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EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT

IN THIS LAST ISSUE BEFORE
Christmas—the most joyous one for five years—may we in our celebration, not forget the true meaning of the greatest holiday of the Christians. The best editorial that can be written about the birth of Christ is the simple description of that event in the Gospel according to St. Luke. Repetition seems only to strengthen its hold on the human heart.

'AND JOSEPH ALSO,' ST. LUKE
tells us, "went from Galilee to the town of Bethlehem . . . to register, together with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass while they were there that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for him in the inn. And there were shepherds in the same district living in the field, and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them and they feared exceedingly."

'AND THE ANGEL SAID TO
them: Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there has been born to you today in the town of Bethlehem a Saviour, who is Christ, the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and singing, "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth among men of good will."

SOMETIMES IT SEEMS TO US
that we really get around to the real spirit of Christmas only once a year . . . and even then, some of us miss the spirit anyway. We

Christians profess to understand the enigma of Bethlehem, but if we do we certainly do not act on our knowledge. Christ came to earth and announced himself to the poor and lowly. In planning an era of peace on earth, we place our reliance on wealth and learning and power. We rest our confidence in diplomatic maneuverings, treaties, pacts, spheres of influence, and international organizations. We look to foreign ministers, presidents, premiers, and generals as the creators of our earthly utopia.

YOU WHO READ THESE LINES
know misery brought by war. In every home in which the Press-Courier is read you have for four Christmases past hoped that the next one would be brighter. So have our servicemen and women; all their letters home to you told of that. This Christmas of 1945 should bring to us all the clear message of the day. It was declared by angels to the shepherds: "Peace on earth among men of good will." We shall have peace on earth as individuals and as nations if we have good will to our fellow men and to God. That good will is acceptance and practice of the teachings of Christ. The ever-recurring spectre of war and its consequent miseries will haunt us to the end of time if we do not learn and practice that all-important lesson of Christmas.

HOWEVER, ON THIS EVE OF
another Christmas, Patton and North County folks—and folks everywhere in our country—look forward to the day with lighter hearts. On the surface, preparations seem to be pretty much the same as before, but underneath, there was a Christmas that in the memory of living man should be observed with humility and gratitude it will be the Yuletide of this year.

THIS WEEK'S UNION PRESS-
Courier stretches itself into 16 pages. The second section is devoted entirely to the spirit of the Christmas holiday and carries the greetings of Cambria County business establishments to their friends and customers. Naturally, we appreciate their patronage not only on this particular week, but every week. Likewise, we appreciate the contribution every last one of our readers and subscribers have accorded us in the past year—and over many years. We wish each and every one of you a "Very Merry Christmas."

BACK IN 1941, THIS PAPER
prepared a Christmas holiday edition and decorated its first page with colored trimmings. Naturally, in a weekly newspaper office, the color printing was prepared a week in advance. The issue was dated Dec. 11, and with the sneak-attack of the Japs on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, amidst all of our holiday splendor, we announced the advent of entry of our nation into a war that was to prove so costly in human life. That particular holiday edition had lost all its embellishment to both ourselves and our readers. May that never occur again!

FROM THAT TIME ON WE'VE
never attempted another holiday edition. The Press-Courier this week is not to be so construed. It circulates only to our regular subscribers, and is not a promotional proposition. It does, however, reflect the confidence our advertisers have in our newspaper. We appreciate the fact, too, that when we sell advertising our advertisers accept the sale as a business proposition—and as money well spent.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASONS IN
Patton during the more than a quarter of a century the writer has been at the helm of this newspaper have always been bright ones.

Even during the war years the holiday season was manifested by business establishments and by individual citizens. This year, despite a continued scarcity in lighting equipment, it again takes on a much brighter aspect. By next year we'll again be back in our former stride of the pre-war years.

KEEP YOUR CHRISTMAS A
merry one by being careful. Carelessness, in many ways, usually stalks in to mar all the happiness of some families. Watch your electric lights. Remember, if you drive, don't drink, and if you drink, don't drive.

GIVE US YOUR NEWS
Phone your news to the Press-Courier, Patton 3161. You can also mail it, or give it to one of our correspondents. It is always appreciated.

BRIEFLY COMMENTING

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

DURING THE PAST WEEK WE
had occasion to look through our newspaper files, and especially interesting was the issue of four years ago this week—the issue just before Christmas of 1941. At that time there were about 500 men and women of the Patton Community enlisted in the armed forces, and strangely, too, some who were then still in civilian clothes, later became war casualties. At Christmastime in 1942 we pictured hopes for a brighter and even a peaceful holiday time in 1943—but recent history shows we had two more bleak and dreary Christmases before, finally, the Christmas of 1945 became the first joyous one for so many of us.

THESE PAST FEW YEARS
have been troubled ones for most of us. Constant worry was supplanted somewhat by hard work on the part of many. With a let-up of the danger element to which our loved ones were subjected in war, now likely most of us have other worries that seem monumental. But the worries we have now, likely were present, too, during the war. But we paid slight attention to them. It seems to be the part of human nature to have a "big worry." When that dissolves, the next greatest in line takes precedence. The chap who does not worry about things usually doesn't accomplish much himself—and has nothing to think about but sleep and eat.

ANYWAY, WITH CHRISTMAS
of 1945, the post-war world is here all right. We must judge for ourselves how it looks. Waiters will resemble admirals. The Office of Surplus Property is offering large surplus stocks of white naval suits as hash slingers' uniforms. And chaps discharged from the Army and Navy can't find what they desire in the way of civilian suits—if they can locate suits at all.

THE SHAPE OF THE LADIES
may undergo a change, too. Or maybe not, unless the good old Army makes up its mind. It declared 140,000 girdles in assorted shapes a surplus, after it got rid of most WACS' Then it reversed itself and called those girdles back. What an all-male Army needs with 140,000 girdles we wouldn't know. We wouldn't even want to guess.

THE OPA HAS REMOVED THE
ceilings on grandfather's clocks, and has looked into the cost of the low-cost beer. Incidentally, some of



It's Just As If There Were A Real Santa Claus

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our beer-drinking friends confide to us that the beer they get nowadays, whether it's low-cost or not, isn't the same good, satisfying quality of the pre-prohibition days. Nothing was rushed in its manufacture back in the "good old days"—and we are told that the time and aging factors have a lot to do with the quality of beer. Our own recollection of the beer prior to World War I was that you could obtain good, indifferent, or poor beer.

AND, TOO, AT THIS END OF
the year the OPA has approved window screening with 14 strands of wire running one way and 18 the other. Robert A. Seidel, screen door expert, testified before Congress that this made oblong holes perfect for mosquitoes to sneak through. Just now screen doors seem somewhat remote to us here in the North of the County. However, we did remove our office screen door a bit too early this past fall and were actually amazed that flies could be so pestiferous in the month of November.

THE DRESS DESIGNERS HAVE
come up with a stain-proof, water-proof, synthetic gown for cocktail wear. They poured some water on it to prove it was as good as a raincoat. However, there's nothing on record yet of any ladies pouring any alcohol on it. Maybe the ladies (some of them) may need gowns of that kind. We wouldn't guess.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN HAS
been studying priorities for housing building. News stories indicate that maybe something will be done to see to it that actual home

builders will get first priority on building materials. Granted that Northern Cambria County next spring and summer will see the greatest home-building boom in all its history, if carpenters and contractors can keep up with the demand. We would not hazard a guess as to how many new families are seeking homes of their own. Hundreds of G. I.s with wives and some with children are now doubling-up with relatives—not because of choice, but due to necessity. And there are a lot of other longer established families fortified with finances accumulated during the war years who want to build.

AND THERE WON'T BE VERY
many (hardly any) new autos given as Christmas presents next Tuesday. About all the general public has so far benefited by the new car manufacture has been the opportunity of looking a model over at the dealer's stand. The strike of General Motors' employes has further retarded new car manufacture, too. So, don't expect a gift of a car for Christmas.

BUT THE BEST STORY SO FAR
on new cars came last week from over in Bellefonte. Two proud owners actually did take home two new cars in the Centre County town. Yep, they collided—the two new cars did. They had to go to the garage service shop just the same as our old buses have to go more frequently than ever as the months roll along. But, maybe a lot of us have discovered that an automobile will last much longer than we used to believe. But it is pretty costly. In fact when one owns a car he finds it takes a good slash at the pocketbook all of the time to keep it moving.

YOU'LL AGREE THAT MOST
all of the above is a pretty flighty story for our last issue before Christmas. It wasn't meant for any Christmas chatter, however, but since the Yuletide has crept into the tale, if you haven't yet finished your shopping, by all means get busy today—not next Monday. The columns of this paper offer you many suggestions in the advertisements. Read them. While every year all sorts of educational propaganda is offered about shopping early, nevertheless, each year finds so many of us rushing about at the last minute. The best you can now do is to "shop this week" and now Christmas will be here next Tuesday. You can't postpone it.

A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
hurry and bustle is necessary to the true Christmas feeling, but that awful last-minute rush that particularly makes some women snappy and irritable has no part in Christmas. Men take the holiday a bit more complacently, because, perhaps, they don't have so much to do. Christmas is what you make it!

WIFE INJURED IN CRASH ON WAY TO GI HUSBAND

Mrs. Norma Rachoeki of Fallentimber was on her way to Altoona to meet a train upon which her serviceman husband was returning home Thursday night when the car in which she was riding skidded on the slippery highway and crashed into an embankment. The 24-year-old woman suffered a fractured right shoulder and wound up in a hospital instead.

The accident occurred on the Buckhorn Road, Marcellito Arcangels, also of Fallentimber, was the driver, and he suffered chest injuries.

PRIVATE LIFE OF BUCK



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