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EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT

WILL THE REPUBLICANS ever learn? The campaign in Pittsburgh last week was a repetition of the same old methods that have cast them into oblivion in the National campaigns for at least three Presidential campaigns. It was a campaign of fault-finding of Democratic rule, with nothing constructive to offer themselves but wordy generalities. Maybe the same tactics were employed to some extent here in Cambria County, and down in Washington Republican Senators have started a "smear" campaign against President Truman. Looks as if G. O. P. leaders aren't going to do anything constructive for their party in the near future anyway.

IN VIEWING THE ELECTION returns in some of the heretofore Republican administered Boroughs in Cambria County, and

finding Democrats unseating the G. O. P. stalwarts, one cannot but wonder the reason. And there must be a reason. When lip-sided G. O. P. communities go Democratic that means there have to be Republicans who vote Democratic. Can it be that a lot of voters feel the Democrats are a bit nearer the thoughts of the rank and file of the common people? We wouldn't presume to hazard a guess.

POSTMASTER GENERAL BOB Hannigan's revelation that the Government is considering sending all first-class mail by air should come as no surprise to anyone who has followed the rapid advance of low-cost air transportation. Those who have investigated the possibilities declare such a program will doubtless be economically feasible within the next three or four years. Meanwhile, they argue, the

additional cost would be justified in that it would enable the United States to maintain its lead in aircraft development.

IF IT WOULDN'T HAVE happened before we would not even think of mentioning it. However, about once every two years, the morning after election the return sheet on the door of the First Ward voting precinct at the Patton Fire Hall is removed, appropriated, taken, and is simply not there. There surely is some penalty somewhere or other on the statute books for a depredation of this kind.

WHAT CAN'T BE UNDERSTOOD is why some individual in his desire to learn the election returns simply has the thought and desire to think of himself alone, and the devil with the rest of the folks. The only way this newspaper had of obtaining the election returns for publication last week was by securing the figures from one of the election officials who had copied the results before the return sheet had been posted. Not we alone, but a lot of other folks, would like to learn who removes these sheets, and sometime or other the guilty one will be apprehended.

THERE ARE SOME THINGS happening that make war a lot harder on some of the G.I.'s and Gobs. Recently we received a letter from a G.I. in the Pacific who was pretty bitter in his comment about the way things developed for a lot of his buddies back here in the States, and he wrote that on his ship alone he knew of a score of married men who had received mail in which their wives had requested divorces, or in which they had learned of unfaithfulness of their spouses. Of course, this has been the exception, and not the

rule, but there are too many exceptions.

A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO A Pittsburgh newspaper published some figures and some causes of divorces in Allegheny County. We have the figures in our own county, but what happens in Allegheny probably has the same proportion elsewhere. Causes of divorce mostly develop from both sides of the case. Maybe it was too many veiled ladies in North Africa, too much money recklessly spent by the wife at home, or maybe the wife has acquired other interests while the husband has been away.

ANYWAY, DIVORCE SUITS IN Allegheny County are averaging about 75 a week, and pretty nearly all of them are between servicemen and their wives. None of the divorces are contested. Husbands get too much liquid refreshment and brag to their wives of their experiences overseas—feminine experiences, of course. But mostly it is just the other way around. It's the disillusioned serviceman returning home and finding the wife has been stepping out, or has been squandering the money, and who has refused to accept the rather crab life faithfulness to the husband imposed.

"HURRY-UP" WEDDINGS TOOK place before a lot of the servicemen went overseas—weddings in which the contracting parties knew one another perhaps but a few weeks—and a lot of those weddings are not sticking. More than 8,000 divorce cases were filed in Allegheny County during the past year.

METAL TOYS WILL COST 10 percent more this Christmas than in 1944—if you can find any metal toys. That increase has been allowed by the OPA to all manu-

facturers reconverting to metal toys. But Santa Claus, it seems, is having reconversion troubles, too. Most of the toys under the Christmas tree this year, a glance at the toy shops reveals, will be the same old wartime substitutes. Wood, plastic and glass are the predominant materials.

TOYS DURING THE WAR HAVE been only substitutes of what were obtainable before, but the children had the same pleasure out of what Santa brought them. There will be a Santa Claus again this year. What he will bring will bring happiness just the same, even though it may not be an electric train. Next year will be different.

IN LOOKING OVER ELECTION returns of last week one can easily determine that the voter no more sticks to the theory of voting a straight ticket. In spite of the fact that the Democrats had a glorious victory in the county-wide election, a review of a number of the municipal elections shows great upsets, and split tickets were the rule. Some of the boroughs in the county elected men of the party label who had the minority of registration. It seemed to be a year of municipal election upsets. Some of the results were very close—so close, in fact, that it will take the soldier vote to decide them. No longer can the political orator preach the voting of a straight ticket, and expect the public to believe him. That day seems to be past. The average voter looks over his ballot, picks the candidates of his choice, and votes accordingly.

IN LATE YEARS THERE HAS been a lot of confusion as to when Thanksgiving Day should be observed, and a couple of years ago it was decided by Congress that it would be the fourth Thursday in

November. That seemed well and good, but this year there are five Thursdays in this month, and the old custom of the last Thursday in the month will continue to be observed by a few of the states, mostly those in the South. However, Governor Martin has issued a proclamation declaring that Thursday, Nov. 22, will be observed as the holiday in Pennsylvania. So that's that!

NATURALLY, THIS SHOULD BE the most "thankful" Thanksgiving we have observed for the past several years. The Governor says: "By Divine favor we have been granted victory over those who plotted in darkness to destroy all that we hold sacred. Through God's mercy our nation has been guided safely through the perils of war." Yes, indeed, in most every home we can be thankful.

BUT THERE ARE HOMES, TOO, where there can't help but be bitterness. They are the households where there are absent loved ones who never will return from the global war. There are many of them in every community. Wars pay no dividends, except the dividends of suffering, distress and death. Surely, in all this talk about the "next" war, there should rather be talk about making certain there isn't going to be a "next" war.

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

IT IS A BIT DISCONCERTING, indeed, to pick up one of our Northern Cambria weeklies and note that because we publish a bit earlier in the week than our neighbors we find much of our county correspondence pilfered, some of it paraphrased, and still more of it published word for word, as it appeared in our own paper. Last week the Barnesboro Star published, without paraphrasing, a small letter of Chest Springs news that was actually written in our own shop; took a liberal portion of our Hastings letter; helped itself to Eskerton notes, etc., etc. In fact, they've been swiping our news for several weeks. Pretty poor newspaper ethics!

WE'VE BEEN PUBLISHING A newspaper in Patton for more than a quarter of a century. We at one time published Fridays, and naturally other weeklies reached our desk before our press time. We can truthfully say that anytime we copied news from our weekly contemporaries, it was published the following week—not the week of current issue.

WE PAY CORRESPONDENTS and have paid them for years for their efforts. We pay them for whatever space they fill acceptable to us. And we pay them in CASH. We just don't send them our paper, and maybe give them a box of candy at Christmas time. You can imagine what explanation we gave one of our correspondents when she called us on the phone last Friday and wanted to know why, when she was being paid for writing for our newspaper only, she also saw her contributions in the Barnesboro Star. We suggested she call the Editor of that paper for an explanation. But we also gave her our own version of matters—which was a simple one, indeed. None of our correspondents are permitted to write for other newspapers, and they strictly adhere to that policy.

CIRCULATION OF THE UNION Press-Courier is a concrete, staple, healthy affair. It is sold on a yearly paid-up-in-advance subscription basis. True, a few hundred papers are sold by newsboys, but any newspaperman, or any intelligent advertiser, can tell you pretty quickly the latter method is not healthy circulation. Wet weather can hurt it immeasurably, and you can easily picture what happens in times like we had last winter. Uncle Sam manages to get his mail through. But do you think small boys will do that?

AND THE PAPER THAT MAKES claims of having "nearly twice the circulation" of any weekly in Northern Cambria County might well define the word "nearly." Advertisers—those who really are interested in seeking a medium that is read because its readers desire it, and pay for its coming through the mails—will be given free access to our circulation books. Our weekly newspaper weight charges for mailing in the Patton Postoffice are so far in excess of any other Northern Cambria weekly that even comparison is unnecessary.

THE PAPER PUBLISHED IN A nearby town that claims to be "One of Pennsylvania's Greatest Weeklies" doesn't seem to have anyone who is capable of writing editorial opinion except about "Beautiful Autumn," or the significance of some holiday. No paper is great that hasn't the greatness within its columns to voice its policies, and its opinions, be they right or wrong, in every issue. Surely a town the size of Barnesboro deserves a newspaper that will at least attempt to promote Barnesboro's many advantages. Up to this time we've been viewing the "Star's" claims and antics with considerable amusement—but when they stoop to stealing our news in order to bolster their claim of "giving all the news," that's serious with us.

FROM THE WRITINGS OF E. W. Scripps we read that when newspapers place themselves in the position of the profit of circulation being a mere incident, while advertising becomes the main feature of business the situation becomes intolerable and diametrically opposed to those business principles which have made the business a possibility.

DO YOU KNOW?
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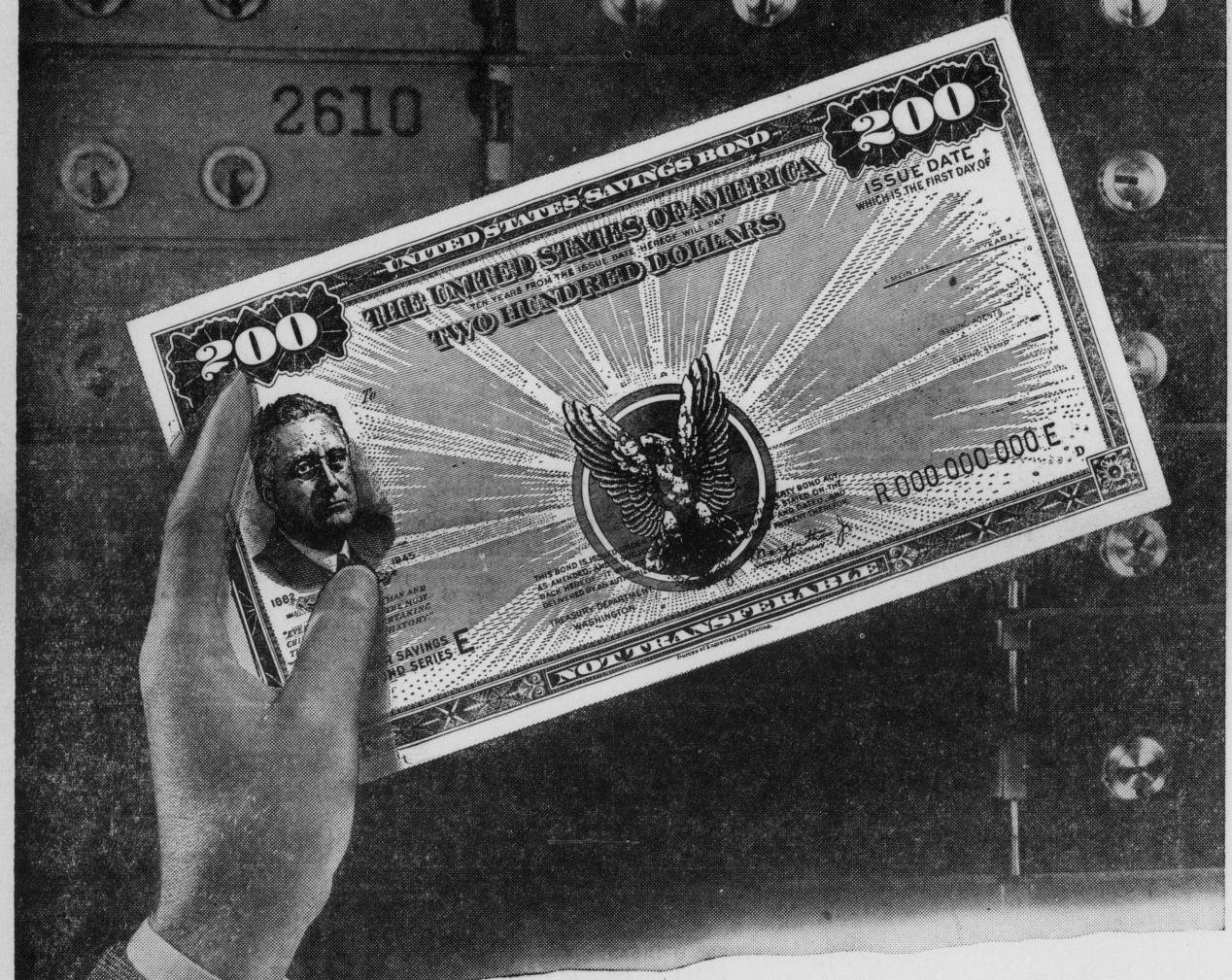
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It's a little fortune to dip into in an emergency—when you need the dollars most.

And to our more than 300,000 wounded it's a ticket to recovery, health, rehabilitation. Your buying this \$200 Roosevelt Victory Bond will help pay for a hospital ship, \$4,500,000; a hospital plane, \$110,000; supplies for a thousand-bed hospital, \$177,500.

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