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EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL our readers and friends May it bring you prosperity, peace and contentment throughout. May it be the first year of a peace for our nation that will endure throughout the lifetime of all of us now living. May it be a year of health, carefreeness and achievement.

IN MENTIONING THE WORD "Carefulness," we particularly call attention to the fact that the late war didn't claim the most lives of citizens of the United States in the year just closing. It was carelessness that was our chief enemy. We find it in mounting number of fatalities in most every line of activity, and our worst enemy of all seems to be the automobile. Even the cars we've been forced to keep operating for the past several years have been much better from a safety standpoint than the human beings who drove them. Most of the accidents were caused by the man or woman at the steering wheel—not by any mechanical defects in the motor vehicle.

WE ENTER INTO A NEW YEAR with optimism. Most everybody looks forward to a better life than we've been having. But there are ominous signs on the horizon, too. One needs only to look at the daily newspaper to sense that. Apparently there's a showdown coming between capital and labor. Labor is showing its hand because they realize they can't be caught napping. They want no repetition of what followed the first World War. And, above all, they want security.

INTERNATIONALLY, MOST OF us are looking askance at the picture. In spite of the fact that the war is supposed to be over, there is still a lot of fighting going on here and there, although American troops are not involved. However, we are having some mighty tough diplomatic problems, and all of us are earnestly hoping and praying that out of it all will come what we thought we were fighting for. Peace and Justice.

WHETHER WE'LL HAVE ANY difficulty in the bituminous coal mining fields when the present scale expires on Mar. 31, at this time, cannot be conjured. One thing is certain, the miner is not going to recede on any gains he has made. He has good reason to insist on good living and working conditions. He's been through the mill. He knows he has always had to fight for his due.

POLITICS WILL HAVE A TOP place in the coming year. All the Congressmen, and one-third of the Senate, will be up for election. And naturally, they will endeavor to interpret the will of their constituents. Power politics at Washington likely won't influence them this year nearly as much as the votes of the people back home. They've already started building fences for a primary that comes this spring.

HERE IN CAMBRIA COUNTY, too, politics soon will be starting to be in evidence. A Congressman and five members of the state Legislature will be chosen. In the state there will be a new Governor chosen, as well as a United States

Senator. The next several weeks will see a lot of fence-building activity. On the surface things may be quiet. But don't be fooled, the politically-minded will be at work.

IN THE HOME, TOO, THE NEW Year will likely bring a lot of things we've been wanting and needing. There have been a lot of housewives operating broken-down washing machines, and are hopeful of getting new ones. Deceitful radios will likely be replaced with new models that will be revolutionary when compared with what we now have. Tires will become sufficiently available so that we won't have to be constantly in fear of blow-outs; refrigerators will be on the market again; and toasters, ironers, and any number of labor-saving household appliances. Most all of them will be great improvements on the pre-war models we've been accustomed to.

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PRACTICALLY, ALL OF THE wartime servicemen will be at home by the middle of the New Year, and our troops will be made up of Regular Army and of men lately drafted. While enlistments have been above the figures anticipated by the War Department, the draft keeps merrily going along, but is not meeting the Army expectations because so many of the young fellows are enlisting before they reach the age of 18.

ANOTHER CONJECTURE WILL rest on what the Congress will do about the present draft law when it expires late in the spring. Will it again be extended? Probably it won't. Congressmen will be on a spot with the folks at home in this respect. With an election in the offing, they are going to respect their home folks' desires. The present draft law has no connection with any proposed post-war military training law.

AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO military training? Will the 18-year-olds be required to put in a year of service, or will it be cut down to four months, with perhaps some additional requirements after that? In all likelihood, the way the picture now looks, Congress isn't in a mood to vote for a year of military training unless they find the folks at home want it. Some so-called polls and a lot of newspapers claim the people are in advance of Congress in their thinking, and do want the year of training. Personally, we find divided sentiment on the matter when conversing with Northern Cambria people. Most all agree, however, there should be some kind of military training.

WILL THERE BE A SPECIAL Session of the Pennsylvania State Legislature? There will be, provided Governor Martin can see some advantage from a political standpoint for such a session. The fact that the Democrats jumped the gun on him in demanding the legislature convene to iron out the post-war problems, naturally, was received coolly. But he may yet find it politically expedient to call a session. Time will tell.

IN THE PAST FEW YEARS WE have been looking forward to each New Year with only one big objective in mind . . . that of the successful conclusion of the war. This year we don't have that big objective any more, but we've suddenly discovered there are so many other things there's going to be some rough waves here and there. But we'll be big enough to surmount them.

IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS, travel and entertainment we'll be without restriction, and a lot of pent-up enthusiasm will be let on the loose. Probably there'll be intense interest in the next baseball World's Series, and more interest in league games. Locally, baseball and football will be on the upgrade. Travel will likely be popular. The old signs, "Rooms for Tourists," will put in an appearance. Maybe 1946 will prove to be a pretty good year for us all.

BRIEFLY COMMENTING

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

CHRISTMAS OF 1945 IS OVER, and this week we are publishing as usual the hardest issue of all get out—the paper between Christmas and New Year's. It was once our policy not to publish during this week, but in late years we've felt our subscribers are entitled to 52 issues a year. We hope your Christmas was a merry one. We are sure it was. We of the Union Press-Courier office find it hard to get down to work this week, and if we are a bit below par—excuse us.

A NEW YEAR IS AT HAND. What it will bring us is a matter of conjecture. Conditions in our capital seem heading for a show-down. It is all a part of reconversion from war, we presume. But, fear not, this great nation of ours will reconvert to peace-time living. We'll do that more quickly than any other nation on earth. Certainly England and Russia won't be able to beat us to it . . . and the smaller nations lately engulfed in war, will have suffering through all of the New Year.

IN RETROSPECT, 1945, NOW that it is over, has been a year that will go down in history, and one that has brought happiness to millions. With the complete defeat of the Axis nations the greatest war of all time came to an end, and today so many of our boys who were so long away fighting that war are again back home . . . and so many more will return early in the New Year.

FOR SOME, 1945 HASN'T BEEN so joyous. They're the army of home-folks who have lost loved ones in the war. Others, returned, will be life-long cripples. No one

will deny that war brings misery only. May the developments of 1946, with the blessings of the Creator, be such that permanent and lasting, and a just, peace result.

FROM THE STANDPOINT OF the staff of this newspaper, the year about to close has been a memorable one. In fact, the greatest strides we have ever made were accomplished during the year. For the first time in the 52 years of this newspaper's service to the people of Patton and Northern Cambria County it "lives" in its own home. A little more than a year ago we purchased the property we now occupy on Magee Ave. Early in the year we remodeled the building to comply with our needs. Every detail was carefully planned. A larger newspaper press was installed, and we moved our equipment without missing an issue of the paper.

THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED, too, with a dire shortage of labor and with only our business manager, the editor and our office girl on the job, combined with part-time help of an outside linotype operator. And the legislature was in session at the time, requiring the editor to be in the General Assembly at Harrisburg.

WITH THE ADJOURNMENT OF the Legislature early in May, the ultimate goal of our change in location came to a head with the first issue of a standard 8-page, 8-column weekly newspaper, the product you have been reading since that time. You'll agree it has been a vast improvement over the 6-column page previously issued. As of late we've installed equipment for the expeditious handling of additional pages on such weeks as advertising lineage may warrant it.

WITH THE RETURN OF THE absent members of our staff from the service the latter part of 1945, the Union Press-Courier has hopes to expand to the plane conceived by the owners more than a year ago. Constantly we have in view a better newspaper, and with the gradual reconversion of our nation to a peace-time basis, we'll expect to expand concretely. Big things just don't happen in a hurry—they must be earned. We've been trying to do that . . . and have been meeting with the success we've hoped for. We look forward to 1946 confidently and optimistically.

WHAT WILL BE IN STORE FOR Patton and Northern Cambria County in 1946? Frankly, we don't know. However, improvements of every kind have been retarded during the war years, and particularly in construction work and in building. There will be a great boom. In fact, most everything of a progressive local nature has been withheld for the war effort. Naturally, the break must start in 1946. Permanent industries are vitally needed, especially in the smaller towns such as we have here in Northern Cambria County. Movements are underway in some places towards that goal—Patton particularly.

OBTAINING WORK WASN'T A problem from 1941 to the latter part of 1945 . . . but with so many servicemen and war workers returning, it will be our major problem in 1946, and government . . . local, state and national . . . must

prepare for it. Likely, if materials can be obtained, the state will put on its biggest road repair and construction job in history. The highway department has been forced to hoard a huge sum for this purpose and Northern Cambria should get its share of that work.

CHRISTMAS IS PAST. A NEW Year is in the offing. We all look forward to it with some anticipation, but with some reservations in the anticipations—but without, for a Happier New Year than we have known for the past four years. We look forward to a peace—a permanent peace—that somehow or other seems a bit elusive. There's still lots of suffering on the face of the earth. America, of all nations engaged in war, will be able to recuperate first.

Farm Account Books Ready
 Farm account books for 1946 are now available at the office of the county farm agent.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
 In the Estate of John Gresko, Late of Clearfield Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, deceased:

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration, c.t.a., in the Estate of the above named decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to
 GEORGE GRESKO, Administrator, R. D. 1, Box 44, Patton, Pennsylvania.
 C. RANDOLPH MYERS, Attorney at Law, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. 1-31

To Wish you
Health and Happiness
 1946

WE'VE SEEN A GREAT MANY changes in our day . . . changes in styles, changes in customs, and changes in transportation. But one thing has remained unchanged during all these years—our determination to lead the way at all times in value-giving. We enter 1946 fully pledged to stand by our time-honored custom.

Happy New Year, friends!

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1946 WELCOME

NEW YEAR'S IS MORE THAN A DAY!

It is the spirit of men and women who throw off the impediments of yesterday and determine to make a better start for today.

As we enter the year 1946 we raise a toast to our many good friends, with the hope that each succeeding day may bring you nearer to coveted goals.

Happy New Year to you!

Hastings Bottling Works
 Hastings, Pa.

All Hail to the NEW YEAR

LEND your ear for thirty seconds! Hear that band! Every note trumpets "Happy New Year To You," from all of us over here.

Day after day, week after week, and month after month, we want things to get better for you. That's our order for New Year 1946.

Yes, friends, all hail to the New Year!

AND ALL HAIL TO YOU!

Cowher, Nehrig & Co.
 Patton, Pa.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
 HAPPY NEW YEAR
 1946

Proclamation

We hereby proclaim that we are resolved to give our friends and patrons the superior kind of service that will keep them wearing a path to our door.

We furthermore proclaim that our friends are the finest in all the world, and we wish them loads of good luck, good cheer and good health for the year 1946.

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SYMBOL OF STRENGTH IS THE OAK, WHICH EXTENDS ITS LIMBS HORIZONTALLY IN DEFIANCE OF GRAVITY.

MAY SUCH STRENGTH AND STURDINESS BE YOURS IN 1946 AND IN THE YEARS TO COME—STRENGTH TO WEATHER EVERY STORM AND CROSS-CURRENT THAT LIFE MAY BRING.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU, GOOD FRIENDS, AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

MERTENS BAKERY
 Patton, Pa.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

NEW YEAR is here 1946!

NEW YEAR'S bells are ringing—ringing out the old, ringing in the new. We look forward hopefully, with you, to the future, and wish you all the blessings the bright New Year can bring.

R. E. Weaver
 PLUMBING AND HEATING
 914 Palmer Ave.
 PATTON, PA.

Happy New Year to You—and You!

Homes aglow everywhere. It's New Year's, and the latch-string is out!

As we are about to turn over a new, and—we hope—much brighter page for 1946, we thank you for your generous support during the past year, with the hope that Divine Providence will bless your home in many unexpected ways. Best wishes for a very Happy New Year!

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Main Street Garage
 Carrolltown, Pa.

Best Wishes

For the NEW YEAR

A good beginning for the New Year, we believe, is a good wish—and a good resolution.

Our good wish is for you—more health, more happiness and prosperity!

And our resolution—resolved to give you still better service in

1946

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