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**EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT**

**ONE DAY LAST WEEK, THE** Johnstown newspapers carried a report of causes of fires in that city during last year. Most glaring of the causes of fires was the fact that children playing with matches started forty-eight blazes. The Saturday of this week, February 9th, nominating petitions can start circulation for the various offices, and they'll shortly be pushed in front of you for a signature. There may be a lot of them, too.

**IT IS REALLY TRAGIC HOW** many families that are so careful in other respects overlook the match hazard. Yet a match in the hands of a child one step above infancy can cause that child's life, can cause huge property damage,

and can cause misery and sorrow to all concerned.

**FROM NOW UNTIL AFTER** the spring primaries at least, politics will again take prominent place in the interest of the people. Saturday of this week, February 9th, nominating petitions can start circulation for the various offices, and they'll shortly be pushed in front of you for a signature. There may be a lot of them, too.

**BOTH DEMOCRATS AND RE-**publicans are striving to keep their primary as harmonious as possible. They may have some success. The next few weeks will tell.

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Primary scars can sometimes become so deep, that they affect a party mortality at the general election. Many things are said and done in the heat of a political campaign that won't heal in the matter of the few months that intervene before the general election comes along.

**MEN AND WOMEN BEING DIS-**charged by the War and Navy Departments to continue their National Service Life Insurance in civilian life. Two principal reasons are given for continuing the insurance, First, the rates are low, and second, the policies are broad and without "escape clauses" limiting their coverage.

**NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE IN-**urance contains no restrictions on the occupation of the insured or on his mode of travel. Pays off for death in the most hardy of occupations. The insurance is especially valuable to those who are physically injured or whose health is impaired since they may be unable to obtain commercial life insurance.

**IF THOSE LEAVING SERVICE** do not wish to keep the whole amount of the insurance in effect in civilian life, they may have it reduced. The reduced amount continued in effect must be a multiple of \$500 and must not be less than \$1,000. For example, it may be \$1,500, \$2,000, \$2,500, etc. When a reduction in the amount of insurance is desired, application should be made by letter addressed to the Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C., signed by the insured, and stating the exact amount of insurance to be continued in force.

**FURTHER TAX REDUCTIONS** from a federal standpoint this year, seem to be out of the question. The chances for proposals to cut individual income tax rates and excises before 1947 were never very good in spite of Republican pressure for such cuts. The President's opposition, flatly stated in his message to Congress, make the odds against early action even more lopsided. The House Ways and Means Committee nevertheless will go through with its study of the tax structure preparatory to a general revision eventually. Just when its overall bill will be completed cannot yet be predicted. Lengthy hearings and violent disagreements within the committee probably will keep the pot boiling until after the Congressional elections next fall.

**UPWARD REVISION OF SOCIAL** security taxes is a less remote prospect. The committee's staff of experts is working on a report recommending that the present 1 percent payroll tax be increased immediately and that the provisions of the present law under which the tax is supposed to increase gradually from 1 to 3 percent, be abandoned. Congress has refused several times to let the tax go up the first step from 1 to 2 percent.

**ALTHOUGH CONGRESS DOES** not seem to favor it, the Army probably will renew its request for a continuation of the draft law beyond May 15 as a result of a new manpower survey now under way. This survey will cover the Army's entire manpower needs after June

30, but in the meantime it must have sufficient men to meet its obligations both at home and overseas. The secretary of war says that the draft law will have to be extended if the army could not meet its manpower needs through enlistments.

**THAT REMINDS US: IS THERE** any set period of time that our chaps of 18 years now being inducted into the armed forces are required to serve. Or, are they "in" for an indefinite period? The time has come when some term of enlistment should be given. After all, we are not at war, and it is only right and proper that inductees know definitely when they are finished.

**THE STATE HIGHWAY DE-**partment, so we read in the newspapers, plans to do a lot of much-needed road repair work just as soon as the weather permits. And, most everyone will agree, a lot of such work is vitally necessary. Right here in the North of Cambria county alone, most every road needs attention. Some of the more frequently traveled roads are in pretty bad shape. Of course, war conditions made their upkeep practically impossible. But about the only way some of them can now be made satisfactorily serviceable is to cover them with macadam.

**THE TREATMENT THAT WAS** given the brick highway between Patton and Carrolltown some years ago, has held up well. Last winter when snow removal became such a tremendous problem, bulldozers were leased from strip mine operations, and they left their scars on the pavement. But with a little attention this can be repaired.

**THERE IS SOME QUESTION,** at least on the part of some residents in certain sections, if the state couldn't have done more than zero on some highways even though there was a war. The road from Nicktown to Spangler, for instance, is a horror. So are some others.

**BRIEFLY COMMENTING**

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

**ONE OF THE GREATEST OF** complaints that the average man who wants to be neat and well-dressed has these days is the fact he finds it well-nigh impossible to buy himself any white shirts. In fact, not even one white shirt, of the kind he likes. Surveys by magazines show that the typical shirt stock was priced from \$3.95 to \$10, mostly for the higher-priced sports type rayon blends, with no plain whites at any price. Even woolen shirts at \$10 are advertised in New York to be worn instead of the conventional white.

**FROM WHAT COMES FROM** some of the employees in the Barnesboro Shirt factory, they are at work on the "black" design on white shirts there at the present time. That don't mean they are going on the market, however. In fact there are all kinds of allegations that white shirts are being stored away until some future time.—Drew Pearson says that pretty emphatically in his radio broadcasts.

**MOST MEN LIKE TO WEAR** white shirts at least some of the time. Veterans have been dreaming of that luxury for a long time. Now that so many of them are back, they find themselves victims of a policy war between the Office of Price Administration and the manufacturers. The issue is the Maximum Average price regulation, which forces a manufacturer to produce a certain proportion of low priced merchandise. As a result, many manufacturers have concentrated on goods at highest and lowest prices, leaving out the much wanted white shirts. They claim there is no profit to make in white shirts under existing ceilings. Consequently we have been buying shirts we don't particularly want—and paying too much for them.

**SO, THE LADIES AND THE NY-**lon hosiery scarcity may be a joke to many men, but the much distressed lady has a come-back if she wants it, by inquiring of the male about his fancy shirt. Some of these day OPA will let the

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