

Largest General Weekly Newspaper Circulation in the Area

## THE UNION PRESS-COURIER

Established in October, 1893

Published every Thursday by Thos. A. Owens and Frank P. Cammarata, Press-Courier Building, 542 Meigs Ave., Patton, Pa., and entered as second class mail matter May 7, 1936, at the postoffice at Patton, Pa., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

Thomas A. Owens, Editor  
 Frank P. Cammarata, Business Manager  
 Thomas A. Owens Jr., Managing Editor  
 Fred J. Owens, Circulation Manager

Subscription: \$3.00 Yearly in Cambria County, \$3.50 Outside County  
 Advertising Rates Furnished Upon Application

MEMBER OF PENNSYLVANIA NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS' ASSOCIATION

The endeavor of the Union Press-Courier is to sincerely represent organized labor in all efforts to obtain economic freedom. Material for publication must be signed by the writer as an evidence of good faith.

The Union Press-Courier circulation district covers all of Northern Cambria County and part of Southern Clearfield County. Published in Northern Cambria and Cooper-Irons Editions.

# "As I See It"

By . . .  
 STATE SENATOR  
 JOHN J. HALUSKA



Sen. Haluska

Ever since the Democratic landslide of several weeks ago, politicians throughout the state are trumpeting their chests and boasting about the important part they played in making a Democratic victory possible.

On the other hand the Republican leaders are now engaged in name-calling contests and are blaming everybody from President "Ike" to Gov. Fine for their disastrous defeat.

It is quite evident that the Democratic cause about now is not because the Democrats worked harder this year than before and not because there are any more influential Democrats in the state now than there were four years ago, but the victory was made possible only because of the economic condition of our commonwealth. This condition came about for several reasons:

1. The conversion from war to peace.  
 2. The miserable administration as conducted by Gov. Fine.  
 3. For enactment of a sales tax that is very unpopular in our commonwealth.  
 4. Because Republicans in office got so fat eating off the precious part of the lamb that they never thought it possible that the people would some day turn against them, and  
 5. The failure to enact legislation that would be beneficial to the rank and file and to industry.

So put these and many other faults all together and we find that the voters just rebelled and that thousands upon thousands of independent Republicans decided it was really time for a change and flocked to the polls in great numbers to register their resentment to the type of government that the Republican-controlled administration was giving them.

A mandate now has been served upon the Democratic party and the promises that they made throughout their campaign must positively be fulfilled. Otherwise they will go out four years hence as fast as they came in.

1. We must abolish the Pennsylvania Sales Tax.  
 2. We must stop waste in government.  
 3. We must enact a tax program that will be fair to the masses and the classes in this respect the public must realize that, rich or poor, every individual has a certain responsibility to his government.

It is my sincere belief that the Democratic party must immediately inaugurate a public works program on a participating basis with the federal government and local municipalities, and I am happy to advise our readers that I am now in the process of preparing such legislation. This type of program must only be applied to distressed districts and it is my thought that the

federal government should stand 50% of the public works program, the state 30%, and the local municipality 20% and I am definitely informed that the Federal Congress is looking over just this type of program.

Now that I'm saying this, we must think of what to do with the fragments of leftovers. What can be made or what can be added so that the family won't recognize the leftovers? How can we make something out of these leftovers? That is a dish that can be put together well ahead of meal time—refrigerated—then popped into the oven just long enough to heat thoroughly. It has eye-appeal whether in a shallow baking dish, a large casserole or in individual style.

**Almond Turkey Delight**  
 Silver 4 cup almonds and brown lightly in melted butter or margarine (1/2 cup). Remove from the pan. Blend 1/2 cup flour in remaining fat. Add about 1 1/4 cups turkey stock or a 10% ounce can of consommé. Cook over a low heat, stirring constantly, until sauce is thickened. Add 1 tsp. salt. Place cooked rice in a well-buttered casserole. Use 3 cups cooked rice. Top with 1 to 2 cups sliced or diced turkey. Turkey may be nestled in center of rice. Sprinkle with toasted almonds. Cover with sauce. Bake in 400 degree oven for about 20 minutes or until thoroughly heated and sauce is bubbly. Don't pass this up if you don't have almonds. Peanuts you got last week from the seniors will do.

Cranberries are nice with it. Just plain old time cranberry sauce. A never fail is 2 parts cranberries to 1 part water and 1 part sugar. Pick over and wash berries. Put in saucepan and cover with water and a light lid. Cook 10 minutes. Add sugar and boil 3 minutes longer. I prefer this to a strained jelly. If you like jelly then start out the same way. Use same proportions of berries and water. After cooking 10 minutes strain through cheesecloth. Measure juice. Add one-half as much water.

These are trying times and no person can sincerely digest all of the problems that will be forthcoming without advice from the public. We hope by this time next year to have done a good job and to have come back home with a clear conscience and wholesome thoughts.

SEN JOHN J. HALUSKA

### THIRD OF A SERIES OF SIX ARTICLES

## Records, Maps, Index Cards All Will Assure Accurate Assessment

Under New System Property Owners to Be Allowed to Spend \$1,000 Per Year for Repairs

(Editor's note: In the second article of this series the steps the State Legislature had taken towards modernization of the assessment of Pennsylvania were discussed. Now, by comparison with systems in use in other states, a formula for equalization was used as the basis for the new assessment. As was described in this article the Law itself will be discussed.)

What is the new Pennsylvania Real Estate Assessment? Law which was devised by the State Legislature in cooperation with the Local Government Commission of Pennsylvania?

First it must be remembered that it is not a new law but rather a refinement of the 1943 Real Estate Assessment Act, the Pennsylvania Local Government Conference, representing the taxing governmental agencies, explains. It makes mandatory, within a five year period, the use of certain provisions contained in the 1943 Act, such as the establishment of a permanent record system having property record cards, land maps, property owners index cards, and cross indexing. Although the 1943 Act contained these tools, there were no provisions wherein their application became obligatory on the part of the 59 affected counties in the Commonwealth (Philadelphia, Allegheny and the six third-class counties are covered by other legislation).

Another important change that is affected in the 1951 Act is that the Chief County Assessor is the responsible individual making the assessment. By bringing into existence a modern system of records, and by having the evaluation of properties determined by a system of tables and charts the need for competent authority for efficient operation of the system is apparent, the Conference points out. Obviously the Chief County Assessor is the logical person to insure the success of such a project.

Under the new system assessments become permanent. The only time an assessment will be changed under the Act is when there has been a physical change to the property.

A property owner can spend as high as \$1,000.00 per year to maintain his property without having his assessment affected, just so long as he does not increase the square footage of the home. To enable the Chief

local communities requiring building inspector's report, with the County Assessor's report, where permits are not required, the law states that the property owner must report such improvements to the county assessment office.

However, the cost of the improvements need not be divulged, nor the contractor identified in the latter case. It is then the responsibility of the Chief County Assessor and his staff to visit the property periodically, to see how the improvement is progressing.

When the valuation of the improvement is determined, it is added to the value of the land, based on the land unit value this total now becomes the approximate replacement value of the property.

"This is Not the Assessed Valuation," the Conference warns.

The assessed value of the property will be a fraction of the replacement value. The law requires that the Commissioners must set a percentage of the approximate replacement value, and in no case can the assessed value be more than 75 percent of the approximate replacement value.

(The method of installing this system in those counties which have undertaken it in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be analyzed in the next article.)

A good garden clean-up this fall will prevent a lot of trouble with plant diseases and insects next year, remind Penn State extension plant pathologists and entomologists.

FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS . . .

### AFRICAN VIOLETS

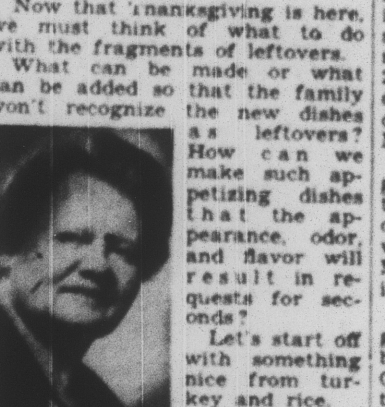
Over 50 Different Varieties  
 White, pink, blue, red, striped, and by colors

50c to \$1.50

MRS. PAUL MCGOUGH

## LETTERS TO JANE . . .

By A. PAULINE SANDERS, Ph.D.  
 Irona, Pennsylvania



Dear Jane,  
 Now that Thanksgiving is here, we must think of what to do with the fragments of leftovers. What can be made or what can be added so that the family won't recognize the leftovers? How can we make something out of these leftovers? That is a dish that can be put together well ahead of meal time—refrigerated—then popped into the oven just long enough to heat thoroughly. It has eye-appeal whether in a shallow baking dish, a large casserole or in individual style.

**East Indian Apples**  
 Jane, if you are in the mood to be real smart, use East Indian Apples. Serve hot or chilled with lamb if you are being "east-ern" or with real ham or duck. For this unusual dish wash, core and pare 4 tart apples. Combine 1 cup sugar, 1 cup water, 2 tbs. carry powder, 1 tbs. finely chopped onion, and 1/2 tsp. salt in a sauce pan. Heat to boiling over low heat. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Add apples, stem ends down. Cover and cook 3 minutes longer. Be sure apples are tender but hold their shape. Place apples in dish. Continue cooking sauce rapidly until it forms a thick syrup. Pour over apples.

Here is another suggestion for the turkey—or chicken, that is apt to be in plentiful supply in our kitchens as well as in the Department of Agriculture lists.

**Chicken Canton**  
 Fry 1/2 pound bacon until crisp. Drain on absorbent paper. Pour off all but 2 tbs. of the fat. Add 1/2 cup chopped celery, 1/4 cup chopped onion, 1/4 cup sliced almonds and brown lightly. Season with 1/4 tsp. salt. Add 1 cup chopped chicken or turkey. Combine 1 tbs. cornstarch with 1 1/4 cups pineapple juice and 1 tbs. soy sauce and 1

heated sugar and boil for 10 minutes longer. Put into sterile glasses or molds. These are the formulae I have been using since my very first cooking lessons at normal school. They have never failed me.

**Fruit Relishes**  
 To add zest to the meals when one has that "day after a big meal" feeling why not lean heavily on fruit relishes? Here are some varieties for your various menus. Apple relish—made from 2 diced tart apples, 1 large diced pickle, 1 medium chopped onion, and 1/2 tsp. celery seed. Skarinat with French dressing.  
 Ruby relish—made from 1 cup ground raw or cooked beets, 2 tbs. chopped or ground onion, 1/2 cup shredded cabbage, 1/2 cup vinegar, and 1 tbs. horse-radish. Moisten with French dressing if it seems dry.

**Rice Crop Tops Last Years**  
 Current forecasts indicate that the 1954 rice crop tops that of last year by 10 million (100-lb.) bags. While Asia is still the principal producer and user of rice, our own domestic production has increased greatly in the past few years. Rice can be grown profitably in only a few areas in the United States. It is widely grown in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and California. The first rice was brought to this country from Madagascar about 1685. It was grown around Charleston, South Carolina and Georgia. By 1860 most of our domestic rice was produced in North and South Carolina and Georgia. When the Civil War curtailed production there rice was then grown along the Mississippi and in Louisiana.

**Apple Rice Pudding**  
 Rice is rich in starch and thus supplies energy at a low cost. The bland flavor makes it an excellent extender for more strongly-flavored foods. Why not combine it with another plentiful food—apples, and make apple rice pudding. Combine 1 1/2 cups rice and 1 1/2 cups milk and cook until rice is tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Stir in 1/2 cup sugar and 1/4 tsp. salt. Beat 2 egg yolks until light. Add 2 tbs. rice mixture. Return to double boiler. Cook, stirring constantly, about 1 minute. Stir in 1 tbs. margarine. Remove from heat and add 1 tsp. vanilla and 1/4 cup heavy cream. Spoon about 1/2 of rice

into casserole. Cover with 1/2 recipe of Poached Apple Slices. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Repeat until dish is filled and of rice mixture is used up. Be sure that the top layer is the rice mixture. Beat egg whites until foamy. Add 1/2 cup sugar gradually and beat until mixture is stiff and satiny. Swirl over the top of the pudding being certain that edges are covered. Bake until golden brown in a 350 degree oven about 15 minutes.

**Poached Apple Slices**  
 Oh yes, no doubt you are wondering what I had in mind when I said poached apple slices. Well, I said simmer over a low heat 4 apples which have been pared, cored and sliced in a syrup until they are tender. Make the syrup from 1 1/2 cups sugar, 1 cup water, and 1-inch stick of cinnamon. That is if you can find this type of cinnamon in your store or have it in your cupboard. I love it but find that there isn't much demand for it so that many stores no longer stock it, but they will you know if we really want it.

**Seasonable Centerpieces**  
 This week we've been working with seasonable centerpieces made from common ordinary things like paper plates, tin trays, wooden bowls, paper and plastic baskets, and vegetable tables and fruits. Shape and placement, contrast of color and shape, right amount for the container were all items for consideration. I'm not sure whether the resulting centerpieces or the look of satisfaction on the faces of the young girls warranted notice. At any rate I hope many homes will have a colorful, inexpensive display over the week end.

Yours for better homemaking,  
 PAULINE

**DOCTORS AND BIRTHS**  
 The average general practitioner of medicine attends 1,800 births during his professional career.

Does Your Home Need Repairs or Painting?  
 3 yrs. to pay  
 1st Natl., Carrolltown

## Thanksgiving — 1954

Another Thanksgiving Day has come upon us. We can at least be thankful for the fact that we haven't actually any "hot" war on our hands at this time, and there aren't any of our young men who are facing enemy bullets—as of now. However, the "cold" war continues, and there isn't too much hope that it will abate for a long time. May we have the same gratitude next year at the Thanksgiving time. The nature of the Communist aggressors could tip the scales into another conflict at any time.

We Americans can be thankful, too, that our economy and our prosperity, our living conditions and our entire mode of life is on a higher level than any other nation in all this world. The recognized leader of the free democracies, we also have a duty to perform in helping others. There is no place for isolationism in the American thought, although we still have a lot of so-called "isolationists" who have never gotten over the idea of "rugged individualism." Anyway, we all surely can be thankful that we are Americans and that we live in the land of the free.

To what extent either major political party can say they are thankful, is a moot question. Both Republicans and Democrats claim that they have been victors in the recent election, although the actual figures tend to show that the Democrats have more reason to be grateful. Certainly, the Democrats in Pennsylvania have plenty of reason to be grateful. The present sniping of the Republican brethren at each other is anything but "harmonious." Not any single G.O.P. individual is entirely responsible. Practically all the Republican state leaders, from Gov. Fine down the line, have at least some part in the debacle.

The general public would likely be thankful, too, if the present McCarthy episode in the U. S. Senate would be finished. While this also is rather strictly a Republican fight, and the Democrats are mostly watching from the sidelines, nevertheless, there are millions of folks over the nation who either side one way or another. The whole mess isn't helping our prestige either at home or abroad.

Here in Cambria County there are several hundred unemployed Democrats who are thankful that there appears a brighter horizon in the way of state employment for them. There are also a like number of Republicans who are anything but thankful because the indicators point toward a cessation of their employment. That's the history of politics. Thanksgiving Day hasn't any part in the partisan political picture.

And the editor and his wife are thankful this week, also. It was thirty-five years ago that our wedding took place, and on the whole they have been happy and cheerful days, weeks, months and years. Once there were many folks who sat down at our family table at meal time. Now just two of us occupy the festive board. We are thankful, for the days when the going was tough, even many of the years, for that matter. We are thankful that in the beginning of "Our Golden Years" we are blessed with good health, with a degree of prosperity, and for the spreading families of our sons and our ten grandchildren.

While there are many of our neighbors and friends out of employment at the present time, there still are many who are earning an adequate livelihood. All of us are thankful for what we have had, and with faith in Almighty God, look forward with hope to a brighter picture in the not too distant future. We are thankful that the home community of Patton has been able to build up an economy that is not subject to the ups and downs of the soft coal industry. And we also are thankful that work in the mines in this area seems to be picking up.

When all of us sit down at our Thanksgiving meal this week, we can be thankful that it isn't a meager repast, as it still is the case in so many countries over the earth. Even the poorest, most dependent citizen of the United States isn't on any parallel with the hardship and suffering that remains in many of the European and Asiatic countries—particularly those behind the iron curtain. While we have our political battles, our Americanism comes first, last and always. We are friends and neighbors with all of it, and for that, too, we can well be thankful. Our pioneer New Englanders who brought forth the first Thanksgiving Day, were they living, would surely say that we all "have made a pretty good job of it."

## Observations Here And There

It seems that lately here in Cambria County we have had so many tragedies that are revolting to all of us. The cases have no solution that is apparent. For the greater part the tragedies have been the irresponsibility of folk who are mentally sick. And these unfortunate seem to be growing in number with every passing year. State and other institutions are crowded to capacity, and there are probably some patients who cannot be accommodated at all. Truly, the next session of the legislature has a problem before it. Something simply must be done to expand the institutions for the treatment of mental cases.

For some reason or other the general public seems to be apathetic to the Civil Defense program. Yet, it is an important piece in the protection of our people. If, and when, an attack might be made by an enemy power. With the atomic and hydrogen weapons and bombs, the civilian population wouldn't stand too much chance of living at best, and surely have much less of a chance when they haven't been interested at all in knowing how to protect themselves should the worst happen. Our contributions to Red Cross efforts for the outstanding "evacuation" still they showed the work before last.

With the change of the state administrations next January, it is very likely that Cambria Counties will be on the list of party leaders who will rate top-level jobs—maybe of cabinet status. In this connection the Democratic County Chairman, John R. Torquato, should be not only in the patronage councils of Governor-Elect Leader, but probably will be in his cabinet. Anyway that's the gossip that's going the rounds. Mr. Torquato has long been recognized as one of the best organizers in the Democratic camp. His advice and influence has been accepted at the state level. His friends and well-wishers here in the county anticipate that he'll have an active part in the Leader administration. There's some rumors that he may become the next Secretary of Highways.

One thing that television has brought to youthful America is entertainment that isn't of the gun-man variety, although the industry has still much to do in clearing away some of the far too numerous gangster programs. We have in mind the cartoon pictures for the younger children. Last week "Disneyland" was an hour-long cartoon feature, for instance, that entertained not only for the children, but the adults as well. But the program of Walt Disney's each week will give us a fine and wide variety of features. There's a great future for tele-

### Complete BANKING SERVICES

- CHECKING ACCOUNTS
- SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
- PERSONAL LOANS
- AUTOMOBILE LOANS
- FARM LOANS
- BUSINESS LOANS
- LIFE INSURANCE LOANS
- G. I. LOANS
- BANK DRAFTS
- MONEY ORDERS
- TRAVELER'S CHECKS
- CASHIER'S CHECKS
- MODERNIZING LOANS
- CERTIFIED CHECKS
- PAYROLL SERVICES
- MONEY CHANGING
- U. S. SAVINGS BONDS
- BUSINESS INFORMATION
- SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES
- REALTY APPRAISALS
- WAR BONDS CASHED
- FINANCIAL ADVICE
- EQUIPMENT LOANS

Quick Low Cost LOANS

The point is this: a personal loan can bail you out of a financial jam . . . pay medical or dental bills — or provide funds for ANY worthwhile purpose.

A loan from the First National Bank of Ebensburg is geared to meet your needs. We know the needs and problems of Cambria County people and for many years have done our best to assist them.

Of course, we are bound by the rules of good banking, but they always permit full consideration of all good loan applications.

BANK LOANS provide better financial plans . . . BANK CREDIT is good credit anywhere or any time.

# First National Bank OF EBENSBURG

"A GOOD BANK FOR YOU"