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EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT

This week we observe another Independence Day, the first peacetime anniversary of the birth of our nation for the past several years—and naturally it will be a more joyous observance than any we have had for some time. However, on the eve of the greatest national holiday the honor roll of dead of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was released to the newspapers and Cambria County's total is just a little less than 700—696 to be exact.

These 696 men gave their lives

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There isn't much encourgement at the present time at Washington in the halls of Congress. Party lines seem to have dissolved themselves into mists and colations of both parties unite to sabotage programs for the betterment of the Nation by the Administration. Naturally, the Republicans join with the elements of Congress in the Democratic camp to ruin constructive programs, with the hope that the present administration will be blamed by the people and that in the coming elections they will again assume control. But there may be a more complete understanding by the people than they think. We hope so. These 696 men gave their lives in order that the Nation, as set up by the Founding Fathers back in 1776, might continue to endure. While there still may be those amongst us who really believe that it might not have been necessary for this country to engage in the latest conflict, they are few. We couldn't have set up an attitude of appeasement and have continued as a free nation. Cambria County suffered its war casualties in about the same proportion as did all other counties in all other states in the Union.

We have been celebrating our independence as a holiday on July 4 for a long time now. But at the present is seems a rather far cry from the courageous defense of principle and the heroic decision for the right of our for

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The cost of living is said to be the biggest preoccupation in Washington these days, and no one is sure of what is going to happen. They tell us that the politicos are guessing that there will be a rise in prices on most all commodities of from 15 to 25 percent within the next year. If that happens, labor surely will become dissatisfied, and not without reason.

The power of the dollar is no greater than what the dollar buys. If the take-home pay of the worker is not sufficient to bring himself and family a decent livlihood, he'll kick—and so would you. ****

A new strike wave is freely predicted by labor economists if the cost of living shoots up quickly. How soon it comes, they say, will depend upon the rate of the price increases. Other labor organizations will likely follow the policy of the United Mine Workers of "no contract," There likely won't, he any continuance of the of the United Mine Workers of "no contracts no work." There likely won't be any continuance of the current union practice of remaining on the job while the new contracts are negotiated if unions find themselves in a position of dashing to keep up with runaway prices. Retroactive wages would not satisfy them in such a situation.

We are of the belief that the common man and woman will shortly regret that the OPA was not continued in the same shape shortly regret that the OPA was not continued in the same shape and form that existed throughout the war years—at least for another year. It will not take long to determine that, either. There's more behind the scarcity of a lot of commodities right now than appears on the surface. Some of the scarcities, at least, are created by big business in order that fixed prices no longer can be placed upon them. It isn't going to take one long to know the truth of that when you see where some to the prices are where some to the prices are going to skyrocket to.

Individually the members of the lower house of Congress are looking for every vote-saving method they know of. Sometimes they do not know what position to take. Indications are that, instead of being the courageous statesmen our forefathers of 1776 were, they are more desirous of protecting their own political hides, and meanwhile prices are constantly growing, the military strength of the Nation is dwindling, and this country that only a year ago could swing a big stick with other nations today has to talk in an appeasing manner, because there is no stick to swing.

Maybe it would be a good ******

The bicycle-riding boy and girl again is with us, as is the case every summer. Of course, there is no reason why any boy or girl should not have and enjoy a bicycle. The menace is that there are some of them that are careless riders—careless in the sense that they endanger themselves by their riding habits. They also create one of the greatest hazards for the motor vehicle driver. Patton is not without its careless bicycle riders.

Motorcycles, bicycles with a Maybe it would be a good thing for us this Independence Day to take stock of ourselves in the light of our former glory and prestige. Surely we were definite enough about our ideals during the war and exemplified enough courage to bring them to fulfillment. Surely we should be no less strong and resolute now. By wielding the decisive force on the side of right, there's no reason why we should be less resolute now, and we should allow no other nation to usurp our position.

Motorcycles, bicycles with a motor attached, and just plain bicycles all are subject to highway safety laws and the operator of such a vehicle who falls to obey highway safety laws is subject to arrest, state police warn. "Too frequently operators of motorcycles and bicycles seem to forget that they are subject to these regulations," the state police commissioner asserts. "A practice of using a 'cut-out' on a motorcycle is a violation of the Motor Vehicle Code. All cyclists should ride carefully."

Despite the fact that we were supposed to have fought and won World War II and were the balance of power that brought the Axis aggressors to their knees, every open-minded diplomat among our former allies well knows that we do not seek to dominate the rest of mankind or even to have the final word on our own side of the world—in the Americas and their numerous small countries. Our effects to obtain justice for smaller nations should be construed honestly and we should insist upon our deals. Despite all the fine slogans of wartime, we still find the old-time selfishness among European nations that always has been evidenced—probably always will be.

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Once again we read of children drowning in the rivers and streams of the state. This happens annually. In most cases these deaths could have been eliminated had there been some supervision of the children. No creek or river is a safe place for a child to bathe if there isn't some qualified swimmer along. After all, the regularly constructed and properly supervised swimming pool is by far the better place for a child's enjoyment, and Patton offers that opportunity at its Recreation Park.

Patton will have no formal celebration of Independence Day but there will be many things one can do. For instance, there is a celebration at Bakerton with a parade in the morning. If the weather is nice the Patton Recreation Park affords you excellent picnic facilities. The Chest Springs Picnic also will be a gathering place for many from far and near—with both a dinner and supper to be served.

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The Declaration of Independence was the most important political document ever to be conceived and executed for the preservation of man and his freedom to live as his Creator certainly must have intended. There have been several times that this Nation has had to go on the field of battle to preserve the tenets of the great document of 1776. In none of the wars has the cost in human life and sacrifice been as great as in the warrecently brought to an end. The nearly 700 young men of Cambria County alone attest that fact.

have held so precious in the past and during the four years of war seem to be slipping. At no time in all history have the rank and file

of the common people placed such an implicit and direct eye upon their senators and congressmen as they do now. There are so many things happening, and the people all hope they will be for the best. But into all of it there is also a spirit of individual selfishness among certain people, among certain interests, that may spell chaos for most of the people. So many of our elected representatives at Washington seem to be influenced by pressure on the part of the classes instead of the well-being of the masses.

This week we again observe another anniversary of our Independence Day — our greatest holiday. Despite the clouds that now seem to prevail on all sides, perhaps, like all storms, the sunshine comes afterward. The upholding of government comes first, But it must be a government of the people and when we slip from that thought, this Nation of ours still will find itself sufficiently strong to return the government to the people at the polls. The United States of America will live on. Based on the principles of the Declaration of Independence, it can do no other.

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Application of Mary IN RE: Application of Mary Samer Paskevich for decree and certificate authorizing her to act as a feme sole trader.

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Notice is hereby given that on June 24, 1946, the petition of Mary Samec Paskevich, wife of Constantin Paskevich, was presented to the above-named court, praying the Court to make a decree that she shall have all the rights and privileges of a feme sole trader, and to grant her a certificate that she be authorized to act, have the power and transact business as provided by the Acts of Assembly in such case made and provided. Whereupon the Court fixed the 22nd day of July, 1946, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. for the hearing of said application, when and where all persons interested may show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted. GEO. S. IULANSEY, Attorney for the Petitioner Johnstow, Pa. 7.11 Attorney for the Petitioner Johnstown, Pa. 7-11

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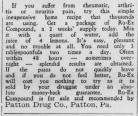
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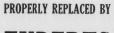
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