens for the day. There's nothing else they can do about it if they want meat, for the policy is a just one, that of first come, first served. And then for so long, too, butter was scarce, and to get a pound of butter was somewhat like obtaining a brick of gold. Now the butter is on the shelves, but the OPA has the coveted red points up so high on its purchase that the thrifty housewife ignores the butter in order to protect her meat problem. Surely the OPA can do something to reduce the points on butter.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF people, mostly women, who are living in your own community, who most every day are giving of their time and effort in the cause of aiding others, and who are doing it cheerfully. Most of their own neighbors know little about it, but to many who are in need of their services they are sometimes a Godsend. They are the home service chairmen in each local community of the American Red Cross. You have them everywhere—here in Patton, in Hastings, Barnesboro, Carrolltown and all over. They are the direct contact agents between the folks at home and their boys in the service. To help work out the problems that are always coming up. They give freely of their time and usually take an intense and active interest in every case that has the merit of attention, and likewise can pretty well weed out the fraudulent from the good.

NONE OF THESE WOMEN IN Red Cross Home Service would want publicity personally. They have their payment for duties performed in the satisfaction of helping others, and they get those opportunities each day. They may make a few mistakes from time to time, but never intentionally. They are confronted with practically every problem that comes up between men and women in service, and their loved ones at home, investigations of necessity for furloughs, even from far distant parts of the globe. But, after several years on the job since the beginning of the war, they are now pretty capable of discerning what is right, what is wrong. They are the unheard heroines on the home front. Most folks who have had to engage their services know them well, and are eternally thankful.

SO YOU READ IN THE PAPERS that there are 691,018 new passenger automobiles to be built under authorization of the WPB in the nine months beginning from July 1st, and you have already started envisioning the new car you hope soon to drive. Well, don't be too sure of that. There already is an acute shortage of five million cars, and registrations are four million fewer than at the time of Pearl Harbor. Almost all of these authorized new cars will be rationed to essential users, including doctors and war workers. By the end of next year (not this year) your chances may be brighter, because 2,000,000 or so cars will be authorized for the end of 1946. So you, who are the so-called non-essential user, will have to continue to nurse the old bus with even more than the customary care. And you have still an even more troublesome problem on your hands and that is obtaining new tires. These new cars will require 3,455,000, and that is going to take a lot of rubber that you might have gotten for your bus. So just keep on attending to the ailments of the car you have, and you'll be able to keep on moving on wheels.

FOURTH OF JULY PICNICS in this section were well attended, and the greatest patronage was realized in the meals served. It was likely an attribution to the food rationing that caused so many families to tie themselves off to a picnic meal. But it taxed to capacity the women who served the meals at the picnic, and it even taxed the supply of food prepared. Some folks waited several hours for "their turn" at the tables. And did it uncomplainingly. The old-time picnic gripping and growling

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about service wasn't evident. The patrons were all anxious to get ment dinner, when they couldn't obtain such at a home meal.