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Proves A Good Investment

In our issue of last week we noted a financial report of the Patton Ambulance Fund, but this does not interest the average reader as much as the service which the ambulance has rendered the community.

Anyway, the Patton Ambulance is just another accomplishment for which our community can feel justifiably proud. It is something that every community of our size isn't likely to have.

Want to File for Office?

Beginning on the first day of May and continuing until the 31st day of the month, signatures on nominating petitions for the July 24th primary ballot may be accepted on behalf of candidates for county, township and borough offices.

In the boroughs the filing fee for justice of the peace is \$2.00; school directors, no fee; auditor, council or assessor, \$2.00; and election officials, no fee.

As the date for the circulating of nominating petitions nears, the two major political parties are preparing to get into the swing. The Republicans have pretty well selected an entire slate of candidates.

No Universal Military Training

For all practical purposes it seems Universal Military Training is dead. As you have noticed in newspaper stories the House has voted to extend the draft, but without General Marshall's plan for a trained reserve that would be called into action immediately if a third world war broke out.

The House bill differed very much from the bill already passed by the Senate. The Senate measure provided for a strong U.M.T. program, lowered the draft age to 18, and lengthened service to 24 months.

Reapportionment Buffet About

Down in the State Senate of Pennsylvania the Democratic minority asserts it will fight any further attempt at gerrymandering (dividing territory) by Republicans in the state's reapportionment program.

Reapportionment committees in the Senate and House have been given the job of mapping out the best plan for redistricting Pennsylvania's 30 congressional districts.

Reapportioning for legislative seats has been boomed by the Pennsylvania Republican Association since 1921. The job has not been done since 1921. Dent and the Democrats now are working on a reapportionment program but have not yet been consulted by the legislative committee.

Pennsylvania's Republican congressional delegation transmitted a plan from Washington, however, which would eliminate three districts—two now represented by Democrats and one by a Republican.

Legislative reapportionment long has been a bug-a-boo. Cambria County has five assemblymen down at Harrisburg, yet if the letter of the law were observed we would be entitled to only four.

Still Pay Civil War Pensions

Who surrendered to Grant at Appomattox 86 years ago, but it's still costing the government nearly six millions a year for Civil War pensions. Actually only a small part of the money goes to the men who wore the blue of the Union Army.

The Civil War pensions look rather modest alongside the one dollar a month which the United States already is paying to World War II veterans and their dependents.

"AS I SEE IT . . ."

By STATE SENATOR JOHN J. HALUSKA

The last week will go down in American history as one without parallel. The firing of MacArthur and the return of MacArthur to the United States will live for generations.

At the present, Harry S. Truman is, without any doubt, the most unpopular man in these United States. In the same breath, we may state that Gen. MacArthur is, without any doubt, the most talked-about man in these United States.

However, we must keep in mind that night follows every day and while the sun is shining today, tomorrow it is apt to be raining and we forget about the beautiful yesterday and live for today only.

Then, again, there are a lot of people who pay little attention to what happened yesterday or what is happening today—they are looking forward to tomorrow.

So, the Truman-MacArthur episode is being looked upon as to how the people will feel tomorrow. We realize that we are sticking out our neck by making any remarks concerning this turn of times.

But, what we say is our personal opinion and that is true of all the outstanding radio commentators in the nation, and the best writers. They give their personal views—at times they are entirely right—at other times they are certainly wrong. Who cares? That is how they make their living.

We do not hesitate to state, here and now, that it is our personal belief that Harry S. Truman, as unpopular as he is today, will be, in the days to come, the greatest of the great.

The dismissal of MacArthur, Truman knew, was unpopular. But, realizing he was President of the United States, it was his duty to safeguard the welfare of our people, and he had no alternative. He is our Commander-in-Chief, elected by the people—and, incidentally, by a huge majority.

Had right to Obey Orders. Gen. MacArthur had as much right to obey orders, under Truman, as he did under Hoover. He did not hesitate to turn loose on the Bonus Marchers at Washington when that city was crowded with veterans of the First World War pleading for Congress to enact Bonus Legislation.

Whether MacArthur wished to turn against our fighting heroes of World War I is not known to us, but he took the position that those were orders of his Commander-in-Chief, President Herbert Hoover.

Now, it appears that the years have not softened MacArthur, but rather hardened him, and despite the pleading of President Truman, MacArthur decided to play partisan politics rather than devote his full efforts to the Korean conflict.

Last October, at Wake Island, he informed the President that he was fully satisfied that China would not enter into the Korean conflict. He wanted to fight the war his own way and assured the President, if you please, that he could finish that war by Thanksgiving of 1950 and boastfully stated that the boys would be home by Christmas.

Well, China has entered the conflict and many of those boys he talked about then will not only not be home by next Christmas but many are buried in no-man's land and never again shall they return.

In MacArthur's speech at Washington, we are definitely led to believe that he not only advocates but wanted to declare war upon China immediately. That was his position and that is what he stated.

Now any lay person can understand that in what Red Russia wishes us to do. It will take at least 40 years to conquer China and then it will be impossible to police her. After a year's war with China, we would be well softened up for the knock-out punch by Russia.

Must Start At the Roots. To treat cancer you must start at the root of it, not in the surface. Without the brain work of Russia, the Chinese could not afford to, even remotely, think of entering into a conflict with the United States, despite her tremendous man-power. And if war is to be declared upon any nation, it must be declared upon Russia rather than China. Once we defeated the Russians, the Chinese would fall on their knees to make peace with the U. S., and take

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Old Drawing Shows Carrolltown Bank Corner of Long Ago



Shown is an old drawing made shortly after the turn of the century of the Carrolltown Bank—now the First National Bank of Carrolltown. The bank is observing the 50th anniversary of its founding this week. The small building behind the bank and at the extreme right was the old Carrolltown Bank Hall.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP . . . Growls In State Senate Due To Proposed Income Tax Law

Volume Bills Introduced Below Average Session. Editor, Pennsylvania News Service. Those babbling growls heard these days in the State Senate originate with members of the upper house who are battling either for or against Gov. Fine's income tax proposal which last week sailed through the House by a slim margin.

This has proven one of the most controversial programs in recent years and has beset Gov. Fine virtually from the time of his assumption of office. Coupled with the fact that his working majority in both houses are small, the chief executive is finding the sliding very rough.

In this 14th week of session, the members are somewhat behind, comparatively speaking, in the number of bills to be introduced so far. In 1949 at this time bills in the legislative hopper amounted to better than 2,300. This

week the total is only around 1,600—which reflects in general the progress, if it could be called that, of the session to date.

Among New Bills Introduced. Elsewhere on the legislative front, among new bills introduced are those which would: Extend the right of school employees to military leaves of absence. Provide for tax levies by county vocational school districts. Exempt schools from the blind, deaf and dumb from state licensing.

Require the flying of the American flag at polling places on election day. Require a declaration of contents of packages to contain the word "net." Permit the sale of penicillin in certain cases without prescription. Provide that private forest lands or reserves posted against trespassing or hunting or fishing not be entitled to public forest fire protection.

Increase state reimbursement which counties, school districts and townships can receive for forest reserves. Prohibit minors from delivering liquor or malt and brewed beverages. Provide for the codification of bituminous coal laws. Provide for the issuance of automobile license plates every five years. Permit the use of only one license plate instead of the two plates now commonly used. Prohibit the sale of artificially colored butter within the confines of the commonwealth.

5 Cambria Assemblymen Vote Against Income Tax. The five Democratic assemblymen from Cambria County cast votes against Gov. John S. Fine's one-half percent earned income tax levy which passed the House of Representatives in Harrisburg last Wednesday by a vote of 109 to 97.

County legislators voting against the bill were Dennis L. Westrick, Louis Rovanske, Philip Lopresti, H. G. Andrews and Raymond McDemitt.

Comics in the Courier weekly.

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

Regis John Long, Portage, and Dorothy M. Dunayer, Canton.

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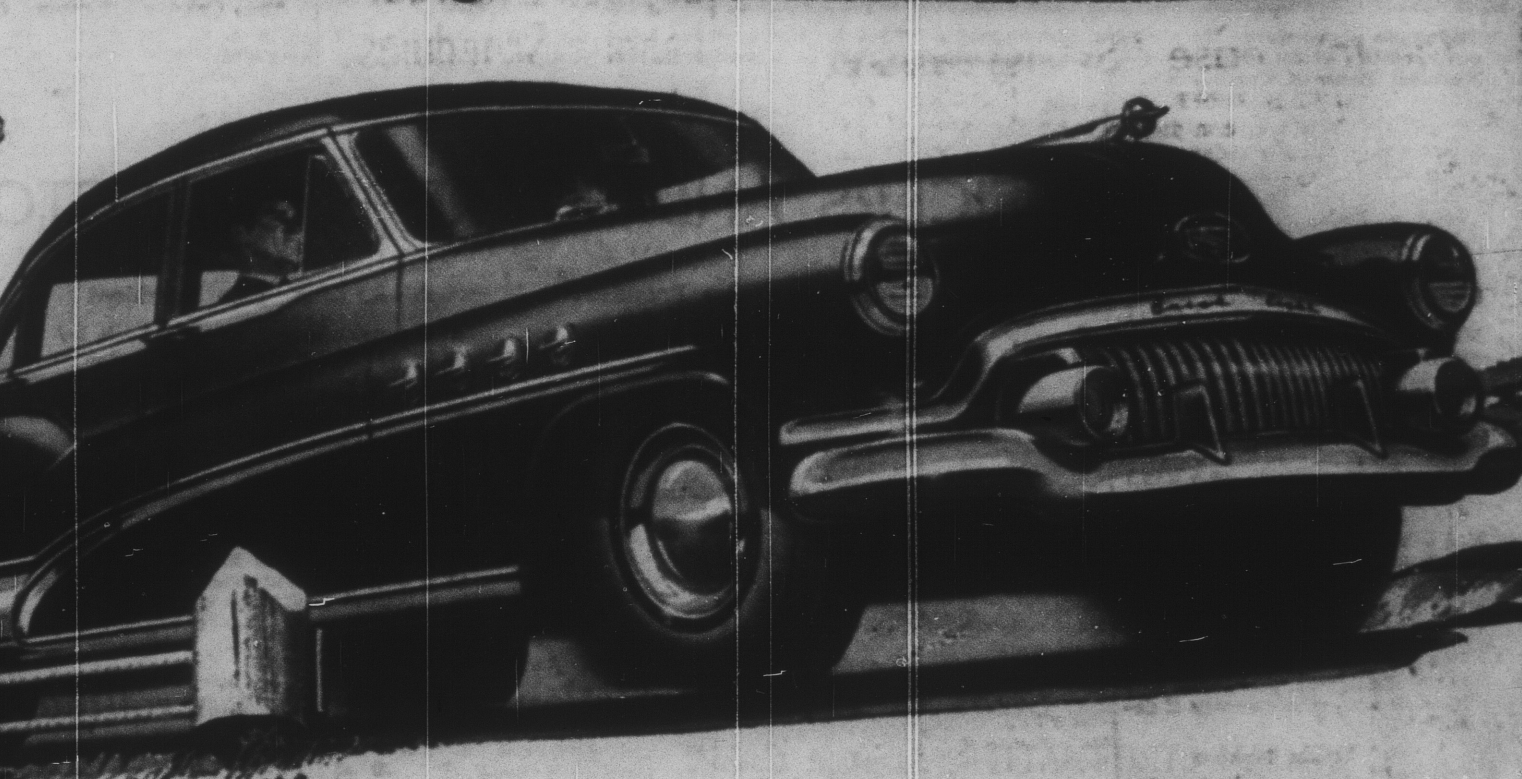
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