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**EDITORIAL VIEWS AND COMMENT**

Most every community has now, or probably soon will make plans for some sort of a memorial to the men and women of their respective communities who served in World War II. These memorials mostly are of some community venture of benefit to all the people, such as recreation buildings, etc. Ebensburg is planning now in the final stages of construction. Other Cambria county towns are thinking along the same line.

In the northern section of the county, lately, there seems to be some criticism on the planning of a larger memorial for the entire county at Johnstown. Whether the criticism is justifiable or not, we won't pretend to forecast at this time. A Patton man has been named as general chairman for the county districts, and the writer's name has been published in the past as a member of the county publicity committee, although he has not attended any meeting of that group, nor even consented to take an active part in the movement. Upon the reaction of our home people toward the venture, we will rest what activity we may assume.

The backers of the proposed Cambria County Memorial at Johnstown say that the type of Memorial they have in mind is not intended, nor should it be considered in conflict with any local movement of the kind. It is contemplated as a place of assemblage for larger gatherings and conventions, which could not now be accommodated only in the larger cities. Quite likely Cambria county is in need of such a meeting place, and from the point of local hotel and other accommodations, only Johnstown would be the logical site for such a structure. But

chased a double magazine intertype, and that machine has been faithful to its trust, producing all the machine-set composition that was required to meet our constantly growing demands. This machine still is in good mechanical shape, and will continue as a permanent member of our machinery equipment, and its sentimental value alone would make it hard for us to part with it.

The rush of business that has come our way, both in the newspaper and the job printing business, since the war has been so heavy as to make our plant one in dire need of more than one typesetting machine. That bottle-neck now is ended. On peak days of our busy week, visitors can see both machines casting out their product—and both do it efficiently, even though the machine we purchased back in 1923 appears as a mere midget beside the new, modern giant at its side.

Our readers are asked to remember that the production of the Union Press-Courier is only one department of our business, and that we maintain an adequate and modern job printing department as well, with no job too big or too small. Because of the demands of our job department, which we had neglected of necessity during the war years, something had to be done in the matter of composition, and our prayer is answered.

The printing business differs from no other business. If it's an up-and-coming concern, it must meet its demands on the capitalistic methods. We have other things in mind for our plant. Sooner or later we hope to realize those plans, and likely then, there will still be other problems come up. A successful business can't remain dormant. In all our plans, we cater to services we render the public—our readers, advertisers and job printing patrons. We will endeavor to serve you better as time goes on.

It is a far cry today back to those days in January 27 years ago when the present Courier management took over, with a couple of cases of type, a small job press, and a hand newspaper press we never used. The paper has had its ups and its downs, its prosperity and its struggles, and today, housed in our own brick home, in the heart of the local business section, and with an enterprising weekly newspaper plant, and a built-up patronage all over the northeast of the county, it seems like a dream.

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**BRIEF COMMENTS**

Salary raising results are not alone confined to printing and seem, but lately there has been a line of thought among legislators and county salary boards in the same direction. Now that the salary boosts aren't justified in many great many cases. Our own Senator Haluska, and our own Assemblyman O'Connor, both are in the salary-raising mood at Harrisburg, and their bills along that line cover everything from boosting judges along a bit financially to more pay for witnesses and jury duty.

We haven't any complaint to find. Every laborer is worthy of his hire. If you have been called for jury duty, or supposed as a witness on a court case, and have had to neglect your regular remunerative income, you will certainly appreciate a bit more money for your public duties. No one will deny that.

Political jobs are not utopias. An elected official knows the tenure of his job, and also knows he may be relegated to private life when his term expires. Holding an elective job, therefore, is the business of the aspirant, and in most cases does not represent the only source of income of the official. Usually he has some other business to rely upon—and is not to be pitted in defeat. That's the gamble he takes.

The chap who is most insecure is he, or she, who has appointive political jobs, and unless such positions pay mighty well, most any substantial job in private life is more desirable. The appointive job holder never knows when his neck is to be slashed. Usually he holds secure so long as his sponsor is secure—but that isn't always the case. He may get the ax right in the middle of his boss' tenure of office.

The political appointee also is most likely the hatchet-man for his elected boss. He's the boy who has to get out and do the foot-work around election time, and does so solely for his own political hide. He may be an efficient worker, but that usually doesn't matter a hang. He's got to get out and work in some private industry. He would be with his boss as ability he has to garner votes.

So, when you see a chap with a political job, unless it's a mighty good one, don't envy him. Likely he'd be much happier if he had a job of like remuneration and work in some private industry. He would be more secure.

'Tis a queer world—or should we say State? Last year the Republicans were bragging about the \$200,000,000 surplus they had in the state treasury, and this year they are talking about the \$80,000,000 deficit that confronts 'em. There are no Democrats to blame for it, and a commission will this week try to explain matters. When the present session of the legislature finally adjourns, and the citizens of Pennsylvania find themselves assessed a lot of new and healthy taxes, it can't be blamed on Roosevelt and the New Deal. It's part of the heritage of James and Martin—and can hardly be traced back to Earle.

And down in Washington the G. O. P. senators and representatives who promised so loudly the reduction in income and other taxes, now are hedging. There won't be any reduction of 20 per cent in your income tax, and probably 10 per cent if anything in any tax. That will be something for the Republicans to explain in 1948—the 1946 election promises, we mean!

Stanley Keller, assistant valuation engineer of Pened, has been named director of the accounting department of Penedec.

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**Penedec Company Assigns Several to New Positions**

Announcement was made during the week of the assignment of four members of the former Pennsylvania Edison Co., Altoona, to the general office staff of Penedec at Johnstown. Harry G. Stevens, formerly secretary and assistant treasurer of Pened has been elected assistant secretary of Penedec.



HARRY G. STEVENS

Crist R. Gibbons, formerly auditor of Pennsylvania Edison Company, has been named director of system methods of the accounting department of Penedec.

Stanley Keller, assistant valuation engineer of Pened, has been named cost engineer and Allan M. Kearney, accountant, has been assigned similar duties in the general office of the company.

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CRIST R. GIBBONS

Crist R. Gibbons was initially employed by the Penn Central Light & Power Co. in 1919 and has worked continuously at Altoona since that time, excepting the years 1925-29 when he attended Temple University. During his service he has advanced through various positions which included work in taxes, regulatory matters, budgets, property records, customers' billing and general accounting. He was named general auditor of Pened in 1945.

Stanley H. Keller started work with Penn Central Light & Power Co. as a sub-station operator at Portage in 1917. In 1922 he was transferred to Altoona, where he worked as a clerk, accounting engineer and assistant valuation engineer. He joined the Metropolitan Edison Co., Reading, in 1937, but returned to Altoona in 1940 to be assistant supervisor of continuous property records.

Allan M. Kearney, accountant in the Eastern Division, is a native of Altoona. He graduated from the Altoona High School in 1920 and from the University of Pittsburgh in 1926. After completing his formal education he joined the Penn Central Light & Power Co. in an accounting capacity. He has continued in this work at Altoona up until the present time.

**Dean Locals**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born Jan. 26. She has been named Barbara Ann. Both mother and child are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Bratti and son, Jay, motored to Godfrey, Ill., to spend a month's vacation with Mrs. Bratti's family. Mrs. Bratti is the former Ruth Sitze.

Frances Bergamaschi was successful in her try-out for All-District Chorus, held in Kittanning, Pa., on Jan. 23 and 25. She was one of those sent to represent Cresson High School. On Feb. 1, Miss Bergamaschi attended one of the three all-county chorus practices, at which she was also chosen along with 10 others to represent Cresson High School. On Feb. 1, Miss Bergamaschi attended one of the three all-county chorus practices, at which she was also chosen along with 10 others to represent Cresson High School. On Feb. 1, Miss Bergamaschi attended one of the three all-county chorus practices, at which she was also chosen along with 10 others to represent Cresson High School.

**Glasgow Notes**

Mrs. Regina Nesbitt and daughter, Betty, and nephew, visited on Sunday with Margaret Burns and Frank Harpster.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mulhollem and Mrs. Dean Cree and daughter visited in Altoona with Mr. and Mrs. Henninger. They also visited in Bellwood.

Rea McCartney visited with Janet and Joan Kuhn Sunday night. Louise Lender celebrated her 14th birthday on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Troxell and daughter, Mary Lou, spent last Thursday evening in Altoona.

Reade High School played two basketball games the past week—Cresson-Ironva Monday and Patton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Krus and son, Gene, spent Sunday evening visiting Mrs. Annie Kuhn and Mr. and Mrs. Carey Kuhn.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Taylor are moving to St. Michael this week.

Mrs. John Troxell and son, Jerry, spent Wednesday in Harrisville at the home of Mrs. Tom Price.

Mrs. Charles Dixon and family spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCartney.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Troxell and daughters, Patty and Peggy, were Saturday afternoon visitors in Altoona.

Mrs. Anna Binnix and Mrs. Mildred Gates spent Monday in Altoona.

Several members of the Odd Fellows lodge spent Wednesday evening at a lodge meeting in Ebensburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowman were business callers in Ebensburg Wednesday.

Mrs. Chester Kuhn and daughter, Joan, made a business call to Altoona Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Good and daughter, spent Sunday in Portage.

**Van Ormer**

Lt. Dale Britten and his wife and son, of Washington, D. C., spent the week end at the latter's home. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Humphrey, who have been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shomo, have purchased a home in Patton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shomo and Leroy Hamilton were in Philadelphia over the week end.

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**Stanley Granger Named Internal Revenue Collector**

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Mr. Granger was sworn into office by J. M. Boland, supervisor of accounts and collections. The Pittsburgh office is one of the nation's largest collecting offices.

Experts on social customs may have approved do-nut dunking—but those squirrels from a grapefruit have no social standing.

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 By MRS. ELMER KEITH  
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 There are more than 8,000,000 persons in the U. S. suffering from some sort of mental illness. More than 600,000 are now in mental hospitals, occupying more than half the hospital beds in the country, and every year a quarter of a million more new patients are admitted.

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