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EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT

SOMETIMES WE WONDER?
Will the coming year and the years directly ahead be duplications of what followed the first World War? Remember in the "good old days" of the early 1920's how everybody wanted to "get rich quick?" How "big money" was the talk of so many a diner? How they became suckers with their little bit of it, and grasped at every fishing hook the "allicker" had to offer? There are indications that the same attempts will be made again, but perhaps there will be a wiser public than that other time. There are too many who still can remember!

THE STOCK SALESMAN WAS
The principal reason for those "good old days." It seemed, too, that the best way the stock salesman had to offer was some "good" oil stock somewhere in Texas, or California . . . or even here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It wasn't just the uninitiated that had more sense look the bit just the same as some of the little suckers with \$25 or \$100 to "invest." The result was that there were a lot of holders of a lot of worthless bits of fancy certificates that cost a lot of money, and a few stock salesmen in jail, but the percentage of the latter was not very large.

A "HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN" psychology is bringing the "little guy" back into the stock market again we learn from Wall Street. The word of the bull market has spread across the hinterland and war-hoarded funds are beginning to move out of savings accounts into speculation in increasing volume. The Government and the Stock Exchange both are keeping a watchful eye on things and are beginning to send up warning signals. The best plan of all for folks who have had to earn their money by the sweat of the brow is to hold onto that money. Keep hands off the stock market . . . and give the "bum's rush" to the stock salesman, and live to have security in your old age.

THE MINER WHO GOES DOWN
into the earth each day and who must well needs take care of himself so justly earns. Most all the mine workers now hold War Bonds, and many have accumulated substantial savings as well during the war years when they benefitted by a lot of overtime work that kept up a production greater than ever before in mining history, with a manpower shortage greater than at any previous period. There will be "allickers" about sooner or later who will try and pry these savings away with promises of vast and easily-made riches. Beware of them. Keep what you have.

A YEAR AGO, OR FOR THE
past several war years for that

matter, problems that now seem big to us were not present. Everything was overshadowed by the war effort. Aside from holding on to our money, we have other problems, as for instance men's clothing. Returning servicemen are having a hard time in outfitting themselves as civilians, and while we have the assurance that men's suits will be produced in record quantity during this new year, the stocks will fall 20,000,000 short of demand anyway. Legislation permitting the discharged soldier to wear his uniform for 180 instead of 90 days, as at present, is being asked. Citizens will be asked to refrain from clothes buying and give the serviceman a chance.

MEN'S SHIRTS AND SHORTS
will shortly be more plentiful. Increased cotton allocations to men's underwear manufacturers in the current quarter should begin to produce results next quarter. However, stocks will not be to approach normal until late in the year.

HAVE YOU NOTICED DURING
the past couple of months the long lists of discharged servicemen whose names appear in each issue of this newspaper from the North County area? It means that the boys are coming home faster than most of us realize. Just now there is a sort of cooling-off period and not immediately seeking employment, but that period won't last indefinitely. As yet, there are still jobs to be had, we understand, but shortly maybe the labor supply will be greater than the demand. Most all ex-servicemen are looking forward to future security. None desire a hand-to-mouth existence. Our home communities, our state, and our nation must prepare to meet the problem.

THERE WERE SO MANY MORE
in service during World War II than were engaged in the first World War. The disruption of everything on the home front is so much greater, and reconversion and readjustment will take much longer. Likely there will be some major home problems in the months just ahead. Most everyone realizes this condition, and for the most part, few of us know what to do about it . . . particularly in the smaller communities. Likely with the coming of the spring months there will be a lot of work available that can't be done now.

A CO-ORDINATED MORALE-
building program for disabled war veterans in institutions will soon be undertaken by a special service section within the Veterans Administration. The section will model its operations after that of the Army. It will supply both post exchanges and arrange for the recreation and entertainment of patients in 98 institutions.



THIS MONTH OF JANUARY
brings some other things to the attention of most of us. For instance, if you still owe an installment on your income taxes you will have to settle up with Uncle Sam before the 15th of the month. And if you drive a car you will have to have your Pennsylvania driver's license renewed before the end of the month, as well as having your car inspected again before Jan. 31, if you have not already attended to it.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Commerce again is promoting travel this summer to see the beauties of Pennsylvania after laying off that propaganda feature since Pearl Harbor. Particularly will they seek to influence Pennsylvanians themselves to see their own state. And that is something for really, Pennsylvania has much to see in the way of beautiful scenery, as well as points of historical interest. One can go into almost any nook and corner of the Keystone State and "discover" these attractions. A lot of us have traveled extensively over our home state in the past, but few of us have really covered all of it. Have you ever gone on an extended motor trip to advertised beauty spots in other states? And then have you analyzed and compared that with what our own state has to offer. Right here in Northern Cambria County we have scenery that is just as good as the best-advertised anywhere. Take a look at it through the tourist's eyes . . . still have for yourself.

WE STILL HAVE THREE OR
three-and-a-half months of winter ahead and then the beauties of spring will again be coming. The biggest trouble is that the Spring and Summer seasons, when they come, seem to slip so swiftly by. But when we get an old-fashioned winter, that's different. The beautiful snow loses its beauty along about this time each year. It is viewed with distaste. But the weather is something one can always complain about, even though it does not one whit of good.

BRIEFLY COMMENTING

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

IT'S ALL OVER NOW! SEEMS as though for months we look forward to the holiday season and then when it comes, and so shortly departs, we again sort of picture the next holiday . . . even the next Christmas season. And as folks grow older the seasons seem to come and go much more quickly. Isn't it the truth?

WELL, WE HAVE A NEW YEAR
ahead of us. We all plan it to be a good year. Many of us, like always, will miff the ball. But there will again be another year, and usually we all learn something by experience, and learn things not to do again.

WE'VE PLENTY OF WINTER
weather so far, too, during the last month or so just like the year previous, but minus the greater volume of snow. Somehow or other, we get by all right nevertheless, and while we sort of hanker toward places like California or Florida every year most all of our old residents still find plenty of charm in good old Pennsylvania, with all its winter drawbacks. Almost every place has a drawback. We don't get hurricanes here . . . or earthquakes.

WHILE WE WHO HAVE CARS
and have to travel on the iced and snow-covered highways are pretty good at griping when conditions are not just exactly as we might hope for, we still have to admit that the State Highway Department has been doing a pretty good job . . . at least in the prompt removal of snow. There may be times in which there is a little laxity on the ashing program, however.

LAST WINTER THERE WERE
some allegations that the Highway Department had restricted the amount of labor that should be done, or at least the overtime pay that could be given a worker. We never were able to absolutely ascertain whether this was correct or not. However, the Highway Department has lots of money, at least in its special funds, and cost should be no factor when emergency road work is needed in the winter months. The motorist expects every effort and cost for his protection . . . and he is entitled to it. He pays the taxes that created the road fund.

ALL IN ALL, SNOW REMOVAL
programs, at least in Cambria County are much better than they were a few years ago, and cover a greater portion of the secondary roads more expeditiously than had been the case. Only a couple of years ago there were farmers who constantly complained to us, in our official capacity as a member of the Legislature, that the Highway Department was leaving them stranded in snowdrifts. It has been our personal observation both this year and last that these secondary roads were attended to just as rapidly as possible after the primary roads were cleared.

THAT REMINDS US, TOO, THAT
Patton Borough, when it posts notices that cars should not remain parked on the streets at night during the winter months has a reason for it. Have you ever noticed the inconvenience one parked car can create during a heavy snow fall around it? Despite all the warnings, there still have to be some car owners who simply won't adhere to regulations . . . but, thank goodness, they are few.

NEXT WEEK PAT MERMOTT
will be sworn in as the new Sheriff of Cambria County, and his present job as Coroner will be given to some Republican, with Gov. Martin making the appointment. Indications are that Paul J. Wilke of Loretto will be the appointee, unless the Governor sees fit to ignore the recommendation of the Republican County Committee. It's hardly likely he will be readjusted to the job of a Republican, and has been a candidate for public office several times. He is presently an employee of the state.

PROTHONOTARY JOHN I. HITE
last week appointed a Patton young man as his first deputy. Naturally North County folks appreciate the appointment. George Wesley Wilkerson is a thoroughly capable young man and has the confidence of the people who know him. Being a war veteran, too, Mr. Hite hasn't gone wrong on his appointment. He is North of the County, particularly from the thought of the Republican county office-holders, hasn't fared any too well in the past.

THE NEW PATTON HIGH BAND
will make its first public appearance this week. They are scheduled to give a program at the Eagles' Home this Thursday evening, and from what we hear, the folks who attend will be given a treat, and will perhaps be a bit astounded at what can be accomplished in such a short time, when co-operation of everyone is given the teacher and school faculty.

WELL, TIRE RATIONING NOW
is a thing of the past. We presume all you folks with A-cards who have been rationed for a while already purchased your sorely-needed ones, and are rambling about without worry of blowouts. Maybe you are, if you happen to have your tires in a dealer who has tires, but they are few, and tires aren't going to be plentiful all at once. Likely you realize that already.

RATIONING IS PRETTY WELL
gone now. Sugar still remains on the list. Now we are confronted with scarcity of former rationed goods, which isn't any better. Butter is a good example. You don't need ration points for butter anymore, but have you been able to have more butter on your bread as a result? Cigarettes are one former scarce article, however, that again have become plentiful, and somehow it seems the cigarettes don't taste so well since they are easily obtained. We always want things hard to get and think little of the things that come easy.

CONGRESS WILL BE BACK IN
session again in a few days and they have lots of problems facing them, some of which should have been ironed out before they were called for the holidays. The solons have had a chance to get back home among the folks the past few weeks, and maybe they have been able to get a slant on what some of the people think about matters. Some of the bills that will come before them, such as military training for instance, puts a poor congressman on the voting spot, and he's "damned if he votes either way." It's pretty much the same way in the State Legislature on some legislation. What some of a legislator's constituents wish for, others are opposed to. He has to make the decision himself, and can well lose votes even if he does vote according to the dictates of his conscience.

WE MIGHT REMIND YOU, TOO,
in conclusion that it's about time to remove the Christmas Tree, and isn't that always a headache? Christmas Trees are full of pleas-

NICKTOWN NEWS
BY ROSE MARIE HUBER

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ragley and family were visitors in Patton at the Edward Byrne home on Christmas Day.
Miss Helen Kirsch, Mrs. Frank Kirsch and Mrs. Edna Kirsch were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amandus Springer of Ebensburg on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes and daughter, Kathleen, of New Kensington were visitors at the home of Mrs. Catherine Norton home Monday and Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Andy Soisson returned with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Noel of Johnstown were visitors at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Natcher, on Christmas.
Miss Theresa Phillips of Nantyglo was a visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. Martin Wolfe.

Miss Delrose Ager was a visitor in Indiana last Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parrish and daughter, Dolores, and Mrs. Genevieve Huber and daughter, Joanne, were callers in Altoona on Saturday.
Miss Sophia Gormish of Philadelphia spent Christmas holidays at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wolfe and family were visitors among relatives in Nantyglo on Saturday.
Miss Martha Nealen of Pittsburgh spent the Christmas holidays at the home of her father, Mr. John Nealen.
Miss Delrose Ager was a visitor in Indiana last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clote Soisson and daughter, Mary Lou, left last Wednesday for Florida to spend the remaining winter months.
Lt. Maxine Kline of Deshon General Hospital, Butler, received an honorable discharge and arrived at home in time for the Christmas holidays. She is a daughter of Mr. John Kline. Bill Lyons of Deshon Hospital is also a visitor at the Kline home here.

Father Hilary Kline of Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of his father, Mr. John Kline.
Miss Joyce Nealen of Buffalo, N. Y., spent the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nealen.
Mr. Eugene Kirsch and children, Patty and Jr., of Maryland, spent the past week at the homes of his sisters, Mrs. John Weiland and Mrs. Gordon Harvey.

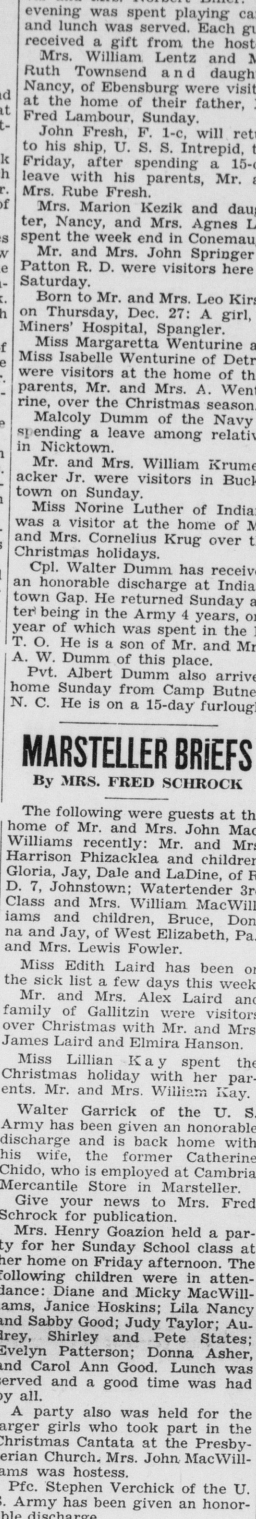
Cpl. George Krumenacker of Camp Croft, S. C., arrived home on Friday to spend a six-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Krumenacker.
Mr. and Mrs. Rube Nealen and son of Blairsville, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parabaugh and family of Carleton, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas and son of Carrollton were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nealen on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Norbert Biller entertained the Cinech Club with a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. 27. Present were: Mrs. Louis Ragley, Mrs. William Kirsch, Mrs. Reed Brown, Mrs. Genevieve Huber, Mrs. Merle Parrish, Mrs. Herman Kirsch, Mrs. Fred Pfister, Mrs. Ray Lieb, Mrs. A. P. Kirsch, Mrs. Martin Smith, Mrs. Adrian Peters, Mrs. Alphonsa Kirsch, Mrs. Walter Kirsch, Mrs. Margaret Davis and Mrs. Norbert Biller. The evening was spent playing cards, and lunch was served. Each guest received a gift from the hostess.
Mrs. William Lentz and Mrs. Ruth Townsend and daughter, Nancy, of Ebensburg were visitors at the home of her father, Mr. Fred Lambour, Sunday.
John Fresh, F. S. S. Intrepid, will return to his ship, U. S. S. Intrepid, this Friday, after spending a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rube Fresh.
Mrs. Marion Kesik and daughter, Nancy, and Mrs. Agnes Lieb spent the week end in Conemaugh. Mr. and Mrs. John Springer of Patton R. D. were visitors here on Saturday.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kirsch on Thursday, Dec. 27: A girl, at Miners' Hospital, Spangler.
Miss Margaretta Wenturine and Miss Labelle Wenturine of Detroit were visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wenturine, over the Christmas season.
Malcoly Dumm of the Navy is spending a leave among relatives in Nicktown.
Mr. and Mrs. William Krumenacker Jr. were visitors in Bucks-town on Sunday.
Miss Norine Luther of Indiana was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Krug over the Christmas holidays.
Cpl. Walter Dumm has received an honorable discharge at Indian-town Gap. He returned Sunday after being in the Army 5 years, one year of which was spent in the E. T. O. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dumm. Dumm also arrived home Sunday from Camp Butler, N. C. He is on a 15-day furlough.

MARSTELLER BRIEFS
By MRS. FRED SCHRACK

The following were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John MacWilliams recently: Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Pitzchack and children, Gloria, Jay, Dale and LAdine, of R. D. 7, Johnstown; Watertender 3rd Class and Mrs. William MacWilliams and children, Bruce, Donna and Jay, of West Elizabeth, Pa., and Mrs. Lewis Fowler.
Miss Edith Laird has been on the sick list a few days this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Laird and family of Gallitzin were visitors over Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James Laird and Elmira Hanson.
Miss Lillian Kay spent the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kay.
Walter Garrick of the U. S. Army has been given an honorable discharge and is back home with his wife, the former Catherine Chido, who is employed at Cambria Mercantile Store in Marsteller.
Give your news to Mrs. Fred Schrock for publication.
Mrs. Henry Geozian held a party for her Sunday School class at her home on Friday afternoon. The following children were in attendance: Diane and Mickey MacWilliams, Janice Hoskins, Ella Nancy and Sobby Good; Judy Taylor, Audrey, Shirley and Pete States; Evelyn Patterson; Donna Asher, and Carol Ann Good. Lunch was served and a good time was had by all.
A party also was held for the larger girls who took part in the Christmas Cantata at the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. John MacWilliams was hostess.
Pfc. Stephen Verchick of the U. S. Army has been given an honorable discharge.

THE OLD HOME TOWN
By STANLEY



OH JOHN! - I LEFT A LUNCH ON THE HALL TABLE FOR YOU - STAY OUT OF THE KITCHEN - I DON'T THINK THE PAINT IS DRY, YET!
NOW SHE TELLS ME!!
JOHN'S DAY OFF - WITH TRIMMINGS -

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GRAND THEATRE PATTON
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Fred ASTAIRE and Lucille BREMER
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Also... NEWS AND CARTOON

Tuesday, January 8th
Peggy Ryan
Jon Hall in *MEN IN HER DIARY*
Fun and Romance
HOPPY'S SPURS FLASH!
HOPPY'S GUN ROARS!
HOPPY'S BEST THRILLS!
WILLIAM BOYD as Hopalong Cassidy
ANDY CLYDE - JAY KIRBY - VICTOR JURY - GEORGE REEVES - SHELLEY SPENCER

Wed., Thurs., Jan. 9-10
Franchot Tone
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