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EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT

**THE SINCERITY OF A NEWS-** paper which professes to be a friend of labor can sometimes be gauged for shallowness when it is tempted by a few paltry dollars. Yet there have been advertisements running in some papers that claim to be labor's friends, that reek with a vitriolic hatred of "unions." You haven't seen any of that advertising in this newspaper. We simply didn't insert it. If you have seen it in others, you can judge for your own sweet-self whether sincerity is gauged only by the Al-mighty Dollar.

sity of performance, a penchant for doing the wrong thing that borders upon genius. Some of the National Republican leaders, those of the Taft category, can snatch defeat out of the very jaws of victory. It was just that ability which caused GOP National headquarters to advertise the Taft speech as a "Republican viewpoint." Senator Taft, in the opinion of the Pittsburgh Press, has been left far behind by public opinion. He is hopelessly back of the times. The people just won't warm up to him. Every time the Republicans use him as a spokesman they help the Democrats. The Democrats should be thankful for Taft.

**PRESIDENT TRUMAN IS A F-**ter Congress, but his hard to indict Congress as such. Congress acts pretty much on the same procedure as does the Pennsylvania State Legislature, and there are so many different persons in both bodies. There are 531 members of the National House and Senate and so many subterfuges available in Congress' complicated mechanism, in its parliamentary procedures and committee system, that it is difficult for the citizen to find out where the blame is and fix the responsibility. President Truman recognized that in his message to the people about the blocking of his program.

**WHETHER YOU LIKE TRUMAN** and his program, nevertheless, he performed a public service by pointing out some of the devices used by those who have held up that program, and he spoke by knowledge gained by experience in Congress. He explained how bills are referred to committees in routine course and are then bottled up there, sometimes by only a few people, so that the House and Senate members representing the people never get a chance to vote on them. The same thing happens in our Pennsylvania Legislature at every regular session of the body, as the writer has ample reason to attest from personal experience. Thus democratic procedure is nullified.

**OFTEN A BARE MAJORITY -** OF a committee—a handful of men—can prevent a vote by the whole Congress, or Legislature, as the case may be, on these measures of majority policy. President Truman asks that these various committees at least give representatives of the people a chance to vote "yes" or "no" on these vital issues—and that they give them that chance soon. It is a very proper request. He cited two glaring instances. One is the bill to create a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission, to keep down discrimination in jobs on account of race, creed or color. Though approved by a regular legislative committee, this measure has been pocketed by the House Rules Committee since last February, nearly a year by a handful of Southern Democrats so that members of the House have had no opportunity to vote on it. The other is the bill to increase unemployment compensation benefits for those thrown out of work during reconversion. Recommended by the President last May, a modified bill finally was passed by the Senate in September. The House Ways and Means Committee had bills since last May on this subject.

**SOMETIMES IT IS A BIT OF A** puzzle to us how little a lot of the folks at home attempt to ascertain how labor is constantly being given a run-around in some of the legislation it wants. How they are completely fooled by the intricate system that prevails in Washington and Harrisburg. Labor leaders, of course, are wise to all the tricks, but the rank and file are not. When the Republican party holds the administration, and a majority in both Houses in Pennsylvania, they can easily kill any legislation they want. At the same time individual members can keep their labor records fairly clean by telling the folks at home they never had a chance to vote on such legislation.

**ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING** examples of fooling the people, to our mind, happened last year when the Fair Employment Practices Bill was being aired. A great lot of publicity was given the measure, and it had its culmination in a public hearing that overtaxed all seating and standing space in both the house and the gallery. Witnesses of all kinds were heard, most all of them in favor of the bill. Things looked rosy for the uninitiated. However, the bill never came out of committee. It likely never was intended that it should come out. So there was no F. E. P. bill passed in the 1945 session of the General Assembly.

**NATURALLY, REPUBLICANS** controlled all that. It was far better to cause it to die without fanfare, than to put a lot of our own party members on the spot. Yet, most every Republican member of the House of Representatives in Pennsylvania could go back home and say, "I was for the bill, but I never had an opportunity to vote on it."

**THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM AND** secrecy makes it easy for a congressman or legislator to evade responsibility to his constituents. In he indicts congress for lack of action, it is possible for the individual Congressman to slip out from under unless he is singled out by name. A little light would help and lots and lots of light would help better.

BRIEFLY COMMENTING

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

**WE SOMETIMES ARE OF THE** thought that maybe there still remain some people who do not take into consideration the decided advantages that a hospital in one's section affords. When the need of a hospital arises, we are more prone to realize the blessing. The Miners' Hospital, Spangler, has gloriously reflected a brilliant service over more than a quarter of a century, and if it were not located in our own proximity, you can easily visualize the inconvenience we'd have with the nearest hospital in Altoona, Johnstown, or Clearfield.

**THINGS DO BOB UP RATHER** suddenly when hospitalization is required for ourselves or some one near to us. Maybe it's an emergency case—one that requires extremely prompt action. Perhaps it is a matter of life and death—and even the nearness of the hospital has saved many a life. Most every Northern Cambria County will tell you of the great help the hospital is to him and indirectly to his patients, whether they are hospital cases or not. The very fact that your local doctor can take care of his patients in a drive of a few minutes to Spangler, means that he has more time for his office practice. Goodness, knows, during the war years, that was essential.

**LATELY WE HAVEN'T HEARD** much about the drive for funds for new additions to the hospital, but we presume that it has not been abandoned. Sooner or later you'll be called upon to make some substantial contribution within your circumstances toward these many needed improvements, and you should make your contribution cheerfully, and with the overall thought of what a hospital's facilities in your community has to offer. The fact that you and yours are sound in health today, can be easily different tomorrow.

**WE CHEAT OURSELVES FAR** and we are talking about all of us. We are rough on ourselves because we are careless. We are appalled at a mine disaster which costs the lives of two dozen men. We wonder how it could have been avoided. Yet, every day, by carelessness, we deprive ourselves of life and prosperity. Our carelessness often leads to a catastrophe for somebody else—but usually it is ourselves. And—aside from a few such sermons as this one which appears occasionally in the news-



**CAN THEY SPLIT THIS ATOM?**  
 papers—we don't think much about it.  
**IT SEEMS TO US ON OBSERVA-**tion that the repair garages in Northern Cambria County have been busier than usual lately repairing damages to dented and maimed cars. There haven't been any really serious accidents, but there has been a lot of bumping cars together, and bumping cars into poles and other obstructions. Maybe most of these accidents occurred when the car was moving slowly at moderate speed. But somewhere in the picture carelessness must have played a prominent part.

**FOR MORE THAN A YEAR WE** have been inserting a little caution notice in our paper written by the Pennsylvania State Police. We have been inserting it on the front page in the hope that it would be noticed and read by a maximum of our readers. Probably it is read by most, but just as quickly forgotten. Every one of these little stories is a "sermon" on being careful. It covers motor vehicles only. But the stories are written on experience—by men who are making a lifetime work of making driving safer.

**THE PITTSBURGH MOTOR** Club says there are six million classes of dangerous auto drivers. The club says the drinking driver takes chances without realizing it, the "competitive" driver makes every highway a speedway, the "weaving" driver skips in and out of traffic, the "indecisive" driver gets flustered, the "talkative" driver doesn't watch his driving, and the "preoccupied" driver is thinking of something else. All of them are careless. Few are vicious, although many of them are stupid. But they are a peril to themselves and everybody else. There is nothing wrong with most of these drivers that a little sensible caution wouldn't cure. Perhaps most of the "bumped-up" cars in the repair shops are traceable to some one of these drivers.

**BUT CARELESSNESS IS NOT** monopolized by the auto driver alone. There are so many other ways of being careless. Patton and the North of Cambria County has been exceptionally fortunate in fire losses during the past several years, and to some extent this can be traced to a "receptiveness" on the fire prevention education constantly being put before the people. Here in Patton Fire Chief Jim Blake keeps us constantly at that thought. If we haven't mentioned anything for a time about fire hazards, Jim calls on us with some suggestions. We presume most all volunteer fire heads in the small communities do that.

**THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL** lists the main causes of fires: Defective or overheated chimneys, careless smokers, defective electrical equipment, defective or overheated furnaces and stoves, lightning and sparks. All of them, except lightning can be traced to carelessness. Even some of the lightning cases could be the result of failure to erect lightning rods.

**EVERY YEAR WE KILL THOU-**sands and thousands of people and destroy many millions of dollars worth of property just by being careless. And we worry about the atomic bomb! Do you think we'll ever wise up?

Managed milking, one of the major factors in good dairy herd management, helps prevent, and control mastitis, as shown by research and confirmed by a number of extension demonstrations, reports I. E. Parkin, extension dairy specialist of the Pennsylvania State College.

**WORLD WAR II DRAFT**  
**COST THE STATE PLENTY**  
 State Selective Service headquarters reported during the week that the cost of inducting draftees during World War II was \$13,636,641.  
 Expenses were five times greater than those incurred during the first World War, according to a spokesman.  
 Between Sept. 15, 1940, and Sept. 30, 1945, he reported 844,909 drafted Pennsylvanians were sent to the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard by the State's 422 local boards.  
 Neither enlistment or federalization of the Pennsylvania National Guard figured in the total, the spokesman emphasized.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
 James L. Davis and Mary Helen Adams, both of Patton.  
 Frederick H. Sharbaugh and Mary Eileen Lantz, both of Carrolltown.  
 Harold Ray Bolvin, Emigh, and Mary Edna Hollen, Burnside.  
 Charles F. Maus, Sidman, and Ethelreda Yeckley, Patton.  
 Earl J. Springer, Carrolltown, and Loretta Bender, Patton.  
 Charles B. Yahner and Anna Mary Hoover, both of Patton.  
 James L. Davis and Helen M. Adams, both of Patton R. D.  
 Stanley J. Wojcik, Barnesboro, and Mary A. Stojk, Hastings.  
 Harry P. Bradley, Hastings, and Theresa M. Roberts, Spangler.

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**GRAND THEATRE PATTON**  
 Friday, Saturday, Jan. 18-19  
**SHERIFF OF LAS VEGAS**  
 Starring WILD BILL ELLIOTT as RED RYDER  
 and BOBBY BLAKE ALICE FLEMING  
 A REPUBLIC PICTURE  
**Captain Tugboat Annie**  
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 CHARLES GORDON MANTAN MORLAND PAWELA BLAKE MADON ALBERT  
 H. B. WARNER SAUNDRA BERKOVITZ JAMES S. BURKETT  
 A REPUBLIC PICTURE  
**SPANGLER HOSPITAL PATIENTS' RECORD**  
 Following is a list of patients admitted and discharged from the Miners' Hospital from Jan. 7, to Jan. 14, 1946.  
**Medical Patients Admitted:**  
 Mrs. Theresa Miller, Ashville; Paul Toth, Barnesboro; Thomas Nelson, Hastings; Mrs. Sarah Lentz, Spangler; James Abrams, Spangler; James Patterson, Cherry Tree; John Rayba, Barnesboro; Madge Scott, Westover, R. D.; Jacob Zieminski, Barnesboro.  
**Surgical Patients Admitted:**  
 Thomas A. Owens, Jr., Carrolltown; Mrs. Delca Peel, Marsteller; James Prasko, Hastings, R. D.; Mrs. Ada Brown, Barnesboro; Imelda Kline, Nicktown; Mrs. Dorothy Miller, Nanty-Glo; Theresa Niebauer, Hastings; John J. Corley, Carrolltown; Mrs. Catherine Thiers, Barnesboro; Frank Williams, Patton; Mrs. Antonette Malick, Marsteller; Eleanor Anna, Hastings; Mrs. Eleanor Markle, La-Jose; Mrs. Ruby Lawhead, Burnside; Ned Westrick, Carrolltown; Mrs. Evelyn Collinash, Barnesboro.  
**Medical Patients Discharged:**  
 Mrs. Tillie Solley, Barnesboro; Mrs. Theresa Miller, Ashville; Edward Rickard, Patton; Michael Kutruf, Flinton, R. D.; Mrs. Rev. DeYramer, Cherry Tree; Alvin Krumanacker, Carrolltown R. D.; Paul Toth, Barnesboro; Paul Scabice, Barnesboro; Ronald Lubert, Hastings; Edna Kline, Patton; Mrs. Margaret Blair, Patton; Michael Gresh, Spangler; Mrs. Emma Harvey, St. Benedict.  
**Surgical Patients Discharged:**  
 John Tyger, Glen Campbell, R. D.; Rev. James Wardrop, Barnesboro; Mrs. Leona Zamovich, Patton; Richard Woods, Marsteller; Mrs. Delca Peel, Marsteller; Eleanor Anna, Hastings; James Prasko, Hastings R. D.; Mrs. Catherine Stefula, Barnesboro; Michael Dominick, Glen Campbell R. D.  
**Maternity:**  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Lewarchick Spangler, daughter, Jan. 7.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gallagher, Hastings, daughter, Jan. 11.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ceschini, Patton, daughter, Jan. 11.  
**NICKTOWN NOTES**  
 BY ROSE MARIE HUBER  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ragley and family were visitors in Indiana on Friday.  
 Mr. Joseph Pollings of Latrobe was a visitor here over the week end.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ragley and family, Mr. Jake Kritzer and Mrs. Evelyn Ager, were visiting a sick relative, Mrs. Margaret Locker, in Altoona on Sunday.  
 Mrs. Andrew Soisson returned home on Saturday after spending several weeks among relatives in New Kensington.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weakland and family were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirsch on Sunday.  
 Mrs. Raymond Lieb left on Friday to visit her daughter, Mrs. William Kunniff in Detroit, Mich. The Holy Name Society of St. Michael's Church held a meeting and social hour in St. Nicholas' hall on Sunday.  
 Mrs. Anna Marie Pfeister and Miss Louise Niebauer were visitors among relatives in St. Lawrence over the week end.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lambour of Pottstown, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Fred Lambour Sunday.  
 Miss Marjorie Soisson was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garb MacAlarney in Cresson for several days this week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tobin and family of Cresson, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Fred Lambour on Sunday.  
 Mrs. Marion Kesik and daughter, Nancy, and Mrs. Agnes Lieb, returned home Sunday after spending several weeks among relatives in Conemaugh.  
 Pfc. Marinius Nealen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nealen, received an honorable discharge from the Army last week at Indiantown Gap. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lieb and family of Carrolltown were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amandus Kirsch on Sunday.  
**Hybrid Corn Results.**  
 Results of more than 100 extension hybrid corn demonstrations conducted through the state in 1945, are now available in the county agent's offices where farmers may make use of the data in deciding what varieties are best suited to their own local conditions, reports J. B. R. Dickey, extension agronomist of the Pennsylvania State College.

**A little figuring**  
  
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First National Bank At Patton

Nearly Everybody, it seems WANTS TELEPHONE SERVICE

Demand for telephone service is tremendous . . . far greater than we'd have guessed it could be five months after the end of the war. It comes from a typical cross section of the public: From men and women who have come to regard the telephone as an essential part of American life. . . From families who came to Pennsylvania to work in war industries and, liking the State, decided to stay. . . From farmers for whom the telephone will be more than ever an essential factor of modern farming. . . From returning veterans who couldn't think of living without telephones, especially after their experience with modern communication in all theatres of war. . .

But once we get our hands on enough telephone instruments and central office equipment, and once we can build our outside plant, lay and splice cables, erect poles and string wires, and tie everything together into the living organism that is the telephone system . . . once we do all this, we say, Pennsylvanians will have as much telephone service as they want and finer telephone service than they ever dreamed of.

We repeat—WE'RE ON OUR WAY.

Here are **THE THREE OBJECTIVES** of our **\$150,000,000\*** **EXPANSION PROGRAM**

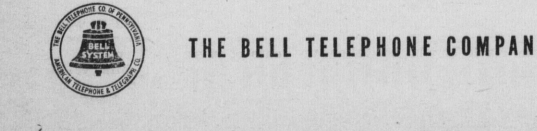
- To end all waiting lists for telephone service.
- To provide the people of this State—city people and farmers—with finer and finer telephone service.
- To make available the many new developments in communication, pioneered by the Bell Telephone Laboratories.

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And right now our \$150,000,000 expansion program is under way to provide people with the kind of telephone service they like . . . and the kind we like to provide.

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